

CURRICULUM VITAE
CANDIDATE FOR THE POSITION OF REGIONAL DIRECTOR OF
THE WORLD HEALTH ORGANIZATION (WHO)
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PROFILE:

Major: Public Health, Global Health, Health Emergency,
Disease Prevention and Control
Date and place of birth: 11 May 1968 in Hanoi, Viet Nam
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CURRENT POSITION:

July 2019 – Present: **Director, Division of Programmes for Disease Control, WHO Regional Office for the Western Pacific (WPRO), Manila, the Philippines**

EMPLOYMENT RECORD:

2016 – 2019: **Associate Professor at the Hanoi Medical University (Department of Global Health)**
October 2008 – July 2019: **Director General**
Department of International Cooperation
Ministry of Health of Viet Nam
May 2003 – September 2008: **Deputy Director General**
Department of International Cooperation,
Ministry of Health of Vietnam
1994 – 2003: **Official**

Department of International Cooperation,
Ministry of Health of Viet Nam, responsible for
cooperation with UN Agencies.

1992 -1994:

Medical Doctor (Pediatrician)

Viet Nam National Children's Hospital

EDUCATION:

2004 – 2008:

**Ph.D studies at the National Institute of Hygiene
and Epidemiology, Hanoi, Viet Nam**

Qualification: Ph.D Degree

1998 – 2000:

Master of Public Health,

University of New South Wales, Australia

Qualification: Master's Degree in Public Health.

1996 – 1997:

WHO Leadership and Management Course,

WPRO, Manila, Philippines

Qualification: Certificate

1985 - 1991:

**Medical studies at Hanoi Medical University,
Viet Nam**

Qualification: Medical Doctor

(Specialty: Pediatrics) – First -class Honor

ACADEMIC EXPERIENCES:

- Invited Lecturer at the Hanoi School of Public Health on Health Promotion, International Health (2010 – 2018)
- Deputy Director, Department of Global Health, Institute of Preventive Medicines and Public Health, Hanoi Medical University (2016 – 2019)
- Invited lecturer at the University of New South Wales on health care management
- Invited lecturer at the JW Lee Center of Global Medicine, Seoul National University (SNU) on health systems and global health

AREAS OF INTERESTS:

- Public health and global health: Primary Health Care, Universal Health Coverage (UHC), communicable disease control including HIV/AIDS, tuberculosis, malaria, neglected tropical diseases, health emergency, noncommunicable diseases prevention and control, and mental health.
- Health system strengthening and transformation, integrated system approach to protect the vulnerable populations and health equality.
- Maternal and child health, gender equity, women's empowerment, social determinants of health.

- Resource mobilization and official development assistance effectiveness for the health sector.

INTERNATIONAL EXPERIENCES:

- Alternate Member of the WHO Executive Board, World Health Assembly (2016 – 2019).
- Chair of ASEAN Senior Official Meetings on Health Development (SOMHD) (2014 – 2016)
- Chair of APEC Health Working Group (2011 – 2012 and 2017 – 2018).
- Vice Chair of Country Coordinating Mechanism (CCM) of Viet Nam, The Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria (2013 – 2019).
- Chair of the Oversight Committee of CCM Viet Nam (2013 – 2019).
- Chair of Health Partnership Group (HPG) Secretariat (2008 – 2019).
- Chair of Mekong Basin Disease Surveillance (MBDS) Network on communicable disease surveillance in Mekong Basin Region (2016 – 2017).
- Governing Board Member of SEAMEO/TROPMED - ASEAN Training Programs on Tropical Diseases.
- Member of Regional Steering Committee for The Global Fund's Regional Artemisinin-resistance Initiative (RAI).

