



Dr. Ramiz Alakbarov was appointed on 15 February 2020 to serve as Assistant Secretary-General and Deputy Executive Director (Management) *ad interim* at UNFPA.

Dr. Alakbarov previously served as the Director of the Policy and Strategy Division, with responsibility for development strategic planning frameworks and coordination of institutional intergovernmental and multilateral affairs. Since joining UNFPA five years ago, he also represented the organization at the UN System High-Level Committee on Programmes and the InterAgency Standing Committee on Humanitarian Affairs. He has actively contributed to the ongoing UN Reform process.

With 25 years of experience within the UN system, Dr. Alakbarov has served in various positions in Middle East, Africa, Central Asia and the Caribbean, including in development, humanitarian and integrated peacekeeping missions settings.

Dr. Alakbarov is a national of Azerbaijan. He holds MD. and Ph.D. degrees in internal medicine from the Azerbaijan Medical University and an M.A. in international Relations from Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy in Boston. Dr. Alakbarov is fluent in Azeri, English, French and Russian. He has published over 30 works on medicine, public health and humanitarian response.