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The **Institute for International Programs** serves as *National Secretariat* for the **Health and Child Survival Fellows Program (H&CS Fellows Program)**. The program has as its objective the establishing and fostering of a cadre of field-experienced technical experts in child survival and international health. The program offers two-year fellowships in international health and child survival for junior and mid-level Fellows. The program's assignments are with the U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID), international health organizations and donor agencies, as well as with universities, Private Voluntary Organizations (PVOs) and governments. Through a separate agreement the Program also places Fellows with the Baltimore City Health Department. The USAID assignments are located at USAID headquarters in Washington, DC and in its overseas field operations.

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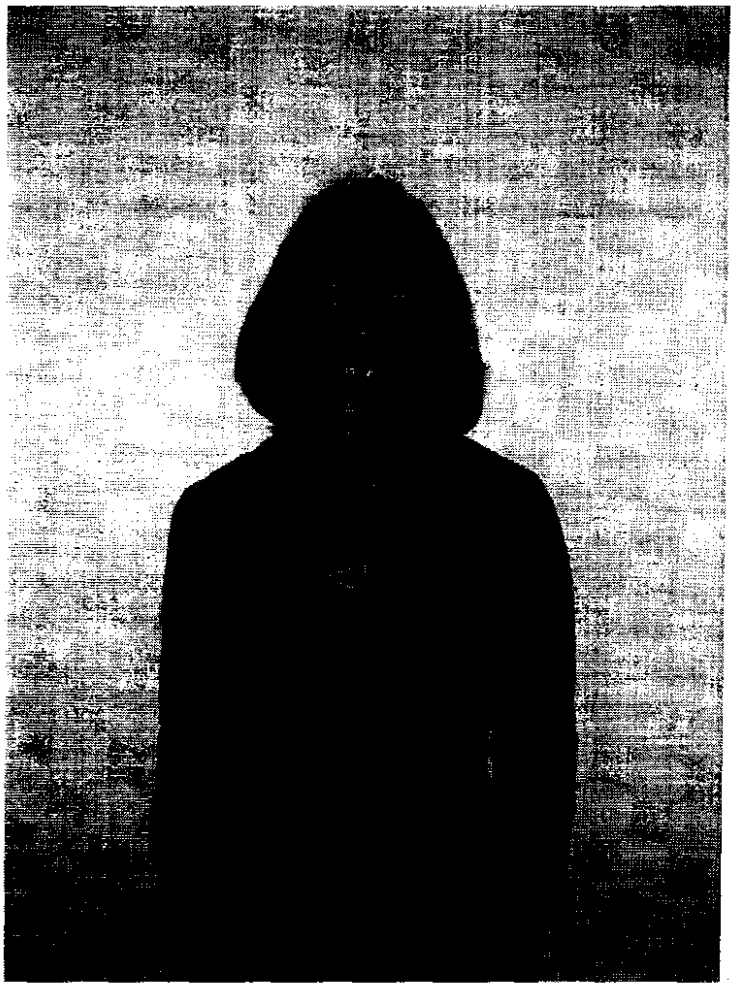
Introducing New H&CS Fellows and Interns



Lisa Kramer, MPH
HIV, TB & Infectious Diseases Advisor
USAID/Jakarta

Ms. Lisa M. Kramer serves as HIV and Infectious Diseases Advisor at USAID/Indonesia. She works with the mission's senior FSN team leader for HIV/AIDS and Infectious Diseases to guide, manage, and oversee the mission's program for HIV/AIDS prevention, malaria, TB, polio and other communicable diseases.

Ms. Kramer serves as technical advisor to the USAID/Indonesia's Strategic Objective for Health, Population and Nutrition, and take responsibility for achieving assigned immediate results.

Ms. Kramer functions as member of the HIV/AIDS and Infectious Diseases Team, including HIV/AIDS, malaria, tuberculosis and polio. As a member of the team she provides policy, strategic, technical, programming and budgetary guidance to USAID/Indonesia, government counterparts and implementing partners.

She assists USAID/Indonesia in implementation of the HPN component of the current USAID/Indonesia Transition Strategy (2001-2005), and participates in the strategic planning and conceptualization of the HPN components of the follow-on strategy (2004-2008). She advises the mission on technical aspects of HPN programming and assists with the formulation of strategies, policies and operational approaches for the various program components, specifically HIV AIDS, TB, malaria, polio, and other infectious disease issues as needed.

Ms. Kramer works in a technical supportive role with the Team Leader of the HIV AIDS and Infectious Disease component of the HPN Strategic Objective. This component manages one large cooperative agreement for HIV/AIDS; an activity with the Naval Medical Research Unit -2 (NAMRU-2) for malaria; and TB activities supported through a worldwide USAID cooperative agreement with the TB Coalition for Technical Assistance, managed by the Royal Dutch TB Association (KNCV). She also works in close collaboration with Government of Indonesia and local counterparts on these issues.

Ms. Kramer oversees implementation of the polio activities, as part of the Maternal Child Health team. These activities are implemented through a grant to WHO/SEARO, managed by Global Health Bureau/Office of Health/Polio Eradication Initiative.

In the context of a new 2004-2008 Country Strategic Plan, Ms. Kramer plays a supportive role in assisting relevant USAID and US Embassy staff in understanding and supporting these key initiatives; equally, she works within the Strategic Objective team to ensure that maximum program synergies and targeted results are achieved.

Ms. Kramer joined the Health and Child Survival Fellows Program in May 2004. She served as intern for care and support of persons living with HIV/AIDS, post-abortion care, and family planning with the Program for Appropriate Technology in Health (PATH) in Vietnam. She was also a Community Development Volunteer with the United States Peace Corps and the Government of Papua New Guinea. Ms. Kramer speaks Neo-Melanesian. She is also a certified family planning counselor. Ms. Kramer received her MPH from the University of California, Los Angeles.

Patricia J. Mengech, MPH
Africa Regional Program Advisor
USAID/GH/RCS

Ms. Patricia Mengech serves as Africa Regional Specialist to the Bureau for Global Health's (GH) Office of Regional and Country Support (RCS). One of the GH's six offices, RCS is responsible for representing USAID Missions in Washington and supporting their needs.

Ms. Mengech is the RCS backstop for USAID Missions in seven eastern and southern African countries (Djibouti, Eritrea, Kenya, Uganda, Malawi, Namibia, and Zambia), four of which are Presidential Initiative HIV/AIDS funding focus countries.

To support these Africa Missions, Ms. Mengech draws on her Africa public health programming experience to advocate Africa Mission field interests in Washington; ensure Africa Mission views are factored into GH decisions that impact the field; provide Missions with technical, management, and logistical assistance; provide strategic information and resources to Africa Missions; coordinate technical support to the field with GH offices and regional bureaus; and provide staff coverage for Missions during absences and peak work periods.

Ms. Mengech also supports and facilitates functioning of the Country Coordinator/Team system, the backbone of GH's approach to country support. In this capacity, she recruit Country Coordinators and provides them with orientation and ongoing support. Ms. Mengech plans to serve as Country Coordinator or Alternate for several Africa Missions.

In coordination with the other Africa RCS team members, Ms. Mengech serves as GH/RCS liaison with Africa Bureau counterparts to ensure a coordinated effort toward country and regional work and to identify and meet priority sectoral needs.

