



Rajeev Sadanandan
Chief Executive Officer

Rajeev Sadanandan is the founding CEO of HSTP. Prior to taking up this assignment he was a career civil service officer with specialization in health systems and health financing. He held three terms as health secretary of Kerala. During these stints he initiated transformation of health systems with a focus on primary health care, designing and executing disease prevention and health promotion programmes, integrating social and epidemiological determinants to health care and applying technology to improve healthcare delivery. He was the CEO of RSBY, India's national social health programme.

Rajeev had been involved in developing and managing the TB control programme, HIV/AIDS programme at the national and state level. He led on the development of Kerala's health insurance programme (being implemented in partnership with Ayushman Bharat), Kerala Antimicrobial Resistance Strategic Action Plan and the Kerala Cancer Control Strategy. He also developed Kerala's programme for prevention and management of Non-Communicable Diseases. Rajeev has held tenures in central government, worked for a brief stint in UNAIDS and has been a member of technical committees set up by UNAIDS and WHO as well functioned on other technical boards. He was one of the editors of WHO's Global Report on Cancer.

Currently he is a Commissioner on the Lancet Global Health Commission on Financing of Primary Care and an Honorary Advisor to the Chief Minister of Kerala on management of the COVID Pandemic.