



## CII Spotlight: Rahima F. Dosani

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**Q: What is your role at USAID?**

A: I am joining CII as a Market Access Advisor and leveraging my business and global health background to help the introduction and scale-up of global health interventions in low- and middle-income countries (LMICs). I'm excited to help shape global markets to deliver life-saving innovations on a faster timeframe, push the boundaries of thinking around market access challenges, and forge partnerships to drive impact in the field.

**Q: What did you do prior to USAID?**

A: I've always known that I wanted to bring a business approach to global health. I studied global health at Penn, later worked in management consulting for several years, and then joined CHAI in Malawi. There, I worked with the Ministry of Health to accelerate the introduction of new vaccines into the country and later led a team to improve the national HIV diagnostics landscape, including introducing new point-of-care testing and scaling up early infant testing and viral load testing. I also worked in Myanmar for CHAI, leveraging market intelligence to help suppliers enter the TB diagnostics market and improve the multidrug-resistant TB supply chain. I continued working in access to healthcare during my MBA and MPH at Harvard, through internships with UNICEF, CDC, Boston Medical Center, DaVita, and Living Goods. Most recently, I worked in global health & development at FSG, a non-profit social impact consulting firm.

**Q: What makes you passionate about global health? What topics interest you the most and why?**

A: I'm most interested in reducing preventable deaths from infectious and emerging diseases in LMICs. It breaks my heart that people die from diseases that we have eliminated in higher income countries, and that they don't have access to the same infrastructure and medicines we do. I'm also very interested in global health security and improving the global coordination of pandemic and outbreak responses. In addition, I'm super passionate about equity and gender in global health, and care deeply about amplifying a more diverse and inclusive set of voices to lead our global health institutions.

**Q: What do you like to do outside of work?**

A: I'm a yoga instructor, and spend a good amount of time teaching yoga and meditation – self-care is so important in our work! I love ornithology, landscape photography, cooking, and performing spoken word poetry. I also play competitive volleyball, and am hoping to recruit Dave Milestone to be my middle blocker.

**Favorite Quote:** "Let the beauty of what you love be what you do" – Rumi