Ms. Mengech also serves as the RCS Africa Team point person on HIV/AIDS issues, attending HIV/AIDS-related meetings and presentations, maintaining currency on technical developments

and USAID guidance and policies in HIV/AIDS, and reporting salient points back to the RCS Africa Team.

Ms. Mengech brings to RCS and the Fellows Program numerous years of experience working in public health in Africa. She has experience in a range of areas including family planning and reproductive health, HIV/AIDS, corporate social responsibility and workplace programs, social marketing, provider networks and franchising, and community-based health financing. Patricia recently held the position of Senior Program Manager for Africa on the Commercial Market Strategies (CMS) project, the Office of Population and Reproductive Health's flagship private-sector project. At CMS, Patricia provided strategic direction, supervision, and support to CMS programs and projects in Ghana, Uganda, and Namibia. Patricia also has worked for Population Services International, backstopping programs in Asia, for Family Planning International Assistance's Africa Regional Office in Nairobi, Kenya where she oversaw programs in Kenya, Ethiopia, Uganda, Malawi, Nigeria, and Sudan and for the African Medical and Research Foundation, where she worked on gender and development issues. She is proficient in Kiswahili and has a working knowledge of French.

Ms. Mengech received her MPH from Johns Hopkins University. Her undergraduate studies were at Dartmouth.

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H&CS Fellows

Sharon Arscott-Mills, MPH
Child Survival Grants Program Advisor
USAID/GH/HIDN/NUT

As a technical advisor to the Child Survival and Health Grants program (CSHGP), Sharon Arscott-Mills participated in the CSHGP Mini University held at Johns Hopkins University in Baltimore in early June. This was also the venue for the USAID review and approval of detailed implementation plans (DIPs) submitted by Private Voluntary Organizations (PVOs) that were awarded funding for FY 2004.

Project monitoring has involved site visits to two Child Survival programs in Nepal over the last quarter. Each of these programs faces a variety of challenges of program implementation in resource poor and conflict affected settings. Each also has documented successful achievements. One of these is now implementing a four year Expanded Impact program scaling up successful child and maternal health interventions from the first cycle of funding. During her visit to Nepal, she also participated in a workshop examining the application of the Child Survival Sustainability Assessment tool to the USAID Nepal Mission funded programs.

During this past quarter, Sharon was also involved in developing a scope of work for a technical support contract for the CSHGP team and in finalizing the review process resulting from the 2004 Request for Applications for the Grants Program.

Sharon represents USAID and contributes to three working groups of the Collaborations and Resources Group (CORE Group): HIV/AIDS, Monitoring and Evaluation, and Safe Motherhood/Reproductive Health. She is involved in the Task Force for the review and updating of the Knowledge, Practices and Coverage Survey. This Survey tool is used by partners for quantitative baseline assessments. She also participates in the Faith Based Initiative task force within the Global Health Bureau and the Task Force for Orphans and Vulnerable Children.

Joan Atkinson, MPH
HIV/AIDS/STI Technical Advisor
USAID/Barbados

Ms Joan Atkinson serves as HIV/AIDS Technical Advisor to USAID's Caribbean Regional Program on HIV/AIDS. She played a major role in the design of and is now overseeing the implementation of the regional HIV/AIDS program and provides technical and managerial assistance with those programs. Ms. Atkinson also played a key technical role in the development/design of the continuing HIV/AIDS/STI Prevention and Control program with the Ministry of Health in Jamaica. Ms. Atkinson is currently assisting with the design of USAID's 2005-2009 HIV/AIDS strategy for both the bilateral HIV/AIDS Program in Jamaica as well as the Caribbean Regional Program. She worked with other stakeholders in preparing a regional submission to the Global Fund on AIDS, TB, and Malaria. The regional program necessitates that Ms. Atkinson works closely with regional organizations such as CARICOM, CAREC, and the University of the West Indies, as well as with other donors such as the CDC, CIDA and the EU.

In August 2003, Ms. Atkinson transferred her duty post from USAID Jamaica to USAID/Barbados.

Stacey Ballou, ND, RN
Child Health Advisor Fellow
USAID/GH/HIDN/MCH

Dr. Stacey Ballou serves as a Child Health Advisor Fellow to the Maternal and Child Health Division in the Health, Infectious Disease and Nutrition Office. Dr. Ballou assists the Maternal and Child Health Division to provide programmatic and technical support to child survival and maternal health programs, focusing on immunization activities including strengthening routine immunization systems and disease control initiatives. She also assists the Worldwide Polio Eradication Coordinator to provide programmatic oversight of four grants funded by the Office.

Dr. Ballou traveled to India this quarter as an external observer to the national polio immunization campaign. She had the opportunity to work with NGO partners and USAID mission field staff in the state of Uttar Pradesh participating in door to door campaign activities. Dr. Ballou also met with partner organizations such as WHO and UNICEF to discuss NGO activities and potential improvement of service delivery for hard to reach communities. While in India Dr. Ballou met with the WHO Immunization Technical Advisor supported by USAID Washington and discussed routine immunization systems issues and WHO/MOH India plans for strengthening routine immunization delivery.

Dr. Ballou was chosen as a Co-country Coordinator for the Washington based Sudan country team and also serves Alternate Coordinator for the REDSO (Regional Economic and Development Strategic Office) East Africa team. She worked with the new Sudan field office in the creation and

award of the Sudan Health Transformation Program. Dr. Ballou traveled to Kenya to assist the Sudan Field Office, in collaboration with Sudanese counterparts, in technical deliberations for the new health program. Dr. Ballou has also been working with the Sudan Field Office and the Sudan team from the Office of Foreign Disaster Assistance (OFDA) to plan transition linkages between OFDA programs and the new developmental health program.

Now that TASC II is fully functional, Dr. Ballou is assisting the CTO with technical assistance to the project and will work with USAID missions in the creation of TASC Scopes of Work and the technical review process. Dr. Ballou has already assisted with the successful completion of the TASC order for injection safety in collaboration with the Office of HIV/AIDS.

Christopher G. Barrett, MSc
Infectious Diseases and HIV-AIDS Fellow
USAID/India

Mr. Christopher Barrett serves as the Infectious Disease and HIV/AIDS Fellow at the USAID mission in India. Mr. Barrett assists the Mission and its external partners to accomplish programmatic objectives defined under the Mission's Strategic Objective (SO) #14: Improved health and reduced fertility in targeted areas of India. The ID/HIV portfolio in India is comprised of activities in HIV/AIDS prevention and control, polio eradication, tuberculosis control, applied epidemiological research, support for surveillance system development and integration, and cross-border malaria drug studies.

Mr. Barrett provides technical and managerial assistance to the Mission's Infectious Disease interventions. Mr. Barrett coordinates and monitors support to the TB control and Polio eradication portfolios. He serves as the Mission's point-person for applied epidemiological research, ID/HIV intervention performance monitoring, investments into support for the national surveillance system development, and provides technical and managerial support to the India Clinical Epidemiological Network (IndiaCLEN) activity. He helps to develop strategies, results frameworks and performance monitoring plans for the ID Team and promote cross linkages to other SO teams.

