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Agnes Binagwaho, MD, PhD is the Minister of Health of the Republic of Rwanda. After practicing as a pediatrician for over 15 years, Dr. Binagwaho led the National AIDS Control Commission between 2002 and 2008. She then served as Permanent Secretary in the Ministry of Health until 2011.

Dr. Binagwaho serves on many academic boards. Her engagements include research on health equity, HIV/AIDS, information and communication technologies (ICT) in e-health, and pediatric care delivery systems. She has published over 90 peer-reviewed articles, serves on the International Advisory Board of Lancet Global Health, the Editorial Board of PLoS Medicine and of Health and Human Rights: An International Journal, and contributed to multiple books. She chairs the Rwanda Pediatric Society, is a member of the Global Task Force on Expanded Access to Cancer Care and Control in Developing Countries. Dr. Binagwaho is currently a Senior Lecturer in the Department of Global Health and Social Medicine at Harvard Medical School, and Clinical Professor of Pediatrics at the Geisel School of Medicine at Dartmouth. She also serves on the International Strategic Advisory Board for the Institute of Global Health Innovation at Imperial College London.

Dr. Binagwaho received an Honorary Doctor of Science degree from Dartmouth College in 2010. In 2014, she became the first student to complete her Ph.D. from the University of Rwanda. She is active in advocacy and political mobilization on behalf of women and children, in Rwanda and worldwide.