

Pen sketch: **Dr Babar Tasneem Shaikh**

Babar Tasneem Shaikh has almost 25 years of experience in health systems and policy. Babar is a medical doctor with an MPH from Ecole de Santé Publique from Nancy in France, a PhD from Liverpool School of Tropical Medicine, and a fellowship from Royal College of Physicians Edinburgh in the UK. He carries a diverse experience of research, advocacy and service in public health. He has been involved in qualitative as well as quantitative analysis and research works. He has worked in various projects for international and national public health and social development organizations. He has secured grants from WHO, Aga Khan Foundation Geneva, Liverpool School of Tropical Medicine UK, David & Lucile Packard Foundation, KfW, EU, UNDP, USAID, DfID, AusAID, and Global Aid Canada, French, Norwegian and Italian foreign offices, mainly for strengthening public health system. His flagship work on health seeking behaviors and health services utilization has become a cutting edge in the field. His research work is extensively disseminated through more than 130 peer reviewed publications in both national and international indexed journals. He also carries a vast teaching and research supervision experience for undergraduate and postgraduate public health, health policy and management graduates. Higher Education Commission of Pakistan and Pakistan Medical & Dental Council has recognized him as MSc, MS, MPhil and PhD supervisor and examiner. In recognition of his work and credentials, Royal College of Physicians Edinburgh has awarded him the fellowship in Public health, and Pakistan Council for Science & Technology enlisted him as the productive scientist in health sector of Pakistan. Dr Shaikh also contributed in establishing the first PhD Public health program at the Health Services Academy, Islamabad. He launched the first ever peer reviewed journal of public health of Pakistan from the academy. He was the technical lead at the Health & Population Think Tank in the Ministry of National Health Services, Regulations & Coordination in Islamabad, and gave technical and policy-level advice to the Director-General Health office and the provincial health departments. Prior to that, he was director of health at the Aga Khan Foundation. Currently, he is the Director Technical/Deputy Chief of Party for John Snow International, Islamabad.