Mr. Barrett provides technical input for the design and implementation of behavioral, mapping, and health care provider surveys which support the HIV-AIDS bilateral projects of APAC (Tamil Nadu), and AVERT (Maharashtra). He works closely with USAID/ Washington to provide technical and managerial support to the Mission's interests in implementing Directly Observed Treatment (short course) therapy for TB control in targeted states. Recently he attended the 34th International Union Against TB and Lung Disease World Conference on Lung Health. Mr. Barrett also provides technical and managerial support to the Mission's partnership in the Polio Eradication Initiative – supporting acute flaccid paralysis surveillance, social mobilization, and communication activities. Mr. Barrett is the Mission's technical representative at special joint UNICEF-WHO meetings regarding Polio Eradication and Vaccine Preventable Diseases. He

provides technical and managerial assistance to the Mission's contribution to WHO and IndiaCLEN for surveillance system development. He is working with other donors and Ministry of Health colleagues to further define USAID support for surveillance system strengthening one in or two states and nationally. Surveillance activities extend to cross-border collaborations with the Malaria Research Center within the framework of the WHO South-Asia Surveillance Network for Malaria Drug Resistance. Mr. Barrett is an active IndiaCLEN Governing Body and Institutional Review Board member and provides technical skills to the organization's activities. He helps define research priorities and develop a 5-year plan for applied Indo-US research in child survival and infectious disease.

Judy Canahuati, M.Phil.
MCHN & HIV Technical Advisor
USAID/DCHA/FFP/PTD

Ms. Judy Canahuati serves as Maternal and Child Health, Nutrition and HIV-AIDS Technical Advisor PL 480-Title II - Office of Food for Peace in the Bureau for Democracy, Conflict and Humanitarian Assistance. In this position, as well as working with country back-stop officers on Development Assistance and Emergency proposals and implementation, she serves on USAID Working Groups focusing on HIV, Nutrition and Food Security as well as on those working with the World Food Program (WFP) on nutrition and HIV-related issues. She has also been involved in a number of interoffice/sector coordinating meetings. She is also involved in FFP monitoring and evaluation Working groups.

In the past quarter, in addition to continuing her orientation to both USAID and FFP's work, Ms. Canahuati has participated in a number of events, including the Standing Committee on Nutrition Annual meeting, the Food Aid Consultative Group meeting, the CORE Spring Meeting (where she is involved with both the HIV/AIDS and Nutrition Working Groups) and the World Food Program Executive Board Meeting, where she provided technical assistance to FFP in developing the USG position on integrating nutrition into WFP's programs. She has participated in the finalizing of the monitoring and evaluation sections of the new Food for Peace Strategy and in reviewing and providing feedback to FFP's NGO partners on their Development Assistance Proposals for FY2005-09. In addition, she has participated in several technical events including meetings on HIV and Pharmaceuticals, reviews of HIV and Nutrition and the review of the Southern Africa Regional HIV strategy.

As part of the Commodity Reference Guide technical team, she has reviewed several new commodity proposals and participated in a working group developing guidance for USAID missions in using breast milk substitutes for infants of HIV positive women. As part of a multi-sectoral WG on HIV, food and nutrition (OHA, GH, FFP, Africa Bureau, and FANTA), she has been coordinating the review of the WFP Protracted Relief Proposal for Southern Africa for work in high-prevalence HIV areas. Current activities of this WG include the development of principles for food-assisted programming in regions affected by HIV/AIDS and guidelines on

incorporation of food and nutrition in HIV prevention, treatment and care and support for the State Global AIDS Coordinator (S/GAC). Ms. Canahuati has begun work on a matrix that will allow FFP to track the resources that are invested in HIV prevention, care and support. The information that she has been collecting from FFP's partner NGOs on their FY03 activities provided input to the working group supporting the USAID Administrator in preparing testimony for recent Senate hearings on HIV and hunger.

In the next quarter, Ms. Canahuati expects to participate in the Food Aid Manager's Course as both attendee and presenter on HIV/AIDS, in the CEDPA Essential Training for PHN and Education Advisors course and on working with WFP to prepare the Southern Africa PRRO for presentation at the next WFP Executive BOD meeting. In addition, Ms. Canahuati will work on a newsletter for FFP HQ and field officers on HIV and nutrition as well as continuing her participation in inter-sectoral and interagency working groups on HIV and nutrition which includes the above-mentioned groups as well as a coordinating group between the offices of DCHA and GH.

Robin Collen-Zellers, MPH
Adolescent and Reproductive Health Advisor
Baltimore City Health Department
Division of Maternal and Child Health
Bureau of Adolescent and Reproductive Health

Ms. Robin Collen-Zellers serves as Adolescent and Reproductive Health Advisor to the Baltimore City Health Department, Bureau of Adolescent and Reproductive Health (ARH). Ms. Collen-Zellers provides technical and managerial assistance to the Baltimore City Health Department's efforts to prevent unplanned and adolescent pregnancy in the city.

In collaboration with public health leaders and the staff of the Bureau of Adolescent and Reproductive Health, Ms. Collen-Zellers will help develop initiatives and policies to reduce unplanned and adolescent pregnancy and improve reproductive health care for women and men in Baltimore City. She will provide leadership to ARH, ensuring oversight and development of staff, fiscal management, compliance with regulations and quality assurance/improvement. She will also work to enhance coordination between the MCH Division/Bureau of ARH of the Baltimore City Health Department and other programs and agencies working on reproductive health and teen pregnancy prevention in the city.

Ms. Collen-Zellers will identify and obtain new resources to improve access to reproductive health services and to reduce unplanned and adolescent pregnancy in the city, working with outside agencies, foundations and other funders, and writing grant proposals. She will assist with the design and implementation of measures to assess the effectiveness of reproductive health services in the city. She will compile information on evidence-based teen pregnancy reduction and reproductive health improvement strategies as needed. She will, also work to facilitate the liaison

between the Bureau of Adolescent and Reproductive Health/Maternal and Child Health Division and its family planning program subcontractors.

Ms. Collen-Zellers will represent the MCH Division and Assistant Commissioner at interagency meetings related to adolescent and reproductive health. She will review and provide comments on proposed State legislation related to maternal and child health for the Commissioner of Health, Mayor and City Council as needed.

Ms. Collen-Zellers comes to the Health and Child Survival Fellows Program from the New Hampshire Department of Health and Human Services where she served as Bureau of Maternal and Child Health Special Projects Coordinator. She was responsible for development and implementation of New Hampshire's Bureau of Maternal and Child Health's teen pregnancy prevention initiatives.

Bradley A. Cronk, MPH, MIA
Health Policy Analyst
USAID/PPC/P

Mr. Bradley Cronk serves as Health Policy Analyst to USAID/PPC/P. Mr. Cronk analyzes, evaluates and clarifies USAID policies and strategies in Child Survival, HIV/AIDS and Infectious Diseases, and Reproductive Health. Mr. Cronk provides technical and operational assistance in the development and implementation of USAID's PHN program and project activities at AID/W and overseas. He has reviewed mission documentation submitted to AID/W, such as Strategic Plans, Annual Reports, and sectoral or activity-related documents, and has provided input into PPC Bureau and/or Agency reviews of such documents. As the primary PHN specialist reviewing Country Strategies in the PPC Bureau, Mr. Cronk has provided input on a number of Country Strategies this quarter. Mr. Cronk also has been available to serve as a health specialist to LAC teams, and provided technical and managerial support to the Global Health Bureau.

