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Reshma Adatia has been working in the international aid sector both in Canada and abroad for more than 15 years. She is currently the International Operations Coordinator and Head of the Médecins sans Frontières (MSF) Humanitarian Diplomacy Team. In her role as International Operations Coordinator, Reshma chairs the International Platform of MSF Operational Directors, the highest operational management body of the MSF movement facilitating strategic operational exchanges on critical crises and emergency response. As Head of the Humanitarian Diplomacy Team of MSF, she leads a team of multilateral, bilateral and thematic representatives, ensuring humanitarian representation efforts are focused on operational priorities, as well as providing strategic advice to the International President and Secretary General of MSF. Reshma also worked with Médecins sans Frontières for 8 years in the field in both Project Coordination and Country Management roles in Sudan, South Sudan, Somalia, Sri Lanka, Iraq and Yemen, as well as 2 years in the Amsterdam headquarters of MSF, covering Ethiopia, Myanmar, Yemen,

Syria, Nigeria, Jordan and Turkey.

Previously she worked as the Global Humanitarian Coordinator for the ACT Alliance, a network of 140 church and faith-based organisations, of which more than 70% of members were local or national responders. In her role with the ACT Alliance, she was responsible for global humanitarian advocacy and policy positioning, as well as overall responsible for the ACT Alliance Emergency Response Mechanism, prioritising direct funding to local and national responders in emergencies. She also worked with the Centre for Education and Research in Humanitarian Action, where she supported the initial phases of the first-ever Humanitarian Encyclopedia, a partnership between humanitarian actors and academics. During this period, Reshma was elected to the Board of MSF Holland.

In her career, Reshma has held leadership roles in humanitarian advocacy and policy, supporting the development of strategic positions with several international and interagency bodies. She has held board membership positions for the International Council of Voluntary Agencies (ICVA), chaired the ICVA Humanitarian Policy Committee, and been a member of the Steering Committee for Humanitarian Response (SCHR) Humanitarian Directors Working Group. Reshma currently sits as an Observer on the IASC Emergency Directors Group (EDG) on behalf of MSF.