Working experiences with government and international organizations:

- 1995 – 1998 and 2000 - 2002: Officer in charge of cooperation with WHO and other UN Agencies at the Department of International Cooperation, Ministry of Health of Viet Nam.
- 2003 -2008: Deputy Director General of the Department of International Cooperation, Ministry of Health of Viet Nam, in charge of international cooperation with Northeastern Asia countries (Japan, Republic of Korea, China) and Western Europe countries.
- 2008 – 2019: Director General of Department of International Cooperation, Ministry of Health, directly in charge of collaboration with WHO and other UN Agencies, Development Banks (ADB, World Bank), EU, bilateral agencies (AusAID, JICA, KOICA, USAID...), international NGOs...
- Chair of the Health Partnership Group (HPG) to coordinate and strengthen official development assistance for the health sector of Viet Nam.

From July 2019 – Present:

- Director, Division of Programmes for Disease Control (DDC), WHO Regional Office for the Western Pacific, covering 37 countries and areas in the Western

Pacific region. In charge of the following technical areas: Vaccine preventable diseases and Immunization, Communicable disease prevention and control (Tuberculosis, HIV/AIDS, Hepatitis, STIs, Malaria and neglected tropical diseases...), management of noncommunicable diseases and Mental Health.

- Focal point of the Reaching the Unreached thematic priority of the *For the Future* vision of the WHO in the Western Pacific, which is closely linked to Universal Health Coverage and the Sustainable Development Goals.
- Acting Director of Health Security and Emergency Division (DSE), in charge of COVID-19 response in the Western Pacific Region (Being the directors of the two divisions DDC and DSE from February 2020 – October 2020).
- Chair of the COVID-19 Vaccine Working Group of the WHO Regional Office, in charge of COVID-19 vaccine access and availability, vaccine deployment and vaccine safety in the Western Pacific; Coordination of vaccine supply by COVAX facility and other partners/ donors in the region. Working with ADB's regional vaccine advisory group on accelerating COVID-19 vaccine supply in the Asia Pacific region (From November 2020 – present).

MAJOR ACHIEVEMENTS:

Dr. Tran played a key role in COVID-19 response in the Western Pacific, leading the work of the COVID-19 vaccine incident management team. This contributed to making the Western Pacific the Region with the lowest morbidity and mortality due to COVID-19.

Dr. Tran has led all disease control programmes in the Region since, leading the development of six Regional Frameworks on a broad range of technical areas that are the key priorities of the region, including reaching the unreached, vaccine preventable diseases, communicable disease and NCDs prevention and control and mental health.

In her previous role at the Ministry of Health of Viet Nam, Dr. Tran chaired the ASEAN senior officials' meetings to develop strategies and action plans for health development among ASEAN countries. She also served as the alternate member of the Executive Board of the World Health Organization, from 2016 – 2019.

AWARDS:

- Order of Labor of the Government of the Socialist Republic of Viet Nam: 3rd Grade in 2013 and 2nd Grade in 2019.
- Merit Certificate of the Prime Minister on the outstanding contributions to the Health Sector of Viet Nam (2003, 2005, 2007, 2012, 2018).
- Merit Certificate of the Minister of Health of Viet Nam for the excellent contributions and dedications to the health sector of Viet Nam (for many years).
- Medal of Friendship of the Government of the Lao PDR.

- Recognition of the World Health Organization on the contribution to the development of science, technology and human resources for health (2012).

CONSULTANCY EXPERIENCES:

- Consultant in a study on women's health and gender issues in Viet Nam funded by an EU project.
- Consultant in a study on ODA transaction costs and ODA effectiveness in Viet Nam.
- Team leader of the research “Assessment of technical assistance and demands of central agencies towards new ODA modalities for the health sector of Viet Nam”.

SELECTED PUBLICATIONS:

Published books:

- 1- *Behavioral science and health education (2006)*. Medical Publishing House Course book. Hanoi, Vietnam.
- 2- *Foreign aid in the health sector: Situation and solutions to improve the health aid effectiveness (2016)*. Medical Publishing House. Author’ monograph, Hanoi, Vietnam.
- 3- *Nutrition and food safety (2016)*. Course book. Medical Publishing House, Hanoi, Vietnam.
- 4- *Community nutrition practices (2016)*. Course book for bachelor of nutrition of Hanoi Medical University. Medical Publishing House, Hanoi, Vietnam.