In addition to the above routine duties as a PHN specialist in PPC, this quarter Mr. Cronk has focused attention on the annual update of the Child Survival and Health (CSH) Program Funds Guidance and further refinement of a policy paper promoting a cross-sectoral approach to fighting HIV/AIDS. As coordinator of the writing, production and distribution of the annual update of the CSH Program Funds Guidance, Mr. Cronk monitors and analyzes policy and legislative provisions affecting CSH funds, and serves as a contact both in Washington and for missions' queries regarding CSH programming compliance. The 2004 Update of the CSH Program Funds Guidance is nearly complete and will soon be sent for final Agency clearance, publication and dissemination.

Mr. Cronk this quarter has continued in his role as the principal researcher, coordinator and writer to draft a policy paper promoting a cross-sectoral approach to fighting HIV/AIDS. In the past quarter, the paper has been disseminated to key stakeholders/reviewers within the Agency. Mr.

Cronk has worked in consultation with policy and technical specialists to refine the draft in preparation for Agency clearances, and will assist with its promotion and wider distribution.

Kelly Fynn-Saldana, MPH, MPIA
Public Health Advisor
USAID/LAC/RSD-PHN

Ms. Kelly Flynn-Saldana serves as Public Health Advisor to USAID's Bureau for Latin America and the Caribbean, Office of Regional and Sustainable Development (LAC/RSD).

Ms. Flynn-Saldana provides technical and managerial assistance in the oversight of LAC Regional Population, Health and Nutrition Programs, with special reference to health systems reform and strengthening and other assigned technical areas, including technical oversight of implementing partners, such as PAHO and GH Bureau Cooperating Agencies. Specifically, she works on the LAC Health Sector Reform Initiative – a partnership of USAID and PAHO which is implemented by PAHO and 4 USAID funded projects.

During this quarter, Ms. Flynn-Saldana has been involved in the development of a health survey in Ecuador, this comprehensive survey will focus on reproductive health behaviors and outcomes as well as household use of health services. It will be the first survey of its kind that collects information on expenditures in order to more accurately describe population income levels and the percent of income spent on health. She spent a week long TDY in Ecuador to participate in the pre-test of the survey and liaise with donors and cooperating agencies on the resulting modifications to the survey methodology. Additionally, Ms. Flynn-Saldana attended the EuroLAC conference in Brazil where the LAC Health Sector Reform Initiative sponsored a booth at the tools fair to showcase their work. Ms. Flynn-Saldana and her counterpart from the Pan American Health Organization were interviewed by the Health Channel for this event.

Finally, Ms. Flynn-Saldana spent time this quarter negotiating the health reform part of a new three year grant with the Pan American Health Organization. She also worked with CAs and other global agencies on the design of a new project in the area of health information systems in the region.

Mary J. Freyder, MPH
HIV-AIDS Monitoring, Evaluation and Reporting Fellow
USAID/GH/HIV-AIDS/PER

Ms. Mary J. Freyder serves as a member of the Planning, Evaluation and Reporting Division (Office of HIV/AIDS) to provide broad HIV/AIDS-related expertise and guidance in program evaluation and monitoring. She works to strengthen USAID's ability to monitor program

implementation, document results, and assess program impact of USAID's strategic objective to reduce HIV transmission and mitigate the impact of the disease on nations, communities and families. She also works as a member of the USAID HIV M&E Team to support the strategic information needs of the President's Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief. Ms.Freyder assists Implementing Agencies, PVOs, NGOs, other U.S. government agencies, multi-lateral and other international and domestic donors, in the design and implementation of cost-effective and relevant evaluation and monitoring systems. She assists agencies design program activities that have a sustainable impact on the reduction of HIV/AIDS transmission and the mitigation of the epidemic's effects. Ms. Freyder co-leads, with the Center for Disease Control, the Health Management Information Systems Working Group for the Global AIDS Coordinator's (GAC) Office. She also co-leads the Surveillance Working group for the GAC Office. She provides technical assistance to USAID missions and regional bureaus in the design of monitoring and evaluation systems and implementation of program evaluations. Ms. Freyder is also the GAC Strategic Information Advisor to the country team that manages the Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief in Guyana.

"In recognition for her exceptional performance in strengthening HIV/AIDS monitoring and evaluation systems, ably representing USAID on the M&E Presidential Initiative work stream and providing much appreciated help to missions as diverse as Ghana to Guyana." The Bureau for Global Health presented Ms. Freyder with an "Above and Beyond" award.

Amanda J. Gibbons, PhD, MPH
Advisor for Mother to Child Transmission and
HIV/AIDS Care and Technical Support
USAID/GH/HIV/AIDS

Dr. Gibbons serves as the technical advisor for Mother to Child Transmission and HIV/AIDS Care and Support in the Office of HIV/AIDS. She provides support to USAID's implementation of interventions to prevent mother to child transmission of HIV (MTCT) and to HIV/AIDS care and support services. Dr. Gibbons provides technical assistance and scientific updates to USAID overseas missions to design and implement interventions to prevent MTCT and community and facility-based HIV/AIDS care programs. Dr. Gibbons serves as liaison to regional bureaus on coordination of MTCT and Care activities. She also coordinates with key external partners in the Care and MTCT fields including other U.S. government agencies, and international partners such as UNICEF, WHO, and UNAIDS.

In the past quarter, Dr. Gibbons provided technical assistance to USAID missions in Zimbabwe, Tanzania, Nigeria, and Namibia in the development of their HIV/AIDS strategies. She coordinated a meeting of health officers from both USAID and CDC (Centers for Disease Control and Prevention) who are working in the fourteen countries prioritized by President Bush's Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief. This meeting was the first of its kind, and convened field health officers from the different agencies to coordinate a collaborative approach to HIV/AIDS programming.

Further, she coordinated interagency activities to provide technical assistance to the Presidential initiative countries. The agencies involved included USAID, Department for Health and Human Services (including CDC, HRSA, and NIH), Department of State, and the White House Office of National AIDS Policy.

Dr. Gibbons presented at the Synergy/University of Washington Essential Course in Seattle, Washington and at the Elizabeth Glaser Pediatric AIDS Foundation Call To Action conference in Cape Town, South Africa. She also presented for the USAID Regional Country Support speaker series.

Dr. Gibbons participates in the monthly interagency meetings to discuss coordination of President Bush's International Mother and Child HIV Prevention Initiative. She provides overall coordination for the interagency technical groups ("workstreams") which provide guidance for initiative activities on budgeting, communications, human resources, monitoring and evaluation, procurement, and services delivery.

Dr. Gibbons acts as the technical advisor for two USAID cooperative agreements – the Elizabeth Glaser Pediatric AIDS Foundation and the Columbia University MTCT Plus Program. Both organizations are new USAID implementing partners, and Dr. Gibbons was instrumental in the initiation of these agreements.

