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Dr. Jos Vandelaer is the WHO Representative to Thailand. He has taken up office in October 2021.

Prior to his current position, Dr Vandelaer was the Regional Director for Emergencies in the World Health Organization Regional Office for South-East Asia from October 2020. Prior to working with WHO Regional Office, he was the WHO Representative to Nepal, from 2015 till 2020, where he oversaw WHO's support to the government and people of Nepal.

Dr Vandelaer had earlier worked in the area of Immunization. From 2009 till 2015, he was Chief of UNICEF's global Immunization program, based in New York, USA, after having held immunization-related positions since 1996 at the World Health Organization in the Philippines, India, and Myanmar, and – as a UNICEF secondee – in WHO/Geneva.

He started his career with Medecins Sans Frontieres in 1986, working in emergencies in Sierra Leone, South Sudan, Surinam, and Thailand. Later he worked in migration/refugee health for the International Organization for Migration (IOM) in Vietnam and Croatia/Bosnia-Herzegovina and for UNHCR in Myanmar.

Dr. Vandelaer holds a Medical Doctor degree from the University of Leuven (Belgium), a diploma in Tropical Medicine from the Antwerp Institute for Tropical Medicine (Belgium), and a Masters degree in Public Health from Harvard University (USA). He speaks English, French and Dutch and is a national of Belgium.