Published articles:

- 1- Alvin Kuo Jing Teo, Fukushi Morishita, Tauhid Islam, Kerri Viney, **Tran Thi Giang Huong**, Ben J Marais et al, "Tuberculosis in older adults: challenges and best practices in the Western Pacific Region", *The Lancet Regional Health Western Pacific*, April 20, 2023. <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.lanwpc.2023.100770>
- 2- Hoa Binh Nguyen, Nhung Viet Nguyen, **Tran Thi Giang Huong**, Hai Viet Nguyen and Quyen Thi Tu Bui. “Prevalence of resistance to second-line tuberculosis drug among multidrug-resistant tuberculosis patients in Vietnam, 2011”. *Western Pacific Surveillance and Response Journal*. Vol 7, No 2, 2016. <https://doi:10.5365/wpsar.2016.7.2.002>
- 3- Hoang Van Minh, Juhwan Oh, Kim Bao Giang, Vu Duy Kien, You-Seon Nam, Chul Ou Lee, **Tran Thi Giang Huong**, and Luu Ngoc Hoat. “Multiple vulnerabilities and maternal healthcare in Vietnam: findings from the Multiple

- Indicator Cluster Surveys, 2000, 2006, and 2011". *Global Health Action*, 62-69, 2016.
- 4- Nguyen Van Huy, Hwa-Young Lee, You-Seon Nam, Nguyen Van Tien, **Tran Thi Giang Huong**, and Luu Ngoc Hoat. "Secular trends in HIV knowledge and attitudes among Vietnamese women based on the Multiple Indicator Cluster Surveys, 2000, 2006, and 2011: what do we know and what should we do to protect them?", *Global Health Action*, 77-86, 2016.
 - 5- Hoang VM, Oh J, Tran TA, **Tran Thi Giang Huong**, Ha AD, Luu NH, Nguyen TK. "Patterns of Health expenditures and financial protections in Viet Nam 1992-2012", *Journal of Korean Medical Science*, S 134-S138, 2015.
 - 6- Huong T.T. Nguyen, Anh D. Dang, **Tran Thi Giang Huong**, Thiem D. Vu, Thach N. Pham, Hoang V. Nguyen, Anh N.K. Nguyen, Emily G. Pieracci, Duong N. Tran, "Rabies Vaccine Hesitancy and deaths among pregnant and breastfeeding women – Vietnam 2015 – 2016", *Morbidity and mortality weekly report, US Department of Health and Human Services/Center for Disease Control and Prevention*, March 2. 2018 Vol 67, No. 8.
 - 7- Nguyen Thi Thuy Dung, Nguyen Thi Lan Anh, Vu Vi Quoc, **Tran Thi Giang Huong**, Vu Sinh Nam. "Current status of knowledge, attitude and practice on dengue prevention of junior high school students, in Nha Trang city in 2014". *Journal of Preventive Medicine*. Vol 26, No 6(179). p:176-184. 2015.
 - 8- Le Hong Phuong, Le Thi Huong, Nguyen Thu Giang and **Tran Thi Giang Huong**. "Dietary intake and nutritional status of children from 24-59 months in Xuan Quang commune, Chiem Hoa district, Tuyen Quang province, Vietnam in 2012". *Vietnam Journal of Preventive Medicine*, Vol 26, No 3(176), p:48-53, 2016.
 - 9- Xuan Nguyen Thi, **Tran Thi Giang Huong**, Tuyen Do Viet, Huong Nguyen Thanh. "Quality of life of the outpatients with type 2 diabetes in Me Linh district hospital and some related factors". *Vietnam Journal of Medicine and Pharmacy*, Vol 10, No 1, p:100-106, 2016.
 - 10- Linh Nguyen Thuy, **Tran Thi Giang Huong**, Hang Nguyen Thuy. "The nutritional status of pre-operative patient's gastrointestinal and the relation with post - operative complications of patients in Hanoi Medical University hospital 2015". *Vietnam Journal of Medicine and Pharmacy*, Vol 9, No 3, p:105-111, 2015.
 - 11- **Tran Thi Giang Huong**, Linh Nguyen Thuy, Nhung Nguyen Thi. "Nutritional status and dietary intake in cancer patients receiving chemotherapy in Hanoi Medical University Hospital 2015". *Vietnam Journal of Medicine and Pharmacy*, Vol 9, No 3, p:75-81, 2015.