Thomas A. Hall, MPH
Child Survival and Health Grants Program Advisor
USAID/GH/HIDN/NUT

Thomas Hall serves as Child Survival and Health Grants Program Advisor to the Office of Health, Infectious Diseases and Nutrition. He assists in strengthening the contributions of and expanding the involvement of U.S. Private Voluntary Organizations (PVOs) with USAID's Child Survival and other programs by advising on policy and program issues related to the centrally funded Child Survival and Health Grants Program. Mr. Hall participates in the review of the Child Survival and Health Grants Applications and ensures consistent application of Agency policy determinations, grant-award criteria and operational policy and guidelines in the review process, as well as guides the process to ensure timely responses. Mr. Hall advises PVOs on Agency policies, priorities, practices and procedures regarding USAID funding for institutional development, management services and/or multi-country development programs under the Child Survival and Health Grants Program. Additionally, Mr. Hall assists with the development, coordination and analysis of Agency relationships with the international health community. He assists with collaboration with other Agency bureaus, offices and missions in recommending, implementing and monitoring policies and procedures regarding PVOs with child survival programs. He assists with the development and monitoring of training programs especially designed for the benefit of PVOs funded through CSHG programs, particularly as they pertain to USAID grant policies, proposal development, program design and general USAID funding eligibility requirements. Moreover, he

assists in coordinating expert technical consultation, both within and outside USAID, to ensure technical/administrative soundness of PVO project-design. He provides guidance to PVOs in grant management and in interpreting and analyzing USAID policy statements regarding USAID PVO relationships in areas of health and child survival. Finally, Mr. Hall monitors, evaluates and advises on the status, progress and implementation of USAID funded PVO child survival and health projects, by traveling to PVO headquarters and field sites as needed. In the past year, he has traveled to Kenya, Madagascar, Ethiopia, Ghana, and Yemen to visit several on-going, PVO programs, and has trips to Burundi, Ghana, Kyrgyzstan and Tajikistan planned in the near future. He also, spent three weeks in Djibouti, helping the new USAID program start with the design of its $12,000,000 health program, as part of his country coordinator responsibilities. Included in Mr. Hall's travel to visit programs, he has also participated in an international malaria control conference sponsored by WHO, and several PVO conferences related to the CORE Group, as well as numerous training workshops in nutrition, program sustainability, in addition to monitoring and evaluation.

Tom Hall in Djibouti

Stephen A. Lee, MD
HIV/STI Infectious Diseases Advisor
USAID/E&E/DGST/ST

Dr. Stephen Lee serves as Infectious Diseases Advisor to The Bureau for Europe and Eurasia, Office of Democracy, Governance and Social Transition.

Dr. Lee assists the Bureau for Europe & Eurasia in strengthening evidence-based programming of infectious disease prevention and control activities throughout the countries of Europe and Eurasia. He develops other concepts, rationale, materials and tools that might influence decision-makers in the E&E region to better support programs to control HIV/AIDS in the region. This requires close liaison with the Bureau of Global Health and includes implementing a computer model, in collaboration with the National Institute of Drug Abuse (NIDA), to test different prevention strategies prior to full field implementation.

Dr. Lee is a key liaison person between the E&E Bureau Social Transition Team and the Bureau for Global Health and the E&E Regional Support Center in Budapest. He provides technical assistance to Missions on issues related to the Global Fund for HIV/AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria. Serving as liaison with other donors and organizations including CDC, NIH, NIDA NGOs/PVOs and WHO he facilitates coordination of policies, approaches, and programs with respect to infectious disease programs, ensuring that USAID's concerns regarding building local capacity are appropriately reflected in these discussions.

Dr. Lee assists the Bureau by analyzing and mapping the development of infectious diseases, especially the HIV/AIDS, tuberculosis and STI epidemics in the region. He analyzes data on the magnitude and reach of the HIV/AIDS epidemic in the E&E Region including the collection and synthesis of quantitative and qualitative data on people with HIV and AIDS, by country, age, gender, and etiology of HIV infection. Determine whether the epidemic has expanded from high-risk populations to broader, mainstream populations.

Dr. Lee provides scientific technical guidance on the prevention and control of infectious diseases, specifically in the technical design, evaluation and monitoring of HIV/AIDS, STI and tuberculosis programs. He analyzes data on the STI epidemic in the region. This involves the synthesis of quantitative and qualitative data on STI's, including congenital syphilis. He monitors and evaluates programs in the region for the syndromic management of STIs. He analyzes data on the HIV/TB co-infection issue in the region. This involves close collaboration with the Centers for Disease Control in Atlanta, Georgia and USAID's Bureau of Global Health.

Dr. Lee gave a presentation at our Auxiliary Meeting at the Global Health Council Annual Meeting in Washington, DC in June 2004.

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Abdirahman Mohamed, MD
Child Survival, Nutrition and Malaria Advisor,
USAID/Zambia

Dr. Mohamed serves as USAID/Zambia lead technical expert in Child Survival, Nutrition and Malaria activities.
Dr. Mohamed serves as the coordinator and primary technical resource for the implementation and monitoring/evaluation of USAID's child survival, nutrition and malaria programs. He serves as the mission's liaison with GRZ, other donors, and PVOs working in child survival, nutrition and malaria. He serves as the USAID/Zambia liaison with USAID/Washington and its cooperating agencies to identify needs for technical assistance from USAID/W in the area of child survival, nutrition and malaria and coordinates its implementation with GRZ, all the USAID cooperating agencies, PVOs, and other donors.

In March, Dr. Mohamed participated a consultative workshop on harmonization of food fortification in the Commonwealth Regional Health Secretariat for East, Central and Southern Africa. He presented Zambia's experience in the vitamin A fortification of sugar and in addition mechanisms used for monitoring the contribution of vitamin A fortified sugar to lowering the deficiency levels nationally.

During the recent outbreak of cholera in Zambia, Dr. Mohamed worked with his counterparts in the Ministry of Health/Central Board of Health, CDC, and USAID bilateral partners, Zambia Integrated Health Program (ZIHP), in developing mechanisms to reduce morbidity and mortality throughout the country.
To mount a vigorous awareness campaign against cholera, Dr. Mohamed provided technical assistance to ZHIP/COMM in the production of generic mass media messages to contain the outbreak.

Dr. Mohamed provided technical assistance in the development of a National Malaria Communication Strategy. The overall goal of the communication strategy is to reduce malaria morbidity and mortality through behavior change. It seeks to strengthen the capacity to implement integrated community- based interventions for positive and sustained behavior change.

Dr. Mohamed gave a presentation at our Auxiliary Meeting at the Global Health Council Annual Meeting in Washington, DC in June 2004.

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Monique A. Mosolf, MSW, MPH
Vitamin A/Micronutrients Program Coordinator
USAID/GH/HIDN/CS

Ms. Monique A. Mosolf serves as the principle coordinator and liaison for USAID's Enhanced Vitamin A Effort (VITA). She serves as the Agency's lead contact, working with other USAID Bureaus, the field missions and various international agencies such as UNICEF, the World Bank and WHO. Ms Mosolf provides technical oversight of the day-to-day movement of the initiative, setting the agenda for VITA coordination meetings, assigning and following up actions, and facilitating discussion that promote Vitamin A interventions. Because the VITA initiative is unique in its partnership between public and private sector, Ms. Mosolf facilitates and promotes a productive working relationship with key representatives from the food industry, food processors and manufacturers, and pharmaceutical companies. Ms. Mosolf serves as a technical advisor and facilitator for GAIN, the Global Alliance for Improved Nutrition, a new global entity with food fortification for enhancement of nutritional status as its priority. She facilitates and participates in discussions associated with fortification technologies, establishment of quality control systems for production and distribution processes, and legislation and enforcement procedures. Through GAIN, she works with food and pharmaceutical multinational companies to launch public-private partnerships at a country level. In addition to fortification, Ms Mosolf also monitors and promotes the global vitamin A supplementation programs supported by USAID. This includes working with USAID implementing agencies to track vitamin A capsule programs in the 20 VITA-focus countries.

