

## Rana Ghafary

Head of Advocacy and Government Affairs at the King Hussein Cancer Foundation, Jordan

### Biography

Ms. Rana Ghafary is the Head of Advocacy and Government Affairs at the King Hussein Cancer Foundation (KHCF), and a member of KHCF's leading Executive Management Committee. As part of her role, she designs and leads the implementation of international and national advocacy, policy surveillance and reform efforts, networking for strategic partnerships, and the implementation of grassroots community mobilization interventions for an enabling environment of KHCF's mission.

Throughout her career she led the establishment of regional projects like the King Hussein Award for Cancer Research, lobbied for and influenced favorable policies; like the university scholarship policy for cancer patients with the Ministry of Higher Education and the inclusion of breast cancer screening policy in Civil Insurance Program benefits with the Ministry of Health. She led community mobilization campaigns and KHCF's community engagement volunteering program with more than 10,000 members from across the kingdom actively engaged in supporting KHCF's mission at all levels.

Ms. Ghafary is a sitting member in different international/national committees as a subject matter expert like the Global Advocacy Advisory Group on Cancer Control, National Health Financing Strategy Committee, National NGO Tobacco Control Group and the Jordanian Non Communicable Diseases Alliance. Additionally, she spoke and participated at different international arenas such as the World Cancer Congress, the Global NCD forum, the Global Forum for Health Research, and the World Innovation Summit for Health

Before joining the Foundation Ms. Ghafary led a career in development working for the International Development Agency USAID engaged in economic development and capacity building of Human capital through the Tatweer project, dedicated to advancing the competitiveness of corporates and SME's, supporting them with qualified human resources while improving the employability of Jordanian youth in the labor market.

Ms. Ghafary holds a Master's degree in Business Administration from the New York Institute for Information and Technology; and a Bachelor's degree in Biological Sciences from the University of Jordan graduated with honors.

She is a passionate activist for human rights, youth and women empowerment, and continuously advocates for the rights of patients and marginalized groups like refugees and displaced communities.