- 12-Nguyen Quynh Anh, Nguyen Thu Ha, Bui Ngoc, **Tran Thi Giang Huong**. "Economic burden of Tuberculosis treatment from healthcare provider perspective in Vietnam". *Vietnam Journal of Public Health*. Vol 2. No 1. p:44-54, 2014.
- 13-**Tran Thi Giang Huong**, "Overview of international assistance in the health sector from 1991 – 2000", *Journal of Practical Medicine*, No 475, April 2004.
- 14-**Tran Thi Giang Huong**, "Current situation of international assistance in the health sector", *Journal of Practical Medicine*, No. 605, 2008.
- 15-**Tran Thi Giang Huong**, Truong Viet Dung, "ODA for the health sector from 1991 – 2007", *Journal of Preventive Medicine*, No. 3 (95), 2008
- 16-Tran Minh Thi, **Tran Thi Giang Huong**, "Technical assistance for the health sector at provincial level: current situation, advantages, difficulties and policy impacts", *Journal of Practical Medicine*, No. 9 (879), 2013.
- 17-Ngo Tri Tuan, **Tran Thi Giang Huong**, "ODA for Preventive Medicine sector", *Journal of Viet Nam Medicine*, No. 402, 2013.
- 18-**Tran Thi Giang Huong**, "External Assistance to the health sector for the period of 2005 – 2011", *Journal of Preventive Medicine*, No 2, (137) 2013.
- 19-N. V. Lanh, N.V.Tap, N.D.Trong, N.T.T.Duong, **Tran Thi Giang Huong**, P.T.Lan, "Risk prediction of the diabetes by Findrisc scale in Khmer ethnic minority in Hau Giang province", *Journal of Preventive Medicine*, No.4 (108) 2014.
- 20-V.T.T. Hien, N.T.Lam, D.T.N.Diep, **Tran Thi Giang Huong**, "The prevalence of overweight and related factors in Vietnamese adults in Hanoi, Thua Thien Hue and Ho Chi Minh city", *Journal of Food and Nutrition Sciences*, Vol 9, No.3, August 2013.
- 21-Le Thi Hop, Nguyen Do Huy, **Tran Thi Giang Huong**, "The differences of related indicators of malnutrition of patients by BMI groups at Hai Duong Hospital", *Journal of Food and Nutrition Sciences*, Vol 9, No.2, 2013.
- 22-Nguyen Thi Hai Anh, Ho Thu Mai, **Tran Thi Giang Huong**, "Effectiveness of lyzivita supplementation on the improvement of nutritional status and micronutrient deficiencies of anemic children 12 – 35 months in Nghia dan district, Nghe An province", *Journal of Food and Nutrition Sciences* Vol 9, No. 2, 2013.
- 23-Huynh Nam Phuong, **Tran Thi Giang Huong**, "Current knowledge and practices on nutrition and anemia prevention of pregnant women from Muong minority group in Hoa Binh province", *Journal of Food and Nutrition Sciences* Vol 9, No.1, April 2013.
- 24-Tran Van Kiem, **Tran Thi Giang Huong**, Nguyen Thanh Huong, "Current situation of human resource in anesthesia intensive care at public hospitals of Dac Lak Province in 2012", *Journal of Practical Medicine*, Vol. 11 (886), 2013.
- 25-Le Thi Huong, Hoang Thi Hong Nhung, **Tran Thi Giang Huong**, Nguyen Thuy Linh, Le Hong Phuong, "Nutritional status of children under 5 in Phu Ly district,