Patricia Ann Paine, D. Litt. et. Phil, MSc, MSc
HIV/AIDS/TB Technical Advisor
USAID/Brazil

Dr. Patricia Paine serves as HIV/AIDS/TB Technical Advisor to the USAID mission in Brazil. Dr. Paine assists the Mission and its external partners to accomplish programmatic objectives defined under the Mission's Strategic Objective (SO) #7, Transmission of Selected Communicable Diseases Reduced in Target Areas. Her activities are centered on IR 7.2, Increased Use of Directly Observed Treatment Short-Course Strategy for Tuberculosis (DOTS) in those areas where the disease burden of tuberculosis is highest.

Recently Dr. Paine worked together with the Brazilian National Tuberculosis Control Program (NTP) and a Brazilian non-governmental organization, BEMFAM, to initiate DOTS in the greater Recife metropolitan area. This was the first time that an ONG collaborated directly with the NTP in TB activities. This project was well received by the Brazilian Ministry of Health (MOH) and will serve as a model for other metropolitan areas. Currently Dr. Paine is working together with the MOH, CDC and PAHO to organize an international course in Operational Research for Tuberculosis to be given in the month of June. This course will help build capacity in monitoring and evaluation among TB professionals form several Latin American countries. At this time, Dr.

Paine is assisting the MOH to draw up work plans for the Tuberculosis Coalition for Technical Assistance (TBCTA) project which includes laboratory strengthening, capacity building at the national, state and municipal levels and technical supervision.

Billy Pick, JD, MSW
HIV/AIDS and STD Advisor
USAID/ANE/SPOTS

Mr. Billy Pick serves as HIV/AIDS and STD Advisor to the Asia Near East Bureau. He provides technical and managerial assistance to the design, monitoring and evaluation of USAID's STD and HIV-AIDS programs, projects and initiatives within the Asia and Near East region. He assists in the management, implementation and evaluation of the ANE Regional HIV/AIDS and Infectious Disease Project. He monitors HIV/AIDS and STD trends, programmatic activities and developments in the ANE region. Mr. Pick provides technical support to USAID overseas missions on the design and implementation of interventions to prevent the spread of HIV/AIDS. He serves as liaison to the USAID's Bureau of Global Health on technical issues and on regional developments and issues. Mr. Pick assists with coordination of HIV/AIDS and STD activities. He also serves in a liaison capacity with cooperating agencies, international organizations, non-governmental organizations, private sector and other organizations working on HIV-AIDS/STD issues in the region.

This past quarter, Mr. Pick went on TDY to Thailand work with the Regional Development Mission/Asia in allocating FY04 funds for specific activities in Vietnam, Laos, Burma, China, Papua New Guinea and the Mekong Region. In Bangkok, he met with representatives from FHI Asia Regional Office, the CORE Initiative, UNAIDS/SEAPICT staff, and POLICY Project. He traveled to China to attend a workshop on a cross-border project for IDU on the Vietnam/China border. He also went on TDY to Indonesia to conduct an update on the implementation of the HIV/AIDS strategic plan. Mr. Pick also attended the International Harm Reduction Conference in Melbourne where he met with a variety of country representatives, international donors, UN representatives, and implementing agencies on the issue of intervention related to IDU. Mr. Pick participated on working groups dealing with the Expanded Response to the HIV/AIDS epidemic, worked on budget submissions for FY 04 and 05, and helped coordinate the ANE Annual Report Health Portfolio Review process. He also met with other bilaterals and multilaterals including CIDA and the World Bank, as well as with USAID and Embassy TDY staff from the ANE region. He also participated in planning for USAID participation in the International HIV/AIDS Conference.

John C. Quinley, M.D., MPH, ScD
Child Survival Advisor
USAID/Nepal

Dr. John Quinley serves as the Health and Child Survival Advisor to USAID/Nepal. Dr. Quinley provides technical and administrative oversight to the USAID/Nepal supported public health programs, policies, initiatives and activities, specifically in the areas of child health, maternal health, infectious disease and health sector reform. Dr. Quinley works with USAID, Government of Nepal (GON), other donors, NGOs, and staff of the "Nepal Family Health Program" (NFHP), the USAID/Nepal family planning and maternal and child health bilateral activity. Dr. Quinley provides technical oversight to the USAID/Washington BHR-funded Child Survival Grants including Mission response to proposals and technical guidance during implementation and evaluation.

In the last quarter John Quinley participated in a PLAN Child Survival Project mid-term evaluation with a trip to Bara district, including a visit to an innovative "Pregnant women's group" intervention in which community volunteers lead pregnant women through pre-natal preparations using PRA local mapping and sticker techniques. He assisted with a Child Survival Technical Service (CSTS) consultancy and workshop on sustainability in USAID health programming (beyond child survival projects). USAID Nepal ideas for modification of infectious disease programming were discussed with USAID Washington visitors and a new pilot hygiene (point of use water treatment) initiative was agreed on with UNICEF, as an add-on to ongoing work in handwashing promotion through a public-private partnership. First steps were taken on planning for an integrated community level maternal-newborn care pilot, trying to bring together international expertise and experience in Nepal.

Bryn A. Sakagawa, MIM, MPH
Health Systems Advisor
USAID/GH/HIDN/HS

Ms. Bryn Sakagawa serves as Health Systems Technical Advisor and provides HIDN and the Office of HIV/AIDS (OHA) with technical and managerial assistance in health reform, human capacity development (HCD) and resource allocation.

For the Health Systems Division, Ms. Sakagawa leads new activities and provides oversight of the Partners for Health Reform*plus* Project (PHR*plus*). As part of the CTO team for PHR*plus*, she worked closely with Poptech to coordinate and manage the assessment of PHR*plus*. For new activities, Ms. Sakagawa worked with colleagues across the Bureau for Global Health and with contractors to develop and organize a March health systems training course for NEP and IDI classes. The second health systems training is scheduled for June 2004

In HIV/AIDS, Ms. Sakagawa provides technical assistance to Washington and the field. In Washington, Ms. Sakagawa assists OHA and the State Department's Global AIDS Coordinator's Office to think through and develop HCD frameworks and strategies. She also helped to identify and bring together key implementing agencies who are addressing human capacity issues in

scaling up ART in low resource settings. Last February, she participated in the review of the joint USAID-HRSA Twinning Center procurement, an initiative designed to support partnerships between US-based organizations and host-country organizations to strengthen human and organizational capacity in the implementation of the President's PMTCT Initiative.

Ms Sakagawa's assistance to the field included participating on a team to develop an interim HIV/AIDS strategy for the Mekong Region for USAID's new Regional Development Mission/Asia (RDM/A) in January. This strategy will provide a framework for bringing together and coordinating RDM/A's activities in six countries as well as designing and implementing new regional activities. More recently, at the request of the USAID/India mission, she participated in an HIV counseling and testing assessment to inform the design of on-going and future VCT activities. USAID/India hopes to use the assessment findings to rapidly scale-up VCT if India is chosen to be the 15th Emergency Plan country.

Ms. Sakagawa's professional development activities included participating in the World Bank's *Conference on Reaching the Poor with Effective Health, Nutrition, and Population Services: What Works, What Doesn't, and Why* in Washington, DC and the EUROLAC Forum in Recife, Brazil. In June, she attended the Global Health Council conference in Washington DC and participated in the mid-year meeting of APHA's International Health Section.

