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Front cover photo by Cathy Frazier: Children in Darfur, Sudan performing a skit of dirty fly contaminating food.

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# The National Secretariat

The Institute for International Programs, Department of International Health, Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health, serves as the *National Secretariat* for several professional development programs including the Health and Child Survival Fellows Program, Urban Child Survival Fellows Program, Global Health Technical Advisors Program, Senior Technical Advisors in Residence Program, Health and Child Survival Internships and MPH Scholarships for study at the Bloomberg School of Public Health.

Funding for the *National Secretariat* is generously provided by Johns Hopkins University. Funding for our MPH Scholarships is also generously provided by Johns Hopkins University. Funding for our Fellowship, Technical Advisor and Internship assignments has been provided by the U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID), the World Health Organization, UNAIDS and the Baltimore City Health Department.

In August 2006, USAID announced that funding for our Health and Child Survival Fellows assignments at USAID would be transferred to the Public Health Institute (PHI) of Oakland, CA. Our USAID Fellows transitioning to PHI will complete their USAID assignments as “Global Health Fellows.” Our JHU Fellows assigned to USAID began their transition to PHI on October 3, 2006. Transition to PHI by our USAID Fellows will be completed on March 31, 2007.

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## Our Annual Networking Lunch:

JHU hosted the Annual Networking Lunch for the HCSFP on August 9, 2006 at the Red Sage Restaurant in Washington. This HCSFP tradition began in response to a 1992 Program Evaluation in which it was recommended that JHU find ways to increase the program’s “esprit de corps.” USAID wanted Fellows to identify more closely with the Fellowship Program. JHU responded by generously providing the HCSFP with the finances needed for such an event (the first lunch was at Old Ebbitt Grill!). All current and former JHU Fellows and the JHU and USAID management teams are invited to our Annual Networking Lunches.

Our 2006 Lunch was very well attended and was special. The Fellows surprised the JHU staff with a ceremony in which Kamden Hoffman and Angela Weaver presented Paul with a beautiful memento for his many years of service to the program as its director, and presented Elliot, John, Maggie, Robert and Heather with gifts. Several Fellows made a few, very touching and appreciated remarks. In return, we just want to thank the Fellows for being such outstanding ambassadors for the program, and giving us our well-deserved reputation for excellence.



*Thank you from (L to R) John, Paul, Maggie, Robert, Heather and Elliot!*

# Introducing New Health and Child Survival Fellows and Interns

**Mark Joseph Maire, DO, MPH  
Child Survival, Nutrition and  
Infectious Diseases Advisor  
USAID/ZAMBIA**



Mark Joseph Maire, DO, MPH serves as Child Survival, Maternal/ Child Health (MCH) & Nutrition Advisor at USAID/ZAMBIA. Dr. Maire serves as USAID/Lusaka's lead technical expert in Child Survival, MCH & Nutrition. He provides guidance, monitoring and technical support to USAID/Lusaka, the Government of the Republic of Zambia (GRZ), and technical counterparts of donors and USAID cooperating agencies in the design, implementation, coordination and monitoring of Zambia's child survival, MCH & nutrition activities.

Dr. Maire serves as the coordinator and primary technical resource for the implementation and monitoring/evaluation of USAID's child survival, maternal/child health and nutrition programs. He provides technical assistance to the Mission's MCH and nutrition strategy and coordinates its implementation through Mission activities. Dr. Maire provides technical assistance to other PHN areas. Given the prominence of the HIV/AIDS epidemic in Zambia and USAID/Zambia's sizeable program response through the President's Emergency Plan for

AIDS Relief, he will also provide technical assistance in this area, particularly on issues that impact child survival, prevention of mother to child transmission (PMTCT), and nutrition. He will actively participate in the child survival, MCH, nutrition, EPI, IMCI and reproductive health technical working groups of the GRZ. He oversees operations research in child survival, maternal /child health and nutrition.

Before joining the Health and Child Survival Fellows Program, Dr. Maire worked for Food for the Hungry, Int. (FHI) as Country Director in Bolivia. He also worked as National Health Coordinator and Epidemiology Tech Assist with FHI in Bolivia. Following the December 2004 Indian Ocean Tsunami, he worked on Tsunami Relief in Banda Ache with FHI Indonesia. Earlier he worked as a family physician with Marianne Family Practice Associates and as Medical Director of Occupational Health at Clarion Hospital. Dr. Maire completed his Family Practice Residency at Community Hospital of Lancaster in Lancaster, Pennsylvania.

