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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



***Kama G. Garrison, MPH
USAID/GH/HIDN/HS
Pharmaceutical Management Advisor***

Ms. Kama Garrison serves as Pharmaceutical Management Advisor in the Health Systems (HS) Division. She provides the Health Systems Division with technical and managerial assistance in the implementation of the Rational Pharmaceutical Management (RPM) Plus Program and the United States Pharmacopoeia Drug Quality and Information (USPDQI) Program. Ms. Garrison contributes to strengthening Health, Infectious Disease, and Nutrition (HIDN) approaches and strategies and enhancing health system performance in the delivery of PHN priority interventions in reproductive, maternal, neonatal and child health, HIV/AIDS and infectious diseases by improving overall drug management, product quality assurance and pharmaceutical information

activities. She supports efforts to combat the development of drug resistance and increase the awareness of this growing problem in light of the many global initiatives supplying vastly increased amounts of drugs to developing countries with weak health systems and scarce human resource capacity to manage and use them effectively. Ms. Garrison provides technical support to the antimicrobial resistance component of the USAID Infectious Disease Strategy.

Ms. Garrison identifies drug management research and operational issues related to health commodity management and infectious disease control requiring attention, and develop appropriate mechanisms for assuring drug quality and information dissemination for enhanced quality of care, including preventing the emergence and spread of drug resistance as well as the formulation of Agency efforts to promote global collaboration, exercise technical leadership, and provide appropriate and effective assistance to field programs. She maintains and enhances Health Systems (HS) Division contacts with a broad range of stakeholders, including Strategic Objective teams, field missions, regional bureaus, contractors, multilateral and bilateral donor organizations, foundations, global initiatives providing health commodities, the pharmaceutical industry, and USG agencies, among others.

Ms. Garrison participates in the development and monitoring of assigned elements of Cooperating Agency (CA) work plans, including the overarching health commodity components affecting the performance of the health system or specific activities designed more directly to help achieve HIDN Strategic Objectives. She oversees implementation of selected CA commodity management health system improvement efforts as well as Strategic Objective directed work. These include areas such as increasing access to appropriate drugs of assured quality in the private sector and approaches to help institutionalize transparent and accountable procurement practices within health systems. She coordinates RPM Plus and USPDQI field support to selected USAID geographic regions (Asia, Near East, Europe and Eurasia, West and Central Africa, East and Southern Africa, Latin America and the Caribbean) by working directly with cooperating agencies and missions. She also oversees implementation of selected research activities being undertaken by the cooperating agencies (e.g., intervention research on drug use practices in the community or development of low cost, low tech tools to screen for and detect sub-potent drug products).

Ms. Garrison comes to the Health and Child Survival Fellows Program from JHPIEGO. She received her MPH from Tulane School of Public Health and Tropical Medicine. She served as secondary educator in the Peace Corps in Hungary.



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H&CS Fellows

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

During this past quarter, Sharon Arscott-Mills actively participated in the development of the 2005 Child Survival and Health Grants Program (CSHGP) Request for Applications (RFA) which was posted in late August.

She accompanied an assessment team from the Division of Reproductive Health, U. S. Centers for Disease Control to Jamaica to review and evaluate a perinatal surveillance system in place at all public hospitals and maternities across the country. The perinatal surveillance system is an effort to standardize and improve documentation around the perinatal period to enable better understanding and evaluation of obstetric complications and maternal and neonatal mortality. The system is also designed to document the treatment of HIV positives mothers and their newborns for prevention of mother to child transmission of HIV.

Project monitoring has involved a site visit to an Africare Child Survival project in Uganda over the last quarter. This visit also included participation in a Training of Survey Trainers for the Knowledge, Practices and Coverage Survey (KPC TOST). The KPC TOST brought together a number of key program managers from East Africa for training in survey methodology, sampling issues, training of interviewers and data analysis. In order to build capacity in Central and Southern Africa, the CSHGP plans to institutionalize this type of training in schools of public health in Sub-Saharan Africa and elsewhere.

Sharon 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 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 is a Johns Hopkins Health and Child Survival Fellow serving 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 and CORE 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.

During this quarter, as part of her continuing orientation to FFP and USAID, Ms. Canahuati participated in the Food Aid Management Course (FAMC) and in a CEDPA TAACS course for health and education TAACS advisors. In addition, she participated in a WFP course on Nutrition and HIV in Johannesburg, South Africa. In addition to participating in these courses she presented on HIV at the FAMC and at the WFP course, she provided a brief overview of new developments in FFP in support of HIV/AIDS programming. During FFP's recent 50th anniversary celebration she organized and facilitated a panel discussion on HIV and food security. Ms. Canahuati has begun to become involved with the nutrition and HIV aspects of the FFP institutional capacity building grants to the PVOs. During the quarter she met with two of FFP's cooperating sponsors to discuss strategies for increasing FFP's support to HIV actions. The Inter-Bureau working group looking at HIV and food security continues and is working on developing guidance on Food Aid for the State Department Office of the Global AIDS Coordinator (OGAC).

