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**Current position:** Director-General for Public Health

**Previous position:** Director National School of Public Health of Health Institute Carlos III (ISCIII) and Director of the IMIENS Joint Research Institute, formed by the ISCIII and the Nacional Distance University (UNED).

**Academic degrees:** Degree of Medicine, Diploma in Tropical Medicine, Medical Doctor (pHD), Specialization in Internal Medicine (MIR)

**Main areas of research interest:** Infectious diseases and microbiology applied to Public Health; Global health

Throughout her professional career, she has carried out different tasks in clinical-care areas (University Hospital of Mostoles in Madrid, Hospital Teodoro Álvarez, in Buenos Aires, Argentina); research applied to the epidemiology of infectious diseases (National Center for Microbiology of the ISCIII and Central Public Health Laboratory of England), teaching and activities related to international public health and technical scientific cooperation, aimed at strengthening public health systems and control of communicable diseases World Health Organization (WHO) and National Center of Tropical Medicine of ISCIII in different countries of Latin America and Africa.

**Author of 32 peer-reviewed research publications**

**Main research projects: Health Cooperation Projects**

Research project to support the Public Health Laboratory of Equatorial Guinea on: “Diagnostic and reference of Sexual Transmitted Infections” and control of Tuberculosis; Malaria; HIV and other Neglected tropical diseases (NTD).

Researcher for WHO: “Assessment of the outbreak of Visceral Leishmaniasis in Libo (Amhara State)” and “Control of Leishmaniasis in the Horn of Africa”

Direction of a Cooperation programme against AIDS and other prevalent diseases in Guatemala, El Salvador, Honduras, Nicaragua, Dominican Republic and Haïti.