A native of Iowa, Dr. Maire received his Masters of Public Health from Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health in Maryland. He received his D.O., with Honors, from Ohio University College of Osteopathic Medicine in Ohio and his Bachelor of Arts with Honors, majoring in Biology/General Science from Hiram College in Ohio.

Mark will complete his HCS Fellowship in October. He will continue working at USAID through the Public Health Institute's Global Health Fellows Program.

***Yumiko M. Texidor, MPH***  
***Youth Friendly Health***  
***Service Project Coordinator***  
***Ministry of Health***  
***Adolescent Health Unit***  
***Government of Guyana***  
***USAID/GUYANA***



Ms. Yumiko Texidor is serving as a Project Coordinator for Youth Friendly Services in the Ministry of Health's Adolescent Health and Wellness Unit. She is a technical counterpart to the Director of the Unit and assists in ensuring the Unit an effective framework and linkages with partners, stakeholders and resources.

Since joining the Unit in July 2006, Ms. Texidor is mainly involved in assisting the rollout of Youth Friendly Services (YFS) nationwide so that 60% of all health centers be deemed "youth friendly" by 2010. YFS centers provide education on reproductive health and sexuality to youths as well as other health issues. She coordinates all activities conducted in Youth Friendly Service centers and is collaborates with YFS centre staff as well as other counterparts, such as the National Youth Health Organization Coordinator and other government ministries. Other duties include sustaining fully functional YFS centers in Regions 6 and 10, Linden and New Amsterdam, respectively with provision of resources and materials; launching new YFS centers at the national level; coordinating trainings for existing and upcoming YFS staff; working with other government counterparts to

ensure efficiency of the national rollout of YFS centers; and working with donor agencies such as USAID, UNICEF, and CDC.

During the past quarter, Ms. Texidor has completed an YFS Refresher Training for YFS staff in Region 10 (Linden). The objective of the training was to recap what was learned during the first YFS training as well as provide an opportunity to discuss successes and challenges in working with youth. She also attended a UNICEF annual review meeting in Georgetown which brought together government counterparts and NGOs to review existing projects funded by UNICEF as well as determining next planning steps for 2007.

For the next quarter, Ms. Texidor will be responsible for launching twelve (12) new YFS centers in Regions 3, 4 and 5 by December 2006; holding two (2) 3-day YFS trainings for upcoming YFS staff as well as STI Syndromic Management training; renovating existing centers that do not have adequate space to provide youth-friendly services; designing and implementing a referral system that will link YFS centers and NGOs to ensure that much-needed services are received by youth; coordinating a national YFS meeting, which will look at what has been achieved so far and what can be improved for the next year; and assisting in the start-up of VCT services in upcoming YFS centers in collaboration with the National AIDS Programme Secretariat (NAPS).

Before joining the Health and Child Survival Fellows Program Ms. Texidor was a Peace Corps Volunteer working in the Office of District AIDS Coordinator, Selebi-Phikwe, Botswana. In this assignment she assisted in district-level coordination of HIV/AIDS activities; served as liaison with various NGOs/CBOs and government organizations; worked with international development partners in strengthening the district's HIV/AIDS response; and, she ensured timely monitoring and evaluation reports from government sectors and NGOs/CBOs.

She also served as *Summer Intern* at the United States Agency of International Development in Cairo, EGYPT. In this capacity she assisted with the development of infectious disease indicators to monitor disease outbreaks and epidemic preparedness at the governorate and national levels. She conducted research on disease surveillance and hepatitis C prevalence. She also edited documents on USAID/Egypt's efforts in alleviating infectious diseases and in improving health education.

A native of New York, Ms. Texidor received her MPH in Health Behavior and Health Education, from the University of Michigan in Ann Arbor, Michigan. She is a graduate of the State University of New York at Binghamton in Binghamton, New York where she received her B.A., *magna cum laude*, majoring in cultural anthropology. Her honors thesis is entitled: *Problems of Modernization in the Developing World: the decline in breastfeeding and the rejection of modern contraceptives*.