Ms. Canahuati continues to participate actively in the Commodity Reference Guide working group. In August, Ms. Canahuati participated in a joint Office of HIV/AIDS (OHA), GH and FFP assessment of integration of food, nutrition and HIV actions in Mozambique and visited Mother-to-Mother-to-Be (M2M2B), a PVO in Capetown that is providing a food supplement to HIV affected women as part of its prevention of mother-to-child transmission program. While in the region, she visited WFP to discuss the Southern Africa Protracted Relief and Recovery Operation (PRRO) which is scheduled to be discussed at the October WFP Executive Board meeting.

Ms. Canahuati is also working with CORE to organize a training in next quarter on the HEARTH methodology for the recuperation of malnourished children for PVOs who collaborate with Food for Peace in its Title II grants program.



J. Canahuati (front row left) and the USAID assessment team with a group of women farmers supported by Save the Children in their work to develop income generating diverse food crops in Mozambique (August, 2004).

***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 the Bureau Chief 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 improve reproductive health outcomes and prevent unplanned pregnancies.

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.

During her first five months as the Bureau Chief, Ms. Collen-Zellers has focused her efforts on learning about ARH's role in the community, the Bureau's and BCHD's organizational structure, and identifying funding sources to support ARH's programming. Ms. Collen-Zellers has

submitted grant proposals to the Annie E. Casey Foundation, Maryland's State Department of Education, Maryland's Department of Health and Mental Hygiene and the US Office of Minority Health.

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 HIV/AIDS 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 completed the annual update of the Child Survival and Health (CSH) Program Funds Guidance and further refinement of a policy guidance 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 was completed in July and has been widely disseminated.

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. 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.

Late in this past quarter, Mr. Cronk was identified to coordinate the health input to the State/USAID Joint Performance Plan (JPP). This on-going effort will require Mr. Cronk to work with Bureau of Global Health colleagues and to liaise with State Department counterparts well into the next quarter as the document gets refined and finalized.

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 served as the technical advisor for Mother to Child Transmission and HIV/AIDS Care and Support in the Office of HIV/AIDS. She provided 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 provided 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 served as liaison to regional bureaus on coordination of MTCT and Care activities. She also coordinated 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 participated in the monthly interagency meetings to discuss coordination of President Bush's International Mother and Child HIV Prevention Initiative. She provided 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 acted 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.

In recognition of sustained outstanding performance and Agency leadership in implementing the President's Initiative to prevent mother-to-child transmission and to develop and manage USAID programs in this critical area. In addition, Dr. Gibbons merits high commendation for her exceptionally astute management of the Agency's HIV/AIDS operations research program and for her innovative, collaborative efforts to develop the U.S. Government basic care package for people living with HIV/AIDS. The Bureau for Global Health presented Dr. Gibbons with a "Sustained Outstanding Performance" award.

Dr. Gibbons finished her Fellowship in August. She has taken a position as Director of Operations for Axios International in Tanzania.

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 two years, he has traveled to Kenya, Madagascar, Ethiopia, Ghana, and Yemen to visit several on-going, PVO programs. 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.

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

Ms. Lisa Kramer serves as HIV/AIDS, and Infectious Diseases Advisor at USAID/Indonesia. She works as a member of the HIV/AIDS and Infectious Diseases Team, including HIV/AIDS, malaria, tuberculosis and other infectious diseases. As a member of the team she provides policy, strategic, technical, programming, and budgetary guidance to USAID/Indonesia, government counterparts and implementing partners. Ms. Kramer serves as the technical advisor for a large cooperative agreement with Family Health International (FHI) 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). In the context of a new 2004-2008 Country Strategic Plan, she works within the Strategic Objective team to ensure that maximum program synergies and targeted results are achieved.

During the past quarter, Ms. Kramer has become oriented to the Mission's programs for HIV/AIDS prevention and support, TB prevention and control and Malaria prevention. As a new hire, she has familiarized herself with USAID and USAID/Indonesia's new Country Strategic Plan. She attended a 1-week training course, becoming certified as a CTO and attended a 3-week intensive study program in Bahasa Indonesia.

In addition to her regular TA activities, a major focus of the past quarter was spent preparing for and serving on a 10-member team to conduct an independent evaluation of the Aksi Stop AIDS (ASA), HIV/AIDS program, which is scheduled to end in September 2005. The team spent three-weeks evaluating program strategies and activities, including briefings with FHI, numerous interviews with local implementing agencies in and around Jakarta, and a 3-day field trip to project sites in Central Java. Site visits included outreach activities for female sex workers (FSW), injecting drug users (IDU) and transvestites; STI clinics for transvestites, sex workers and their clients; VCT clinics/hospitals; HIV prevention activities in prisons; faith-based organization (FBOs) activities; and workplace prevention activities. Ms. Kramer also spent one week in Papua Province conducting site visits of ASA activities and attending a local government planning conference supported by a USAID – BP Global Development Alliance (GDA).

