Dr. Francisco T. Duque III was sworn in as the Secretary of Health for the second time on 7 February 2018. Dr. Duque spent his career working in both public and private sectors, in various educational and civic institutions.

From 2001 to 2005, he was the Chief Executive Officer of the Philippine Insurance Health Corporation (PhilHealth). His leadership resulted to increase in the number of enrollments and strengthened benefits.

He assumed his first term as Secretary of Health from 2005 to 2010. His five-year stewardship of the Department of Health was marked by breakthroughs and milestones in public health care which earned high approval and satisfaction ratings. During his term, World Health Organization cited the Philippines for being one of only three nations with excellent risk communication strategies against AH1N1.

In 2010, he was appointed Chairman of the Civil Service Commission (CSC), later becoming Chairman of the Government Service Insurance System (GSIS) in 2017. He lost no time in charting a brighter, better course for the bureaucracy.

Barely one year after his appointment as GSIS Chairman, Dr. Duque was once again called to serve as Secretary of the Department of Health. Despite the many challenges, he continues to steer the much needed health reforms in the Philippines and lead to protect the health and well-being of every Filipino. In the words of President Rodrigo Duterte, “The DOH is run by one of the most competent doctors in the Philippines.” Siya ang inyong maaasahan na lingkod bayan.
Dr. Duque completed his medical degree from the esteemed Pontifical and Royal University of Santo Tomas (UST) and earned a Master of Science degree from Georgetown University in Washington, D.C. He subsequently took his Executive Education Program from the distinguished Harvard University School of Public Health. Most recently, Pangasinan State University and the University of Mindanao conferred him with a degree in Doctor of Humanities and Doctor of Science.