# Health and Child Survival Fellows

**Namita Agravat, MPH**  
**Child Survival and Health Grants**  
**Program Advisor**  
**USAID/GH/HIDN/NUT**

Ms. Namita Agravat serves as Child Survival and Health Grants Program (CSHGP) Advisor in the Division of Nutrition. She assists in strengthening the contributions of and expands the involvement of U.S. Private

Voluntary Organizations (PVOs) and Non-Governmental Organizations (NGOs) in the CSHGP and other USAID programs by advising on program and policy issues related to the centrally funded CSHGP.

Ms. Agravat assists with the development, coordination and analysis of Agency relationships with the international health community. She assists with collaboration with other Agency bureaus, offices and missions in recommending, implementing and monitoring policies and procedures regarding PVOs/NGOs with child survival programs. She develops, analyzes and recommends guidelines to assure effective use of the resources of the U.S. PVO/NGO community in furthering overseas development in child survival and health. She assists with the development and monitoring of training programs especially designed for the benefit of PVOs/NGOs funded through the CSHGP, particularly as they pertain to USAID grant policies, proposal development, program design, budget preparation and general USAID funding eligibility requirements.

Early June was spent conducting reviews of grantee Detailed Implementation Plans during the CSHGP Mini-University event held at Johns Hopkins University. The event was held June 5<sup>th</sup>-9<sup>th</sup>, 2006 on the JHU campus and focused on providing feedback on grantee DIPs and holding sessions on technical areas relevant to the grantee projects. Ms. Agravat focused on reviewing new partner DIPs. The New Partner Initiative of the CSHGP focuses on bringing new partners into the CSHGP and building their capacity in implementing Child Survival and Health programs.

After the Mini-University, Ms. Agravat was busy with the team in developing the CSHGP's FY07 RFA. The process involved many consultations to contribute to a strong RFA. The experience was good as she was able to work on managing the process of preparing the RFA and getting strategic input from the various Bureaus.

With team members traveling and moving into new positions, Ms. Agravat spent much of the last few months supporting the work of the CSTS+ project and fighting fires as needed. She is now busy preparing for the upcoming CSHGP New Grantee Orientation and RFA workshop in October. Her work as Technical Advisor for 30+ grantees also keeps her busy as many grantees are busy preparing for their midterm and final evaluations. New grants will be coming on board in October and there are various questions that come about during these strategic points in their projects.

Ms. Agravat has been preparing for the transition to the Global Health Fellows Program

and will transition to the new program in October. She is disappointed to be leaving the fantastic team at JHU but is optimistic about forthcoming opportunities under the new program.

**Zandra Andre, DVM, MPH**  
**Veterinary Epidemiologist/ Public Health Advisor**  
**Avian and Pandemic Influenza Preparedness and Response Unit**  
**USAID/GH/HIDN**

Dr. Zandra Hollaway Andre serves as Veterinary Epidemiologist/ Public Health Advisor to the Avian and Pandemic Influenza Preparedness and Response Unit, USAID/GH/HIDN. Dr. Andre provides expert guidance to Agency senior management and other policymakers, field mission and regional

office directors and Washington-based program leaders on issues related to management of highly pathogenic avian influenza (HPAI) outbreaks, post-outbreak recovery and restructuring of poultry sectors for sustainable management of endemic.

She gathers information, identifies opportunities to share and leverage resources and enlists support for USAID's HPAI response effort through liaison with counterpart infectious disease experts in USG agencies (HHS\CDC, USDA\APHIS, others), UN livestock production and health agencies (FAO, WHO, OIE), State agriculture offices, US and international universities, and international animal and human infectious disease research centers. She participates in USG interagency meetings and in coordination meetings with international organizations involved in HPAI control and management. She also is responsible for coordinating diagnostic specimen shipping training for veterinary and human health sectors in USAID presence and non-presence countries. Also, she has lead a behavioral change communication effort by the Unit.

**Michael J. Andreini, MPH**  
**Health Advisor Sudan Field Office**  
**USAID/Nairobi**

Mr. Michael J. Andreini serves as Health Advisor at the Sudan Field Office in Nairobi, Kenya. He provides managerial and technical assistance to the Sudan Field Office (SFO)

and its health, nutrition, population, water and sanitation activities. In particular he provides technical advice and support to the SFO in the management of the Health Transformation program.