Projected activities for the next quarter are to prepare and finalize the evaluation report of the ASA, HIV/AIDS program; present major findings to the USAID Mission and stakeholders; design follow-on activities for the HIV/AIDS program; and participate in a TBCTA Task Force Advocacy Evaluation in Indonesia.

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.

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

Patricia Mengech serves as Africa Regional Specialist to the Bureau for Global Health's (GH) Office of Regional and Country Support (RCS). One of GH's six offices, RCS is responsible for representing USAID missions in Washington and supporting their needs. This includes ensuring mission views are factored into GH decisions that impact the field; providing missions with technical, management, and logistical assistance; providing strategic information and resources to missions; coordinating technical support to the field with GH offices and regional bureaus; and providing staff coverage for missions during absences and peak work periods. Patricia 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.

One of Patricia's first activities as a HCSFP fellow was to make a presentation during the annual Global Health Council conference in June. Patricia discussed with an audience of potential future fellows her current assignment and responsibilities at USAID, her background and experience, and her perspective on the HCSFP application and selection process.

Soon after the GHC conference, Patricia traveled to Kenya to write a scope of work for a mid-term assessment of the Regional Economic Development Services Office for East and Southern Africa's (REDSO/ESA) health strategic objective. REDSO is approximately half way through implementing its strategy, and commissioned the assessment to examine the progress of REDSO supported activities and to make recommendations as to what activities should be continued, modified or enhanced so that the goals envisioned in the strategy are accomplished.

Later in June, Patricia traveled to Zambia to work with the mission's multisectoral HIV/AIDS team. During the visit, Patricia participated in and wrote the report for day-long meeting of 24 US Government (USAID, State Department, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, Peace Corps, and Department of Defense) partners working on HIV/AIDS in Zambia. The meeting's participants discussed the current status of partners' programmes and the future direction of these programmes in light of President Bush's Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief. Patricia also initiated work on database which ultimately will be used to map the activities and geographic locations of USAID's partner organizations working on HIV/AIDS.

In August, Patricia traveled to Malawi to support the USAID/Malawi health team during a time when staff resources were low due to travel and staff transition. Patricia participated in a mid-term evaluation of the USAID-supported Population Services International (PSI) program and in coordination meetings for Malawi's next Demographic and Health Survey.

In July, Patricia attended the week-long CEDPA "Essential training for PHN and Education Technical Advisors."

During the quarter, Patricia also became alternate country coordinator (ACC) for Eritrea. Along with the country coordinator, the ACC is the primary contact and principal coordinator of technical and other support for the mission PHN team; serves as the Agency authority on the PHN program, sector and country context; serves as a virtual member of mission PHN team; and represents mission PHN program and interests in Washington.

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.

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 in the USAID/Brazil mission's health program. She provides technical guidance and stewardship to projects for the expansion of directly observed treatment short-course strategy for tuberculosis (DOTS) that are jointly implemented by the Brazilian Ministry of Health, State and Municipal Health Secretariats and other partners. These include the TBCTA partnership for capacity building at the federal and state level, the Johns Hopkins University project for DOTS expansion in São Paulo City and State and Rio de Janeiro City, and the MSH/RPM Plus pharmaceutical management project.

Recently, Dr. Paine participated in the negotiations between the Brazilian NGO BEMFAM and the Pernambuco State Health Secretariat for USAID funded DOTS expansion in six municipalities in the Recife Metropolitan Region. Although the involvement of the third sector in the national health care system is specifically mentioned in Brazil's constitution, this is the first time that a Brazilian NGO has been involved in tuberculosis control. Capacity building is already being carried out and a TB prevention and control campaign is planned for the near future. One of the greatest challenges to TB control in Pernambuco is the stigma attached to the disease and its victims.

Dr. Paine is participating in several USAID/CDC research projects including an investigation of tuberculosis drug resistance and a study of the prevalence of HIV infection among TB victims. Presently, Dr. Paine is working together with CDC to develop a USAID funded workplan for DOTS expansion in priority municipalities in the Rio de Janeiro Metropolitan region, the center of Brazil's TB epidemic.

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*. She also worked with the project to finalize the SO4 workplan for the Office of HIV/AIDS. In August she attended the Rational Pharmaceutical Management Plus training.

In HIV/AIDS, Ms. Sakagawa provides technical assistance to Washington and the field. In July, she attended the International HIV/AIDS Conference and International AIDS Economics Network meeting in Bangkok. After the meetings, she provided technical assistance to the Vietnam mission to help as it gears up for PEPFAR activities as the 15th country. In September, she participated in the review of the 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 Emergency Plan.

