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Dr. Jaime M. Yassif is Senior Fellow for Global Biological Policy and Programs at NTI, where she is leading several major biosecurity projects focused on strengthening governance of dual-use bioscience and reducing global catastrophic biological risks. Yassif previously served as a Program Officer at Open Philanthropy, where she led the Biosecurity and Pandemic Preparedness initiative. In this role, she recommended and managed approximately \$40 million in biosecurity grants, which rebuilt the field and supported work in several key areas, including developing new biosecurity programming at several leading think tanks, establishing the Global Health Security Index, initiating new biosecurity work in China and India, and framing a new public discourse about global catastrophic biological risks.

Previously, Yassif was a Science and Technology Policy Advisor at the U.S. Department of Defense, where she focused on oversight of the Cooperative Threat Reduction Program and East Asia security issues. During this period, she also worked on the Global Health Security Agenda (GHS) at the Department of Health and Human Services, where she helped lay the groundwork for the WHO Joint External Evaluations and the GHS Steering Group.

Yassif's previous experience includes work with Connecting Organizations for Regional Disease Surveillance, Chatham House, NTI, the Federation of American Scientists and the Tsinghua University Institute for International Studies.

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