He provides support to the SFO in its management of its health, nutrition, population, water, and sanitation activities. These include identifying (and proposing solutions) to management and technical problems and issues that arise during program implementation; participating in donor collaboration efforts; interacting with representatives of the Southern Sudanese Secretariat of Health, as appropriate, to help address health policy issues. He also assists with tracking and reporting on the results of USAID health programs, including the indicators included in the Mission's performance monitoring plan.

He provides managerial support to help the Mission's health team to effectively manage

its health program. These duties may include but are not limited to: preparation of talking points, power point presentations, and policy briefs for meetings with the Embassy, international donors and NGOs; analysis of contractor and other organization reports on health, water, and sanitation in Sudan; field visits to Mission project sites for monitoring and evaluating the status of health, water, and sanitation activities.

Michael will complete his HCS Fellowship in October and will continue working at USAID through the Public Health Institute's Global Health Fellows Program.

**Matthew Emerson Barnhart, MD, MPH  
HIV/AIDS Senior Technical Advisor  
USAID/GH/OHA/TLR**

Dr. Matthew Barnhart serves in the Office of HIV/AIDS, Division of Technical Leadership and Research. He provides support to USAID's programs, with emphasis on

interventions for prevention of mother to child transmission of HIV (PMTCT) and linking PMTCT to comprehensive HIV/AIDS care and treatment services. Dr. Barnhart also provides technical assistance and acts as liaison to regional bureaus and USAID partners in the care, treatment and PMTCT fields, including the Elizabeth Glaser Pediatric AIDS Foundation and Columbia University MTCT-Plus Project. During this quarter, Dr. Barnhart has continued to work closely with these two organizations to help review their plans and strategies for expanding PMTCT and family-centered HIV care and treatment services.

Dr. Barnhart serves as the co-chair of the President's Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief (PEPFAR) Technical Working Group on PMTCT and Pediatric HIV which is focused on providing technical guidance to PEPFAR in these areas. Dr. Barnhart has been working with other members of the technical working group to develop a coordinated interagency technical assistance plan for PMTCT and pediatric HIV. From July 24<sup>th</sup>-31<sup>st</sup>, Dr. Barnhart traveled to Namibia to provide recommendations for the PMTCT and pediatric sections of the USG-Namibia 2007 country operation plan. As part of this visit, Dr. Barnhart participated in a 3 day meeting with USG Namibia care and treatment partners focused on developing approaches to improve linkages and referrals between various care and treatment services.

From August 1-3, Dr. Barnhart traveled to Lesotho to review progress over the last year made by The Partnership for Family Centered HIV Services, a USG-funded consortium between Columbia University, Elizabeth Glaser Pediatric AIDS Foundation, and the Academy for Educational Development. This partnership was formed in 2005 to support the implementation of PMTCT and HIV care and treatment services in Lesotho. Dr. Barnhart visited sites in Maseru and Buthe Butha and met with the Directors of the Family Health Division and HIV/AIDS division in the MOH. At the end of the trip, Dr. Barnhart provide an assessment of the accomplishments of the partnership and current challenges, along with specific suggestions to the USG on what direction support for the partnership could take in the future, how the partners should report on outcomes, and how to improve administrative functioning within the partnership.

From August 19<sup>th</sup> -26<sup>th</sup>, Dr. Barnhart traveled to Tanzania to provide assistance to the

USG in-country team in preparing the PMTCT and pediatric HIV sections of its FY07 country operational plan and revisions to the USG-strategy for supporting Tanzania's national PMTCT program.

During this quarter, Dr. Barnhart has continued to serve as the USAID representative on the interagency PEPFAR core team for Russia. From September 6-13 Dr. Barnhart will travel to Ukraine to review the situation regarding PMTCT in Ukraine, and results of USAID-funded efforts, with a view to drawing conclusions about support for the coming 3-5 years.

