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Dr Hussein Abdel-Razzak Al Gezairy was born in the holy city of Mecca in 1934. He graduated from Kasr-el-Eini Faculty of Medicine in Egypt in 1957 obtaining his medical degree, then a Diploma in Surgery in 1960. Subsequently, in 1965, he became Fellow of the Royal College of Surgeons (FRCS) of England.

Upon his return to Saudi Arabia, he established, in 1969, the first Faculty of Medicine in King Saud University in Riyadh and became its founding Dean. In recognition of his outstanding contribution to health and medical education he was appointed as Minister of Health in Saudi Arabia in 1975 and held that position for seven years. At the international level, Dr Gezairy, participated in the establishment of the Council of Arab Ministers of Health, an important organ of Arab League Institutions.

In 1982, Dr Gezairy, was elected as the WHO Regional Director for the Eastern Mediterranean Region. In this position he has become the leading figure in the promotion of medical education with particular emphasis to Community Oriented Medical Education and leadership development for health.