

## Oregon | Naomi Adeline-Biggs, MBBS, MPH

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Born and raised in the small island nation of Seychelles, off the east coast of Africa, Naomi Adeline-Biggs has served 12 years in health care delivery, policy and partnership development, public relations, and emergency response in East Africa and the U.S. She attended Manipal University and completed her medical degree through a twinned program in India and Malaysia. She completed her Master of Public Health through the University of Glasgow, in Scotland. She worked as a physician in Seychelles from 2012 until 2019 when she joined the World Health Organization as the Country Preparedness and International Health Regulations Officer for the Seychelles WHO Country Office. While at the WHO, she provided technical support for the development



of the Seychelles National Preparedness and Response Plan for COVID-19, the establishment of the first Seychelles public health emergency operations center, training of the country's rapid response team for COVID, and strengthening of the country's Integrated Disease Surveillance & Response system. She moved to the US in 2021 and joined Polk County as the new Public Health Administrator in March 2022, where she led the development of Polk County Public Health's 2024-2027 Strategic Plan, and the Polk County Health Services' Strategic Plan, centered in health equity. Naomi has also been the Board Chairperson of the Conference and Coalition of Local Health Officials (CLHO) since 2022, advocating for public health funding during the 2023 Oregon Legislative session, promoting equitable distribution of resources from state level to counties across Oregon for Public Health Modernization, and strengthening the collaboration and relationship between state and local governmental public health agencies.