Dr. Barnhart has been involved in a collaborative project between USAID, the pharmaceutical company Boehringer Ingelheim, and PATH which seeks to increase uptake of the infant dose of the antiretroviral drug Virammune through developing more practical packaging options of the oral suspension used for PMTCT. Positive results of pilot tests of an approach involving sending the dose home in a syringe and a foil pouch have now been disseminated in Kenya and at the International AIDS Conference in Toronto. Plans are to integrate this foil pouch into the national PMTCT program in Kenya and possibly other countries, and discussions are underway with Boehringer Ingelheim about integrating this pouch into the NVP donation program.

Matt will complete his HCS Fellowship in October. He will continue working at USAID through the Public Health Institute's Global Health Fellows Program.

***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.

Mr. Barrett provides technical and managerial assistance to the Mission's Infectious Disease and Child Survival interventions. Mr. Barrett coordinates and monitors support for Polio eradication and Routine Immunization portfolios. He serves as the Mission's point-person for applied epidemiological research, malaria control, 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 has developed the ID strategy, results frameworks and performance monitoring plans for the ID Team and works to 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 project of AVERT (Maharashtra). 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 Inter-Country Coordinating meetings and reviews for polio eradication and vaccine preventable diseases. He recently participated in the National Review of the Multi-Year Plan for Routine Immunization. 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 coordinate the mission's malaria control investments with the Malaria Research Center which include support for research for burden of malaria, malaria in pregnancy, drug resistance, and provider practices. Mr. Barrett is an active IndiaCLEN Governing Body and Institutional Review Board member and provides technical skills to the organization's activities. He helps to define research priorities and develop plans for applied Indo-US research in child survival and infectious disease.

Mr. Barrett will complete his fellowship on September 30 and will begin work at Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health on the HiB Vaccine Initiative through the GAVI Alliance.

***Kip Beardsley, MPH  
HIV/AIDS Technical Advisor for  
Europe and Eurasia  
USAID/EE/DGST/ST***

Mr. Kip Beardsley serves as HIV/AIDS Technical Advisor for Europe and Eurasia in the Bureau for Europe and Eurasia, Office of Democracy, Governance and Social Transition. He assists the Bureau for Europe &

Eurasia in strengthening evidence-based responses to the HIV/AIDS epidemic throughout the countries of Europe and Eurasia. Mr. Beardsley provides scientific technical guidance on the prevention of HIV/AIDS particularly among populations who engage in high risk behavior such as injecting drug use and the treatment and/or care of those infected and affected. This includes assistance in the technical design, development of policies and programs and the evaluation and monitoring of HIV/AIDS approaches and programs. It also includes mastering and presenting the HIV/AIDS issues and opportunities in the E&E region to a range of senior decision makers in USAID, the State Department, Congress, international organizations and host country governments.

Mr. Beardsley 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. He monitors the extent to which the epidemic has expanded from high-risk populations to broader, mainstream populations. 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. In conjunction with the regional TB Advisor, Mr. Beardsley analyzes data on the HIV/TB co-infection issue in the region. He assists the Bureau by analyzing and mapping the patterns of disease and in examining patterns of co-infection with tuberculosis and hepatitis. This involves close collaboration with the Centers for Disease Control in Atlanta, Georgia, USAID's Bureau of Global Health and the World Health Organization.

Mr. Beardsley provides technical assistance to Missions, PVOs/NGOs, contractors,

grantees and host countries in the E&E region regarding the design and implementation of drug demand reduction and HIV/AIDS prevention, treatment and care programs. He provides technical assistance to Missions, PVOs/NGOs, contractors, grantees and host countries in the E&E region regarding the monitoring and evaluation of HIV/AIDS programs. He also liaises with other donors and organizations including CDC, NIH, NIDA NGOs/PVOs and WHO to facilitate coordination of policies, approaches, and programs with respect to HIV/AIDS ensuring that USAID's concerns regarding building local capacity are appropriately reflected in these discussions.

***Rick Berzon, DrPH***  
***HIV/AIDS Technical Advisor***  
***USAID/GH/OHA/SPER***

Dr. Rick Berzon serves as HIV/AIDS Technical Advisor to the Strategic Planning, Evaluation and Reporting Division. He provides broad HIV/AIDS-related expertise

and guidance in program evaluation and monitoring. He strengthens USAID's ability to establish and monitor surveillance programs in particular, and assesses the impacts of the programs on USAID's strategic objectives—which are to reduce HIV transmission and mitigate the impact of the disease on nations, communities and families.

