



JUNIOR LEAGUE OF
KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI



**Hayat Abdullahi, Director of Community Impact
Health Forward Foundation**

Hayat is an experienced multilingual leader with a proven track record in healthcare and human rights advocacy across various sectors, such as nonprofits and international projects. Notably honored as the United Nations Association's 2021 World Citizen of the Year and an alumnus of the Kansas City Tomorrow Civic Leadership Program, class of 2020. Her distinguished career is marked by key leadership roles such as Director of Community Impact and Principal Impact Strategist at the Health Forward Foundation, where she places a strong emphasis on centering community voices and advancing systemic solutions for health equity, with a focus on achieving significantly improved community health outcomes in the future.. She also served as Senior Director of Community Health Strategies & Innovation at University Health and as Director at Truman Medical Centers, leading extensive programs to boost community well-being and address health disparities. Notably, she directed University Health's comprehensive COVID-19 response, achieving widespread vaccination and engaging thousands in Kansas City. Her work exemplifies a deep commitment to using her expertise and collaborations to propel public health initiatives and generate a meaningful societal impact.