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Dr. Maria Guevara is the current International Medical Secretary for Médecins Sans Frontières (MSF)/Doctors Without Borders. Previous to this, she was the Senior Advisor on Global Health from 2018 to 2020 and Senior Coordinator for Attacks on Healthcare from 2017 to 2018. From 2012 to 2017, she held the position of MSF Regional Humanitarian Representative in Asia, during which time she served as a member of the Advisory Group on Reform of WHO's Work in Outbreaks and Emergencies with Health and Humanitarian Consequences in 2015. She is also a SAFE STEPS First Aid Ambassador for a collaborative pan-Asia program to promote awareness and increase knowledge of first aid skills across the region. Her recent nominative appointments include being a member of the WHO led Independent Allocation of Vaccines Group (IAVG) and Advisory Group of Sunway Centre for Planetary Health.

Her work in the humanitarian sector began with MSF in Liberia in 2004. Since then she has held field roles in Guatemala, Haiti, DRC, Nigeria, Myanmar, Philippines, Indonesia, Malaysia, South Sudan, USA for COVID, and recently in Chad, in both emergency and stable settings.

In her role as International Medical Secretary, she serves as a key member of the MSF International, in a trio with the Secretary General and the International President, working to promote medical leadership, advise and ensure accountability for defined medical priorities and innovation and operational strategies across the movement, as much as provide key direction and input on positioning and representation.

Dr. Guevara was trained in Pulmonary and Critical Care Medicine at the University of Florida in Gainesville and holds a Diploma in Tropical Medicine and Hygiene/DTMH from the Liverpool School of Tropical Medicine and a Master of Science/MSc in Global Health Policy from the London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine.

Her special interests are Global Health, Response in Emergencies and Planetary Health.