Dr. Berzon advises specific PEPFAR (President's Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief) and bilateral countries on the design and implementation of Strategic Information Systems so that countries can better target their AIDS prevention, care and treatment efforts. The countries to which he is assigned include South Africa, Swaziland, Lesotho, Kenya and Russia. Rick is a member of each country's core team, and serves as their respective Strategic Information (SI) Advisor.

Rick is a member of the Targeted Evaluations (TE) Subcommittee, which is responsible for contributing to the PEPFAR research agenda and advising on protocol development for evaluative studies conducted within PEPFAR countries. These types of studies provide rapid results and identify best practices for outreach to and care for those persons infected and affected by HIV/AIDS. Rick serves as the lead USAID representative for three TE studies; these include (1) ARV Costing; (2) Palliative Care; and (3) Orphans and Vulnerable Children. Each study is to examine a sample of diverse models of service delivery with the intent of using outcomes and findings from the TE to improve service provision quality.

In his capacity as TE Subcommittee member, Dr. Berzon traveled to Durban, South Africa in June to attend the 2006 PEPFAR Implementer's Meeting and to participate in TE information exchanges, updates and related sessions for delegates. He then traveled to Kenya and Uganda to assist the study's contractors select sites for the Palliative Care TE, and to assist with confirmation of the study design and identification of the tools (e.g., patient-reported questionnaires) for the study's protocol.

In August, Rick traveled to Ethiopia to assist with site selection there for the ARV Costing TE and to review and amend when necessary the tools (i.e., case report forms and questionnaires) and methods that are being used to capture antiretroviral costing data. Providing ART and associated care for HIV-positive individuals accounts for a major

portion of PEPFAR expenditures, and the purpose of this study is to understand comprehensive treatment costs, and how these costs may change as programs mature. Specific factors for which data are being captured include drug prices, patient capacity, and use of second-line therapy. The results of the study, which will be conducted in four countries in Africa and one in Asia, will address the costs of comprehensive HIV treatment in Emergency Plan focus countries, and permit more accurate resource planning within PEPFAR-supported programs. At the present time, data from Nigeria are being analyzed.

Also in August, Rick traveled to Moscow, Russia to provide SI technical assistance (TA) to implementing partners (IPs). The focus of the TA included a review with selected IPs and with USAID mission members of prevention, care and treatment program-level indicators, data for which are needed for each country's HIV/AIDS country operational plan (COP); and a review of FY2006 target projections, estimates of which were discussed with IPs across key program areas.

Dr. Berzon is a member, as well, of the PEPFAR PMTCT and Pediatric HIV TWG (Technical Working Group); and of the Palliative Care TWG.

**Robert M. Blanchard, MPH**  
**Disaster Logistics Support Specialist**  
**Avian Influenza Response Unit**  
**USAID/GH**

Mr. Robert M. Blanchard serves as Disaster Logistics Support Specialist to the Avian Influenza Response Unit. He provides the U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID)'s Avian Influenza Response Unit with

resident expertise in disaster logistics in support of disease prevention, detection, and containment activities internationally in conjunction with a wide array of US Government partners.

Mr. Blanchard provides technical and operational logistics support to institution-level, country-level, regional, and global activities and initiatives. He provides technical expertise on issues of technical specifications, procurement, and transportation relating to avian influenza program activities particularly in domains of occupational health and safety, biosecurity, and personal protective equipment. He represents the USAID team at domestic and international meetings on relevant logistics areas.

Mr. Blanchard helps develop and manage USAID stockpiled assets relevant to avian influenza pandemic preparedness and response. He plans, coordinates, manages, executes and reports on relevant logistics actions and functions required to support avian influenza preparedness and response activities of USAID and its missions worldwide. He helps manage and coordinate actions by USAID, US government agency partners, implementing partners, and commercial transport managers to ensure USAID response objectives are efficiently met. He also monitors progress to meet logistical needs: evaluating plans for feasibility, effectiveness, efficiency and economy; developing alternative methods to achieve goals in a wide variety of work operations.

