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Kitty leads the WHO AMR/SPC Department which primarily focuses on human health aspects of AMR and related response strategies such as infection prevention and control; laboratory strengthening and diagnostic stewardship; rational treatment; and surveillance of AMR and antimicrobial consumption and use. In addition, the SPC Department supports countries with the development, costing, and implementation of evidence-based One Health National Action Plans, and evidence generation for innovation of AMR control.

Before joining WHO in May 2020, Kitty was Executive Director of KNCV Tuberculosis Foundation, a large international NGO with country offices in twelve low- and middle-income countries. She worked twice before with WHO, first as Task Manager drug-resistant TB in Geneva and later as regional advisor TB and leprosy control in the Western Pacific Region, based in Manila. During the last 25 years, she focused on surveillance, prevention and control of drug resistant tuberculosis; served on WHO TB Strategic Technical Advisory Group (STAG) and numerous WHO guideline committees; and chaired several global expert committees. Since 1984, she has assisted over 35 countries worldwide and co-authored over 50 peer reviewed publications. Kitty is a medical doctor, with an MPH, and a PhD on drug-resistant tuberculosis.