

**IIHMR UNIVERSITY, JAIPUR**  
**EVENT OUTCOME REPORT**  
**“Know your Alumni Episode 66”**

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<b>TOPIC:</b> Journey of a TDR Scholar – Transformation from a Physician to IR Specialist	
<b>DATE:</b> 04 <sup>th</sup> January 2025 from 3:00pm to 4:00pm.	
<b>VENUE:</b> IIHMR University, Jaipur	
<b>SPEAKER:</b> Dr. Abdirahman Moallim Ibrahim, Implementation Science Specialist, NCD and NTD IR Consultant, Somalia	
<b>NUMBER OF PARTICIPANTS:</b> 29 Participants	
<b>INTRODUCTION:</b> The 66 <sup>th</sup> episode of the Know Your Alumni titled – “Journey of a TDR Scholar – Transformation from a Physician to IR Specialist” was held on 04 <sup>th</sup> January 2025, at IIHMR University. This session featured as the guest speaker <b>Dr. Abdirahman Moallim Ibrahim</b> (Alumni MPH (IS) Cohort 1). The event was moderated by <b>Dr. Piyusha Majumdar</b> , Associate Professor, IIHMR University, Jaipur, and student moderator <b>Dr. Refka Khalid Ali Sallam</b> , Batch: MPH (IS) Cohort-2, IIHMR University, Jaipur. The session focused on the “Journey of a TDR Scholar – Transformation from a Physician to IR Specialist”	
<b>OBJECTIVE:</b>  The session aims to highlight the transformational journey of <b>Dr. Abdirahman Moallim Ibrahim</b> from a physician to an Implementation Research (IR) specialist, inspiring public health professionals by showcasing the diverse opportunities an MPH (Implementation Science) degree offers. It seeks to provide insights into the role of the TDR program in advancing careers, emphasize the importance of IR in addressing global health challenges, and create an interactive platform for knowledge exchange. Additionally, the session promotes alumni-student engagement, career guidance, and mentorship to foster collaboration and inspire the next generation of public health leaders.	
<b>Salient Novel Points Covered:</b>  <b>ROLE:</b> Dr. Abdirahman shared a profound overview of his journey as a Cohort 1 student, highlighting the challenges, milestones, and achievements that shaped his career. He discussed the practical application of his research in Somalia, detailing the significant impact it had on local communities. Dr. Abdirahman also reflected on his personal accomplishments, the grants he secured, and the transformative changes he contributed to in his country. He emphasized the importance of early engagement in thesis work, community involvement, and maintaining effective communication with mentors to maximize success in public health careers.  .  <b>KEY TAKEAWAY POINTS FROM THE SESSION:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Dr. Abdirahman Moallim Ibrahim's Transformational Journey: An inspiring account of Dr. Ibrahim’s experiences and achievements as a TDR Scholar, highlighting his path from physician to Implementation Research (IR) specialist.</li><li>• Educational Milestones and Achievements: A deep dive into the significant milestones of his academic and professional journey, showcasing his growth and dedication to global health.</li></ul>	

- **Overcoming Challenges:** Insights into the challenges faced as an alumnus, both during and after his MPH journey, along with practical strategies and steps he took to overcome them.
- **Guidance for Current Students:** Valuable advice for Cohort 2 students on critical aspects such as selecting mentors, choosing impactful capstone and practicum topics, and maximizing their learning experience.
- **Exploring Postgraduate Research Opportunities:** Discussion on the various available postgraduate research pathways and practical approaches to applying implementation science in real-world settings.
- **Public Health Contributions in LMICs:** A reflection on the potential for impactful public health work in low- and middle-income countries (LMICs), focusing on Somalia as a case example, to inspire actionable solutions for global health challenges.

**Q&A and Interactive Session:** The session fostered an engaging and participatory environment, encouraging students to actively interact with the guest speaker. Participants sought clarity on key aspects such as selecting capstone and practicum topics, while also delving into practical strategies for data dissemination within specific contexts in their respective countries. The discussion provided actionable insights tailored to real-world challenges, empowering students to effectively translate their research into impactful public health outcomes.

**Future Scope:** Participants will gain a comprehensive understanding of navigating the journey from academic research to impactful implementation in public health. The session equips them with practical knowledge on mentor selection, capstone development, practicum planning, and effective data dissemination in diverse contexts. It also prepares students to explore future roles in implementation research, evidence-based policy development, and program design, particularly in low- and middle-income countries. With a focus on Somalia as an example, participants will gain insights into addressing global health challenges and contributing to sustainable public health advancements through innovative approaches and collaboration.