Mr. Blanchard liaises with OFDA logistics in DC regarding availability of commodities for

stockpile, warehousing and maintenance of regional stockpiles. He contributes to a database inventory of stockpiled commodities and facilitates the release of stockpiled commodities in response to requests. Contribute to a computerized Management Information System that produces reports and provides accountability for inventory management, replacement, transportation, commodity dispatch, disposal, and total control of every aspect of handling, storage, and warehouse operations.

In coordination with the OFDA/Disaster Response and Mitigation (DRM) Division, plan logistical responses to declared avian influenza disasters, including airlift, sealift, and local purchase of disaster relief supplies. Assess capabilities of local infrastructures to handle emergency needs. Develop and maintain complete information system that includes specific, accurate data about logistical responses and quantities of material dispatched for specific disasters.

Mr. Blanchard assists USAID missions, host governments, and NGOs in developing, implementing, and assessing programmatic approaches for preventing, detecting, and containing outbreaks of avian or pandemic influenza through use of appropriate resources of cooperating agencies.

Rob will complete his HCS Fellowship in October. He will continue working at USAID through the Public Health Institute's Global Health Fellows Program.

***Malia Boggs, MPH  
Micronutrients Program Advisor  
USAID/GH/HIDN/NUT***

As Micronutrients Program Advisor in the Bureau for Global Health's Nutrition Division, Ms. Malia Boggs provides technical and managerial assistance in the

implementation and monitoring of global micronutrient activities.

Malia serves as the principal coordinator and liaison for the Global Alliance for Improved Nutrition (GAIN), a not-for-profit foundation that strives to eliminate vitamin and mineral deficiencies through the fortification of staple foods and condiments. This quarter, Malia attended GAIN's 9<sup>th</sup> Board of Directors Meeting in Lausanne, Switzerland and worked closely with the Office of General Counsel to finalize a new five-year \$12.5 million grant to GAIN before funds were obligated in September.

Malia continues to manage USAID's grant to UNICEF for the elimination of Iodine Deficiency Disorders (IDD) in Africa, Asia and Latin America. In May, she traveled to Dubai, UAE to attend a meeting of donors, partners and UNICEF country offices to discuss programmatic challenges, lessons learned and needs; and to identify strategies and actions to accelerate the achievement of USI in priority countries. Over the past few months, Malia also reviewed and provided consolidated technical and programmatic feedback to UNICEF on ten country proposals for USI. With the proposals finalized, funds will soon be released to the country programs.

Malia is a member of the team working to roll-out the implementation of zinc and ORT treatment for childhood diarrhea. As part of the CTO team, she assists with the day-to-

day management of POUZN/AED, USAID's Point-of-use Water Disinfection and Zinc Treatment Project. She also serves as the liaison with the Gates-funded Zinc Task Force to coordinate complementary activities and participate in planning advocacy meetings designed to accelerate zinc adoption for diarrhea management in countries such as Bangladesh, Indonesia and Tanzania.

Finally, during this quarter, Malia successfully completed the Acquisition and Assistance Management Courses and is now a certified CTO.

Malia will complete her HSC Fellowship in October. She will continue working at USAID through the Public Health Institute's Global Health Fellows Program.

**Molly A. Brady, MPH**  
**Avian Influenza Advisor,**  
**USAID, Bangkok, Thailand**  
**USAID/RDMA**  
**(Regional Development Mission for**  
**Asia)**

Ms. Molly A. Brady serves as Avian Influenza Advisor to the Regional Development Mission for Asia in Bangkok, Thailand. Her activities this quarter focused on partner workplan development and programming FY06 avian influenza funds, including working with FAO, WHO, AED, and others in Vietnam, Laos,

China, Mongolia, and regionally.

FAO and USAID jointly hosted an AI Partners Meeting in late June that served as a reporting forum on past activities, as well as an opportunity for partners to discuss their future planned activities in country breakout groups. Ms. Brady was responsible for conveying the new financial and activity tracking requirements to partners and aiding them in fulfilling them. Much of the remainder of the quarter was spent aiding partners in developing technical and strategic program approaches in these workplans.

As part of the monitoring and evaluation team responsible for creating a M&E framework for AI activities in the region, she facilitated introductions with partners, other USG officials, and other donors in Thailand and Vietnam, as well as participated in the development of a logframe and indicators as part of the greater M&E Technical Working Group. In October, a follow on meeting will be held in Bangkok to finalize indicators and discuss sources of data.