Ms. Sakagawa's professional development activities included attending the International Career Advancement Program in Aspen, Colorado and completing the Assistance CTO training course.

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 served as the Pharmaceutical Management Technical Advisor to the Health Systems Division of the HIDN Office. Ms. Sommer provided 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 provided 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 assisted the CAs in their development of FY03 workplans. Additional office duties included 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.

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

Ms. Weinger served as Environmental Health Advisor. In this capacity, Ms. Weinger provided 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 assisted with operations research, policy activities, and implementation of CESH activities. Ms Weinger served 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 worked 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 completed her assignment as a Health and Child Survival Fellow on June 22 and is now Senior Health Advisor with Family Health International.

***Norma W. Wilson, M.S., DrPH, R.N., FPNP, PNP
Senior Advisor, The Measure Projects
USAID/GH/HIDN/HS***

Dr. Norma Wilson serves as the Senior Advisor to The Measure Projects. She provides leadership in augmenting the usefulness of MEASURE products to health policy makers and program managers. She assists with the development and evaluation of initiatives relating to the improved collection, utilization, analysis and dissemination of data applicable to Health, Infectious Diseases and Nutrition sectors in developing countries. Specific attention is given to indicator and program data in the fields of child survival, HIV/AIDS and maternal health.

Dr. Wilson advises USAID on policy and program issues related to MEASURE, particularly as they related to the collection, utilization, analysis and dissemination of data that are applicable to the health sectors of developing countries. She assists with the development, implementation and dissemination of Health, Infectious Diseases and Nutrition activities of the MEASURE project. She assists with the development, implementation and dissemination of health schedules (including areas such as, but not limited to, child health, nutrition, deliveries and maternal health, STIs, HIV/AIDS, health expenditure and utilization) for the Demographic Health Surveys and program monitoring and evaluation methodologies.

Dr. Wilson also assists with the development, implementation, assessment and dissemination of health assessment tools, including rapid diagnostics, to ascertain the level and magnitude of health problems in developing countries, as well as country programmatic capabilities to deliver and finance health care.

She serves as primary technical advisor from the Office of Health and Nutrition on areas pertaining to the development, use, and dissemination of MEASURE products, particularly those of MEASURE/DHS and MEASURE/Evaluation.



Judy Canahuati has sent this picture of men and women participating in World Vision's community development program greeting the visitors with a song and dance about HIV, wearing a cloth "kapelana" allusive to "fighting HIV/AIDS for the good of the family and everyone to live healthy and happy".



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 served as an Environmental Health Advisor with the USAID/GH Environmental Health Project (EHP). Her internship through EHP was in support of the Joint Monitoring Programme for Water Supply and Sanitation (JMP) and she worked closely with its two executing agencies, the World Health Organization (WHO) and the United Nation's Children Fund (UNICEF). For this assignment, Ms. Frazier was based 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 was 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.

Ms. Frazier completed her assignment with the Health and Child Survival Fellows Program and EHP at the end of June. This has been an invaluable experience to her—an experience that has provided exceptional insight into the technical aspects of indicators 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.

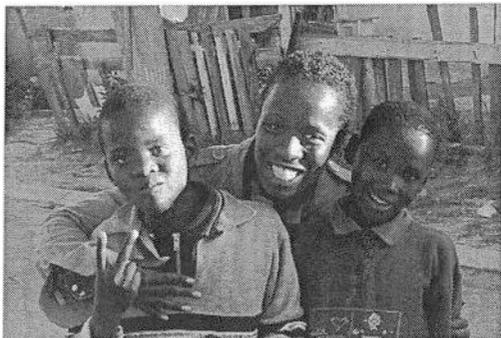
Ms. Frazier serves as Environmental Health Advisor to the WHO Office in Khartoum, Sudan.

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

Upon completion of her internship at the US Coalition for Child Survival in July 2004, Ms. Henry went to Capetown, South Africa to learn about the healthcare system and the effect of the AIDS epidemic on its people. This volunteer learning experience encompassed four different weekly clinical rotations. She worked at a public hospital, two public health clinics, and three Emergency Medical Service shifts. In the different facilities, she was able to administer pre-test counseling to those who sought HIV tests as well as the actual rapid response HIV test. Further, she traveled extensively throughout the Capetown “flats” and “townships” to assist the paramedics with various needs of the patients.

In addition, she volunteered as a camp counselor at a camp for the Jamaican Adolescent Reproductive Health Project. In this capacity, she taught children between 10-13 years of age

about general human sexuality and abstinence education. This experience will contribute to her dissertation, which she will be defending in 2005.



Tammy (center) in Khayelitsha, Township.



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