Matthew U. Sattah, MSc, MPH
Knowledge Management Advisor
USAID/GH/HIDN/HS

Matthew Sattah advises the Bureau for Global Health in matters pertaining to knowledge management and the applications of Information Technology. He also serves as the Global Health Bureau's technical representative to the Agency's "Knowledge for Development" subcommittee. The following are highlights of his activities and accomplishments.

Matthew assisted a team of trainers and consultants in designing and implementing a three-day workshop for "Knowledge for Development" (KfD) coordinators at the mission level. The workshop intends to educate the KfD coordinators on KM approaches and to provide the knowledge and tools for integrating KM components into the existing country strategy. The team has conducted the first workshop at the Regional Center for Southern Africa (Gaborone, Botswana) in March.

As the Bureau for Global Health technical representative to the Knowledge for Development (KfD) Subcommittee under BTEC (Business Transformation Executive Committee), Matthew played a key role in the development of the Agency's Strategy for Knowledge Management. The strategy has been presented to the BTEC committee and will be made public in spring of 2004.

Matthew was elected by members of the KfD subcommittee to chair the document management

working group. The working group's primary mission is to provide guidance to the KfD subcommittee on its roles in addressing the issues surrounding document management.

In collaboration with several Cooperating Agencies, Matthew assessed the current practices of document productions and events participations. The result of the assessment is used to produce a planning tool for the projects to improve the efficiency and effectiveness of knowledge sharing activities (documents and events). The planning tool has enabled individual CTO to carry out cost-containment activity that is tailored to individual projects. Matthew has also worked with the office of HIV/AIDS and the Office of Population and Reproductive Health to apply similar approaches for managing publications and events planning.

Matthew serves as a technical lead for the development of Global Health Research Database (GHRD). He has taken on a role of the project's "champion" to elicit interests and obtain buy-ins from the bureau's technical offices.

Working with a team of contracting officers, CTO, technical advisors, missions, and contractors, Matthew designed, implemented, and maintained the TASC2.org website to support the activities of TASC2 Indefinite Quantity Contract. He introduced a concept of using simplified web design to cut down on the development cost and time and to reduce the complexity of maintenance. This concept is being replicated with the upcoming PSP Indefinite Quantity Contract, and the Office of Procurement is interested in expanding it to support other contracts as well. Matthew is also working with Contracting Officers to create a centralized web resource for all Indefinite Quantity Contracts.

Matthew serves as a technological lead in a team to develop an online learning system for field PHN officers. The development team consists of representatives from the Global Health Bureau and contractors (MSH, JHUCCP, FHI). The first learning system on TB and HIV/AIDS is schedule for launch this summer.

Adam Y. Slote, M.D., MPH
Child Health Advisor
USAID/GH/HIDN/MCH

As the Child Health Advisor assigned to Strategic Objective 3 (SO3), Dr. Slote's chief responsibilities are to provide technical and operations support to the SO3 Team Leader, and to the Cognizant Technical Officer (CTO) for BASICS II, a USAID-funded project that serves as the SO's primary vehicle for achieving its intermediate results. In addition to these two responsibilities, he also provides child survival technical support to various country teams on an as-needed basis.

Over the past quarter, Dr. Slote has continued to assist in the design of the new child health activity that will follow the conclusion of BASICS II in 2004. He also reviewed the BASICS II workplan for 2003-2004, evaluated proposals for the Unmet Needs Vaccine Project on behalf of

the National Vaccine Program Office, contributed to a desk review and scope of work for the Iraq health team, and started work on the Pneumonia and Diarrhea chapter for the FY2003 Report to Congress. Lastly, as the Acting HIDN Coordinator for HIV/AIDS, he completed a mapping procedure to document existing HIDN investments in HIV/AIDS.

Dr. Slote has also attended several conferences and workshops, including a MEASURE DHS/FANTA workshop to review nutrition questions on the current DHS survey tool and make recommendations for the next iteration, a Child and Adolescent Health technical briefing by WHO in Geneva, and the annual AFRO joint task force meeting for IMCI and RBM in Harare. While in Harare, he also visited the ZVITAMBO research site, funded by BGH, and reported back on the study's latest findings.

Marni J. Sommer, RN, MSN, MPH
Pharmaceutical Management Advisor
USAID/GH/HIDN/HS

Marni Sommer serves as the Pharmaceutical Management Technical Advisor to the Health Systems Division of the HIDN Office. Ms. Sommer provides managerial support to the Rational Pharmaceutical Management (RPM) Plus Program, the U.S. Pharmacopeia Drug Quality and Information Program, and the HPSR flagship project, Partners for Health Reform (PHR) Plus. She provides technical assistance for approaches and strategies that strengthen PHN priority interventions in reproductive, maternal, neonatal and child health, HIV/AIDS and infectious diseases by improving overall drug management, product quality and pharmaceutical information activities as part of integrated health sector reform initiatives. Ms. Sommer is currently assisting the CAs in their development of FY03 workplans. Additional office duties include preparation of a weekly informational bulletin for Administrator Natsios on behalf of the HIDN Office.

This past quarter, Ms. Sommer, participated in a TB Evaluation for the E&E Bureau in Kazakhstan, assisting in the evaluation of the drug management component. In September, Ms. Sommer took part in the MSH/IDA Managing Drug Supply Course held in the Netherlands on an annual basis, with participants from 27 different countries. In her role on the Antimicrobial Resistance (AMR) Working Group, Ms. Sommer assisted in the organization of a Global Health Council Briefing on AMR for Congressional staffers and other interested parties, and helped to arrange for a Voice of America television show taping on the topic of AMR for audiences in the Africa region. Ms. Sommer continues to work with the Eritrea country team members on the strategy review process. Other activities include supplying sections or write-ups for the annual Child Survival Report to Congress and organizing portions of a performance award review board process.

Ms. Sommer participated in our Auxiliary Meeting at the Global Health Council Annual Meeting in Washington, DC in June 2004. Ms. Sommer completed her assignment as Health and Child Survival Fellow on July 18. She has entered a Doctoral program at Columbia University.

Julie J. Wallace, RN, MN, MPH
Tuberculosis & Infectious Diseases Program Advisor for Europe and Eurasia (E&E)
USAID/GH/RCS

Ms. Julie Wallace serves as Regional Tuberculosis and Infectious Disease Advisor to USAID's Bureau for Global Health. Julie's primary responsibility is to provide technical support and guidance to current, and to assist with planning and design of new, USAID supported tuberculosis control projects in the E&E region. Julie serves in a liaison capacity between the E&E Bureau's health team and the Bureau for Global Health's Tuberculosis Team to ensure a coordinated effort toward the implementation of country and regional TB activities. Julie serves as the country coordinator (CC) for both Kosovo, Bosnia, and Serbia and the alternate CC for Ukraine which involves her providing direct technical support or identifying and coordinating this support for these countries.

This past quarter, Julie has continued to be actively involved in the WHO European Region Tuberculosis Collaborative Working Group, a forum for discussing, coordinating, and sharing lessons learned related to tuberculosis training and education activities planned or underway by a variety of organizations working across the E&E region, including USAID regional and bilateral implementing partners. Julie continues to coordinate a virtual team for technical assistance to the Ukraine mission for planning their future TB program activities. In addition, Julie traveled to the Central Asian Republics where she participated on the technical evaluation committee for the new TB activity. Julie provides on-going technical assistant to the GH Child Survival and Health Grants Program for support of the TB projects under this initiative that are in progress in the EE region, and has participated as a proposal technical reviewer for the EE grant proposals submitted in response to the FY03 CSHGP RFA. She continues to backstop these activities and others from Washington.