**Appropriate caption for the webinar:** "Transforming Health Careers: From Physician to Implementation Research Specialist – A Journey of Growth, Challenges, and Global Impact"

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Passion on applying the TDR scholarship

- Worked as a humanitarian doctor treating tropical diseases
- COVID-19 became a turning point
- The field experience during the pandemic exposed gaps in health systems, reinforcing the need for evidence-based approaches.
- Started global health and humanitarian medicine by MSF UK
- Implementation research online course (MOOC IR) on infectious disease of poverty.
- TDR Application (Documentation, recommendation letters, and a statement of purposes).
- Joy and relief upon receiving acceptance

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### Topic:

Journey of a TDR Scholar - Transformation  
from a Physician to IR Specialist



Saturday, 4th Jan 2025



3.00 PM to 4.00 PM (IST)



IIHMR University  
Jaipur, Rajasthan, India



WELCOME

**Dr. Piyusha Majumdar**

Associate Professor  
IIHMR University  
Jaipur



Student Coordinator

**Dr. Refka Khalid Ali Sallam**

MPH (IS) Cohort 2  
IIHMR University  
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**Dr. Abdirahman Moallim Ibrahim**

MPH (IS) Cohort 1

Implementation Science Specialist

NCD and NTD IR Consultant, Somalia

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1. Summary			
Meeting title	KYA: Ep. 66 Topic: “Journey of a TDR Scholar – Transformation from a Physician to IR Specialist”		
Attended participants	29		
Start time	4/01/25, 3:00:33 PM		
End time	4/01/25, 5:00:24 PM		
Meeting duration	1h 22m 51s		
Average attendance time	53m 10s		
2. Participants			
Name	First Join	Last Leave	Role
Sonal Mishra	2/03/25, 4:46:54 PM	2/03/25, 6:04:24 PM	Organizer
Rakesh Kumar Sharma	2/03/25, 5:03:08 PM	2/03/25, 5:04:59 PM	Organizer
Amrita Sharma	2/03/25, 4:41:37 PM	2/03/25, 6:03:52 PM	Presenter
Aziza Mohammed	2/03/25, 4:42:11 PM	2/03/25, 6:03:55 PM	Presenter
Amrita Sharma	2/03/25, 4:44:22 PM	2/03/25, 5:01:18 PM	Presenter
usha kiran	2/03/25, 4:48:37 PM	2/03/25, 6:03:52 PM	Presenter
Refka Sallam	2/03/25, 4:49:11 PM	2/03/25, 6:04:12 PM	Presenter
Nadeen Abduljabbar (Unverified)	2/03/25, 4:52:11 PM	2/03/25, 6:03:52 PM	Presenter
Piyusha Majumdar	2/03/25, 4:53:14 PM	2/03/25, 6:04:03 PM	Presenter
Ameera Ba-Fadhel (Unverified)	2/03/25, 4:56:25 PM	2/03/25, 6:03:53 PM	Presenter
Km Mandakini	2/03/25, 4:56:35 PM	2/03/25, 6:04:05 PM	Presenter
Linda Heigrujam (Unverified)	2/03/25, 4:56:41 PM	2/03/25, 6:04:10 PM	Presenter
Abdifatah	2/03/25, 4:57:03 PM	2/03/25, 5:09:21 PM	Presenter
Dr. Tripti Bisawa	2/03/25, 4:57:44 PM	2/03/25, 5:27:30 PM	Presenter
Abdullah Mohammed Saeed Bahaisami	2/03/25, 4:57:45 PM	2/03/25, 5:20:28 PM	Presenter
Marziyeh Najafi	2/03/25, 4:58:35 PM	2/03/25, 6:04:18 PM	Presenter
Snehgadha Biswas	2/03/25, 4:59:05 PM	2/03/25, 6:04:05 PM	Presenter
Ayan Mohamed Salad	2/03/25, 4:59:44 PM	2/03/25, 6:04:07 PM	Presenter
Tejas wd (Unverified)	2/03/25, 5:00:07 PM	2/03/25, 6:04:07 PM	Presenter
Kusum Kc	2/03/25, 5:00:16 PM	2/03/25, 6:03:48 PM	Presenter
Ashish Yadav	2/03/25, 5:00:55 PM	2/03/25, 6:04:07 PM	Presenter
jawaahir yuusuf	2/03/25, 5:01:11 PM	2/03/25, 6:04:09 PM	Presenter
Aisha Abdullahi Gure	2/03/25, 5:02:58 PM	2/03/25, 6:03:52 PM	Presenter
kalyani (Unverified)	2/03/25, 5:05:29 PM	2/03/25, 5:19:14 PM	Presenter
Dini Mohamed	2/03/25, 5:08:00 PM	2/03/25, 6:03:50 PM	Presenter
Abdifatah Abdiwahid Ali	2/03/25, 5:09:37 PM	2/03/25, 6:03:55 PM	Presenter
Vinod Kumar SV	2/03/25, 5:17:20 PM	2/03/25, 6:03:52 PM	Presenter
Abdullah M	2/03/25, 5:20:00 PM	2/03/25, 6:03:54 PM	Presenter
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