

Mr. Aloysius John

Aloysius John hails from Tamil Nadu, India and began his career with Caritas in 1983. He was elected as Secretary General of Caritas Internationalis in May 2019. Since joining Caritas, Mr. John has served with the diocesan Caritas of Creteil (1983), and with Caritas France, where he served in the Migration and Refugee Department (1986), as Program Manager for Asia and Oceania (1989), Asia-Oceania and Middle East and North Africa (MONA) Department Head (1994), and as Coordinator (1998) for International Development. In 2004, he coordinated Tsunami operations in Sri Lanka, India and Indonesia for Secours Catholique and Caritas Internationalis. In 2012, he was decorated with the French National Order of Merit. In 2013 he joined Caritas Internationalis as Director for Institutional Development and Capacity Strengthening. Mr. John has visited over sixty countries throughout his Caritas career.

Mr. Angel Allccarima

Geographer by profession, he graduated from the Universidad Nacional Mayor de San Marcos, with a master's degree in Environmental Management, specialist in Environmental Management and Planning of the territory. He has 25 years of experience in the formulation, implementation and evaluation of social, environmental and development projects. He is currently risk manager and climate change manager at Caritas Peru. He acquired experience in disaster prevention, emergency preparedness and response, rehabilitation and reconstruction, as well as climate change adaptation and mitigation.

Ms. Ola Sidani

Ola is an economist by academia and practice, specialized in development and public policy. She worked for more than 10 years in the United Nations Development Program (UNDP), at the Office of the Prime Minister in Lebanon. She led the national project to institutionalize the implementation of the United Nations 2030 Agenda and achieve the SDGs in Lebanon and served as the Secretary of the National Committee for SDGs. She was a member of the official Lebanese delegation to the HLPF in 2018 at the United Nations in New York. She represents Lebanon in several regional and international symposiums and conferences.

Ms. Cindy Hakme

Cindy Hakme graduated from the Lebanese University with Master's Degree in Biotechno – Commercialization and research techniques, Teaching Diploma specialized in Biology and a Bachelor's degree in Theology from Saint Joseph University. She worked in a medical company for 10 years. She is chairing the youth committee of Tripoli Maronite Pastoral and is holding the position of Senior Grants coordinator for the health department at Caritas Lebanon.

Dr. John Maurice Salumu Kikuni

Congolese State Doctor for 14 years and Specialist in Public Health and Health Economist. He has mastered the health system of the DRC having worked in the health pyramid from the operational level to the central level. After having carried out several consultancies with different partners in the field of health, he is currently a public health expert at the technical support unit of the General Secretariat of Health of the Ministry of Public Health, Hygiene and Prevention.

Dr. Jean Munongo

Congolese physician specializing in public health. He has been the National Coordinator for Health Promotion Service at Caritas Congo ASBL for the past 12 years. He has a proven mastery of the functioning of the DRC's health system. He has worked at all levels of the country's health pyramid, successively as a physician, hospital director, zone head physician, provincial coordinator of blood safety, etc.

Dr. Rita Rhayem

Holder of PharmD, university diploma in hospital & clinical pharmacy and an MBA in Health Management, and currently finalizing her Master in interdisciplinary Gender studies. Rita Rhayem is currently the Health and HIV advisor at Caritas Internationalis after having held the position of General Director for Caritas Lebanon.

In 2011, she published her book titled “Accreditation of NGOs Health Care Centers”. She is, as well, a lecturer in different universities responsible of “Public Health in emergency” course.

Mr. Francis X. Rocca

Francis X. Rocca covers the Vatican for The Wall Street Journal. A native of Washington, D.C., he has written on a range of topics including European politics, higher education, arts and culture.

He is the author of two books and director of a documentary film, “Voices of Vatican II: Participants Recall the Council” (2015). Rocca is a graduate of Harvard College and holds an M.A. in liberal arts from St. John's College (Annapolis) and a Ph.D. in Renaissance studies from Yale University.