- Ha Nam and related factors in 2012". *Journal of Practical Medicine*, Vol. 8 (226), 2015.
- 26-Pham Hong Hai, **Tran Thi Giang Huong**. "Forecast the rate of people utilizing health care services for examination and treatment in urban and rural areas by time series method". *Journal of Preventive Medicine*. Vol 26. No 6(179). p:156-162. 2016.
- 27-Pham Hong Hai, **Tran Thi Giang Huong**, Nguyen Duc Luc. "Forecasting health insurance fund for the poor and ethnic minorities by 2020 by forecasting model based on the average development speed". *Journal of Preventive Medicine*. Vol 26. No 6(179). p:163-169. 2016.
- 28-**Tran Thi Giang Huong**, Pham Hong Hai. "Trends of examination and treatment and health care expenditure in the richest income groups and the poorest". *Journal of Preventive Medicine*. Vol 26. No 5(178). p:145-149. 2016.
- 29-**Tran Thi Giang Huong**, Pham Hong Hai. "Towards universal health coverage in the Northern Highland Provinces: Barriers and Solutions". *Journal of Preventive Medicine*. Vol 26. No 5(178). p:150-157. 2016
- 30-Le Thi Huong, Le Thi Thanh Xuan, Do Thi Quynh, **Tran Thi Giang Huong**, Do Minh Tri. "Practices of health staff at commune level responding to floods due to climate change in Cam Xuyen, Can Loc district, Ha Tinh province in 2013". *Journal of Preventive Medicine*. Vol 25. No 6(166). p:373-379. 2015.
- 31-Doan Ngoc Hai, **Tran Thi Giang Huong** "Situation of medical wastewater quality of 22 hospitals of the north of Vietnam, 2014". *Journal of Preventive Medicine*. Vol 26. No 5(178). p:185-192. 2016.
- 32-Nguyen Thi Thanh Huong, Pham Ngoc Thach, Nguyen Tran Hien, **Tran Thi Giang Huong**, Hoang Van Tan. "Epidemiology of human rabies in Vietnam", 2012. *Journal of Preventive Medicine*. Vol 23, No 8(144). p:57-63. 2013.
- 33-Nguyen Thi Thanh Huong, Hoang Van Tan, **Tran Thi Giang Huong**. "Epidemiological study of rabies post-exposure prophylaxis on human in mountainous area of Vietnam 2010-2014". *Journal of Preventive Medicine*. Vol 25. No 8(168). p:193-200. 2015.
- 34-Cuc H. Tran, Doris O. Afriyie, Thach N. Pham, Satoko Otsu, Maho Urabe, Anh D. Dang, **Tran Thi Giang Huong**, Hoang V. Nguyen, Ha T. Le, Huong T.T. Nguyen "Rabies post - exposure prophylaxis initiation and adherence among patients in Vietnam, 2014 – 2016. *Vaccine, Elsevier*, www.elsevier.com/locate.vaccine.
- 35-Huong TT. Nguyen, Nhan DT. Le, Thach N. Pham, Maho I. Urabe, Doris O. Afriyie, Datoko Otsu, Duong N. Tran, **Tran Thi Giang Huong**, Hoang V. Nguyen, Ha T. Le, Cuc H. Tran "Evaluation of Vietnam's post-exposure prophylaxis delivery system, 2017. *Vaccine, Elsevier*, www.elsevier.com/locate.vaccine; <http://doi.org/10.1016/j.vaccine.2019.02.041>