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With nearly two decades of experience as a researcher, practitioner and educator, Raed makes sure that his knowledge and experience contribute to creating the enabling conditions for individuals and communities to improve and realize their potential, especially in the Global South. Throughout this journey, Raed has been a strong advocate for inclusion, openness and local innovation. Raed's extensive research and professional experience in the open and inclusive development domain includes work on open data, science, innovation and governance for social change and development; digital technologies and public policies; digital entrepreneurship; and innovative and inclusive education, especially for displaced communities.

Raed is currently a Senior Programme Manager at the SecDev Foundation, leading programs on digital rights and resilience for women and youth in the MENA region. Before joining the Foundation, Raed worked and collaborated with several organizations, including the International Development Research Centre (IDRC), The Web Foundation, The U.S. National Academy of Sciences, CODATA International and several UN agencies. He also taught at the University of Toronto and Syracuse University. Raed has a Ph.D. in Information Science and Technology from Syracuse University, an MBA and a Bachelor's degree in Economics and Political Science from Birzeit University.