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Dr. Sk Md Mamunur Rahman Malik, MSc,, MBA, MPH, PhD, is the Head of Mission and WHO Representative for Somalia since March 7, 2019. He is a medical epidemiologist with more than 20 years of experience in managing infectious disease surveillance, outbreak response, and other public health crises. Dr. Malik has a special interest in building health systems for crisis management, including the prevention and control of emerging infectious disease outbreaks. From June 2016 to March 2019, he was the Manager of the Infectious Hazards Management Programme under the Department of Health Emergencies in the WHO Regional Office for the Eastern Mediterranean (EMRO), responsible for preventing and controlling epidemic and pandemic-prone diseases in the Region.

Dr. Malik served as the Coordinator for the Health Security and Preparedness Cluster for the Eastern Mediterranean Region from 2014 to 2016, where he established the program for prevention, detection, and response to health security threats. He was also a Regional Adviser for the Pandemic and Epidemic Disease program. Between 2004 and 2018, Dr. Malik led the Regional operational response to emerging infectious disease outbreaks, including Middle East respiratory syndrome, cholera, Crimean-Congo haemorrhagic fever, yellow fever, Rift Valley fever, dengue and chikungunya, avian influenza, and meningococcal meningitis reported in the countries of the WHO EMRO.