



Former President and CEO, Pathfinder International

Purnima Mane is an internationally respected expert on sexual and reproductive health and HIV/AIDS. Most recently, she served as the president and CEO of Pathfinder International.

Mane has held several distinguished posts with the United Nations, including assistant secretary-general and deputy executive director of the United Nations Population Fund, and director of policy, evidence and partnership at the Joint United Nations Programme on HIV/AIDS (UNAIDS). She also served as chief fund portfolio director and director, Asia, of the Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria; as vice president and director of international programs at the Population Council; and held senior management positions while at the World Health Organization's Global Programme on AIDS and UNAIDS. Mane also serves on the board of directors of MTV Staying Alive Foundation and Taking Back Ourselves, and is visiting professorial fellow at the Centre for Social Research, University of New South Wales, Australia.

She holds a Ph.D. from Tata Institute of Social Sciences in Mumbai, India, where she was an associate professor. Before joining UNAIDS, she worked on public health and gender-related issues in India for over two decades.