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Dr. Asif currently works as the Chief of Health at the Ministry of Planning, Development and Special Initiatives, Government of Pakistan. He has over 20 years experience in the areas of clinical medicine, medical teaching, and public health. His primary responsibilities include defining national vision, formulation of broad policy frameworks, undertaking strategic planning, and working out reforms, special initiatives and innovations, in the health sector.

Dr. Asif designs and processes large-scale development projects, including a pilot project in Islamabad aimed at mainstreaming vital events notifications in the health sector and improving registration of marriages and divorces. As the National CRVS Focal Person, Dr. Asif leads initiatives such as the National CRVS Revamps and Reforms Framework to accelerate and enhance CRVS in Pakistan.

Dr. Asif is also extensively involved in the development of institutional policy frameworks and models on issues such as Deworming, Mental Health and Psychosocial Support, among others. He is currently engaged in the process of designing an indigenous model for surveillance in Pakistan. His research abstract highlights Pakistan's efforts towards achieving universal registration and notification of vital events through a package of reforms.

Dr. Asif is a medical graduate from King Edward Medical College, Lahore, with post-graduation in Medicine and Nutrition.