Ms. Wallace finished her assignment as Health and Child Survival Fellow on April 2.

Merri Weinger, MPH
Environmental Health Technical Advisor
USAID/GH/HIDN/ID

Ms. Weinger provides technical support and oversight to ongoing and planned activities in environmental health with special emphasis on the CESH (community-based environmental sanitation and hygiene) and ECHO (environmental change and health outcomes) themes of the Environmental Health Division. She assists with operations research, policy activities, and implementation of CESH activities. Ms Weinger serves as a technical resource on the CESH and ECHO themes for G/HIDN/ID and other USAID/Washington Offices and Bureaus, as well as regional and bilateral USAID programs. She works with the technical assistance contractor for the

G/HIDN/ID, the Environmental Health Project (EHP), as well as USAID Offices, Regional Bureaus and Missions, both in Washington and through travel to the field. She builds upon and further develops relationships with multilateral institutions (World Bank, U.N. organizations), other bilateral donors, foundations, and international PVOs/NGOs, around CESH and ECHO-related activities, such as sharing lessons learned in community-based approaches to hygiene promotion.

This past quarter, Ms Weinger provided technical assistance on a series of hygiene promotion activities, with a special focus on USAID's participation in the Global Public-Private Partnership to Promote Handwashing with Soap and on finalizing several key EHP products, since the current technical assistance contract ends in June, 2004. She also participated in the design of the new environmental health activity and in preparation of the request for proposals for the new awards that was issued to the public in early February.

Ms. Weinger will complete her assignment as a Health and Child Survival Fellow on June 22.

HEALTH AND CHILD SURVIVAL FELLOWS PROGRAM

Health and Child Survival Internships

When funds and opportunities are available, USAID/GH and the HCSFP National Secretariat can provide experience to individuals with rare qualifications through individually tailored internships that meet the needs of USAID, the program and the intern. Internships can last between one and six months.

Cathie Frazier, PE, MPH
Environmental Health Advisor
Health and Child Survival Fellows Program
Environmental Health Project

Ms. Cathie Frazier serves as an Environmental Health Advisor with the USAID/GH Environmental Health Project (EHP). Her internship through EHP is in support of the Joint Monitoring Programme for Water Supply and Sanitation (JMP) and she works closely with its two executing agencies, the World Health Organization (WHO) and the United Nation's Children Fund (UNICEF). For this assignment, Ms. Frazier has been based mostly in Geneva at WHO and occasionally in New York City at UNICEF.

The JMP serves as the official reporting mechanism to the United Nations for figures on access to water supply and sanitation. In calculating estimates on access, the JMP uses various household surveys and censuses including the USAID supported Demographic and Health Surveys (DHS), the UNICEF supported Multiple Indicator Cluster Surveys (MICS), national census reports, and other reliable country surveys. To make the best estimates possible, questions and definitions used by the major survey instruments should be consistent, thus allowing for comparability of data from one survey to another. The major goal of Ms. Frazier's assignment has been to develop a harmonized set of water supply, sanitation, and hygiene related questions that could ultimately be used as a standard for global and national survey instruments. Ms. Frazier has served as a focal point and driving force behind the survey harmonization project working in close collaboration with WHO and UNICEF staff and several members of the JMP Technical Advisory Group including representatives of EHP, The World Bank, and Macro, Inc.

Since the last quarterly update two meetings of the JMP *Ad Hoc* Task Force on Harmonization, a subgroup of the JMP Technical Advisory Group, were conducted in New York City. At the Task Force meetings, Ms. Frazier presented the updated results of her work which included the

comparison of surveys and analysis of their differences, a proposed set of harmonized questions with in-depth justification for each question, and detailed definitions of each water supply and sanitation technology proposed as part of the harmonized question set. Throughout the quarter, Ms. Frazier has been working closely with WHO, UNICEF, and Task Force members to gain input and facilitate consensus on a final set of harmonized survey questions.

During the past quarter, Ms. Frazier also drafted a document called *Guide for Water Supply, Sanitation and Hygiene Related Survey Questions.* The guide is currently under review by JMP members. The purpose of this guide is to encourage the use of harmonized questions in national surveys as a tool to help countries gain more systematic information on the water supply and sanitation needs within their population. The primary target audience for the guide is developers and implementers of international and national survey programs. In addition to introducing the harmonized survey questions, the guide also accentuates the fact that with widespread use, these harmonized questions will make data across international and national survey programs more comparable and with improved comparability, more accurate of water supply and sanitation coverage estimates can be made.

The end of June will mark the conclusion of Ms. Frazier's assignment with the Health and Child Survival Fellows Program and EHP. This has been an invaluable experience to her—an experience that has provided exceptional insight into the technical aspects of indictors and monitoring of water supply, sanitation, and hygiene. It has also been an extraordinary opportunity to collaborate with water, sanitation, hygiene, and survey professionals from a variety of organizations. In addition, this internship has opened doors to further opportunities in international work. Ms. Frazier would like to extend sincere thanks to Dr. John Austin of USAID/GH and Dr. Eckhard Kleinau of EHP for their generous guidance and support throughout her assignment and to Paul Seaton, John Seeley, and Maggie Marsh of the Health and Child Survival Fellows Program for outstandingly attending to the many managerial aspects of the assignment from afar.

Tamara A. Henry, M.A.
Health and Child Survival Intern
Public Affairs Associate
US Coalition for Child Survival

During the course of the internship, I have broadened and developed my knowledge of child survival issues. I have attended various NGO informational meetings, sponsored by the Center for Strategic and International Study, American Bar Association, The Futures Group International, and several others that have encompassed child survival issues. My learning experience continued when attending briefings on Capitol Hill that involved the effects of HIV/AIDS in women and children in developing countries. Also, the US Coalition for Child Survival cosponsored a briefing on Malaria on Capitol Hill, which was the focus of the May 2004 newsletter.

My time at the US Coalition for Child Survival is spent developing appropriate tools for membership outreach and directing these at the appropriate target audience/institution. I also provide the web team with updated information on child survival and research ways to make it more user friendly. In addition, a bimonthly newsletter is produced to give our members further insight into child survival issues through highlighting other member programs and keeping them abreast of the latest developments at the Coalition and public policy issues affecting child survival.

In May 2004, we attended and presented a poster at the CORE group spring conference, which is a network of 38 nonprofits that promote primary health for women and children. The CORE group invited NGO's to present information on their organizations and their recent findings in the field of child survival. The posters were very creative and the leaders in child survival were well represented. In addition, over 1000 people were in attendance from June 1-4, 2004, for the Global Health Council annual conference. The theme this year was on Youth and Health and hundreds of organizations from around the world displayed their work in the field of Adolescent Health. This experience was extremely educational for me, because the focus of my dissertation is on adolescent health. Presenters from various institutions offered further insight into my topic of research, with poignant questions and important future contacts for data and publications. I aided in the setting up the child survival information and acted as a resource to help attendees learn about the Coalition.

As a result of this internship at the US Coalition for Child Survival, I will further broaden my experience in developing countries, by teaching AIDS education at a Family Planning Clinic in Capetown, South Africa for 6 weeks later this summer. Upon my return, I will propose and defend my dissertation with a newfound knowledge and depth of the issues that adolescents are faced with abroad.

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