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Asmaa Shalabi joined OCHA in July 2020 as Section Chief for MENA in the Operations and Advocacy Division where she is covering Yemen, Libya, oPt, and the Gulf. Before joining OCHA Asmaa worked with UNDP as Strategic Advisor, heading the UNDP Yemen Office in Amman, interfacing with the OSESGY and donors and member states based out of Jordan. From 2011-2017 Asmaa worked at UNDP HQs supporting UNDP Country Offices in the Arab States region at the Bureau for Crisis Prevention and Recovery (BCPR), and sub-subsequently at UNDP's Crisis Response Unit (CRU). Asmaa Joined UNDP in 2009 where she worked in Sudan as Program Specialist for Disarmament Demobilization and Reintegration and Mine Action. Asmaa has worked for various international organizations and NGOs, including the ICRC, UNHCR, the UN Mission in Sudan, and the Office of the Special Envoy for Yemen.

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Asmaa is Egyptian-Algerian. She studied Political Science at the American University in Cairo and holds an M.A. in International Relations and Economics from The Paul H. Nitze School of Advanced International Studies (SAIS) at Johns Hopkins.

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