

BIOGRAPHY OF Dr. Issa SANOGO



Dr. Issa SANOGO has 28 years of comprehensive experience in development and humanitarian affairs, honed both within and beyond the United Nations.

As the current United Nations Resident and Humanitarian Coordinator for Madagascar, Dr. SANOGO brings a wealth of expertise from his tenure in senior roles at the World Food Program (WFP). Notably, he spearheaded the establishment of the Regional Center of Excellence against Hunger and Malnutrition (CERFAM) in Côte d'Ivoire, serving as its inaugural Director. His leadership was instrumental in crafting the center's strategic

plan, partnership strategy, action plan, communication, advocacy strategy, and knowledge management platform.

Previously, Dr. SANOGO served as Deputy Country Director (Programme and Operations) at WFP, where he orchestrated the development of Country Strategic Plans and oversaw the implementation of multifaceted food assistance programs. These initiatives, encompassing in-kind and cash transfers, resilience-building activities, nutrition, and school meals, benefited over one million recipients across Lebanon and Chad, including refugees, returnees, internally displaced persons, host communities, and vulnerable population groups.

Prior to this, Dr. SANOGO played a pivotal role in pioneering market and economic analysis tools for market-based programming in WFP. He served as a Regional Market Assessment Advisor in Thailand and later assumed the role of Head of the Economic Analysis Unit in Italy. During corporate emergencies, he contributed his expertise as a member of programme scoping missions.

Before embarking on his United Nations journey, Dr. SANOGO served as an Economist at the World Bank in Guinea, where he was instrumental in monitoring economic performance and contributing to various strategies and projects aimed at enhancing governance, improving social spending, and reducing poverty.

His career trajectory began with the Government of Côte d'Ivoire, where he held roles as an Economist at the National Bureau of Technical Studies and Development (BNETD) and as a Technical Advisor at the Ministry of Industry and Private Sector Promotion. In these capacities, he conducted economic impact analyses, coordinated partnerships with donors, and provided advisory support on economic and institutional reforms.

Dr. SANOGO holds a Doctorate in Development Economics, complemented by Master's degrees in Financial and Economic Analysis of Development Projects and Analysis and Management of Economic Policies from the School of Economics (CERDI) of the University of Auvergne in France.