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Rachna Chandora serves as chief program officer (acting) at the CDC Foundation where she is responsible for shaping and advancing the CDC Foundation's programmatic strategy, ensuring excellence in program execution, and stewarding public and philanthropic investments to advance the public's health and ensure healthier and more prosperous communities. She serves on the CDC Foundation's C-Suite Team.

Previously, Chandora served as vice president for noninfectious disease, leading a department that is responsible for the resourcing, design, implementation and evaluation of a broad portfolio of domestic and global programs, partnerships and initiatives focused on overdose prevention, chronic disease prevention and control, maternal and reproductive health, injury prevention and environmental health. Prior to this role, she served as associate vice president for noninfectious disease programs.

Chandora joined the CDC Foundation in 2013 as an intern. Throughout her tenure at the CDC Foundation, Chandora served in various roles in the programs department, leading, expanding and providing strategic oversight for programs and partnerships. Notably, she operationalized and expanded a portfolio of global tobacco control surveillance and capacity enhancement programs that are active in more than 100 countries and protect nearly 5.2 billion people from the harmful effects of tobacco. In addition, she launched and provided strategic direction for several of the CDC Foundation's flagship programs including overdose prevention programs, the Data for Health Initiative, e-cigarette monitoring and cardiovascular health communications campaigns.

Prior to joining the CDC Foundation, Chandora served as a tobacco control researcher at Georgia State University and worked at the American Cancer Society, where she managed fundraising initiatives and developed partnerships to expand organization's health promotion programs through community-based engagement.

Chandora earned a BA in economics from the University of Georgia; an MPH in epidemiology from Georgia State University; and is currently pursuing a PhD in epidemiology from Georgia State University.