Ms. Brady represented USAID at the Technical Advisory Group on Emerging Diseases hosted by WPRO in Manila. She presented an overview of RDM/A's infectious disease portfolio and future directions in infectious disease funding. She also traveled to Jakarta to meet with ASEAN to explore regional AI activities and to Vietnam to represent USAID RDM/A at an AI donors pledging meeting.

She continued to coordinate and facilitate interagency activities and dialogue. In addition, she represents USAID at monthly meetings of the AI NGO Coordination Group in Bangkok. She drafts briefers and reports on avian influenza activities and plans by USAID, US Government agencies and international organizations.

**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 on technical issues related to the areas of MCHN and HIV/AIDS, 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), with the Office of the Global AIDS Coordinator for the President's Emergency Plan for Africa technical working group on Food and Nutrition.

A major focus at the beginning of the fourth quarter continued to be reviews of Food for Peace's Multi-Year Assistance Proposals (MYAP) and Ms. Canahuati participated in reviews of several country proposals, focusing on HIV and health and nutrition activities. In addition, she participated in discussions about the India phase out proposals. In addition, Ms. Canahuati participated in the annual reviews of the Institutional Capacity Building (ICB) workplans presented by FFP's Cooperating Sponsors.

She continued her participation in discussions of the quality of food commodities, meeting with USDA, Sustain and FANTA and a sub-committee of the Commodities Working Group of the Food Aid Consultative Group (FACG).

She also organized a presentation on "Linking Nutritional Support with ARV Treatment: Lessons being Learned in Kenya". The presentation focused on research carried out by the International Food Policy Research Institute (IFPRI) on nutrition and food support to resource constrained HIV patients in a clinic in western Kenya. This research was partially supported by FFP and was later presented at the Toronto AIDS conference. In addition, she worked on a brief on FFP's work in HIV to be sent out to FFP's partners.

She continued to participate in the PEPFAR food and nutrition technical working group. As a representative of the PEPFAR Technical Working Group (TWG) on food and nutrition, she visited Malawi and Rwanda to work with them on issues related to the integration of food and nutrition in their 07 PEPFAR Country Operating Plan (COP). She was involved in various meetings and briefings both before and after the trip related to Malawi and Rwanda. During her trip to Malawi she met with Dr. Mary Shawa, the Principal Secretary for Nutrition and HIV & AIDS who asked her to help her organize a meeting with USAID and PEPFAR staff during a planned visit to the US in September. Together with Dr. Cheryl Jackson of the Africa Bureau, Ms. Canahuati co-organized and co-facilitated that meeting.

Other meetings in which Ms. Canahuati participated during the quarter included the Food Aid Consultative Group meeting, a meeting on therapeutic feeding in HIV patients, a meeting with the GAO on SMART, a methodology for evaluating effectiveness in Emergency response, a meeting on indicators in Prevention of Mother to Child Transmission (PMTCT), a CORE nutrition working group teleconference on peer support

for infant and young child feeding and a technical advisory group meeting on research related to nutrition interventions to prevent or recuperate malnourished children in Haiti. In addition, she was involved in meetings with the Ministry of Health of Honduras and the WISHH Foundation, with Africa Bureau and with HIV Ethiopia office.

During this quarter, Ms. Canahuati continued her participation in the monthly meetings of the USAID Nutrition Working Group and facilitated a meeting in July that focused on the Initiative to End Hunger in Africa (IEHA). In addition, she continued to represent FFP in Education and Health Sector Council meetings, as the technical coordination lead position in FFP's Policy and Technical Division (PTD) continued to be vacant.

Judy will complete her HCS Fellowship in October. She will continue working at USAID through the Public Health Institute's Global Health Fellows Program.



*I-LIFE Consortium member Africare and HIVAIDS Volunteers greet USAID visitors to Chitungu Home-based Care (HBC) group in Ncheu, Malawi.*

**ThuVan T. Dinh, MPH**  
**Technical Advisor for HIV-AIDS**  
**Monitoring and Evaluation Advisor**  
**USAID/GH/OHA/SPER**

Ms. ThuVan T. Dinh serves as a Technical Advisor for HIV-AIDS Monitoring, Evaluation, and Reporting for the Strategic Planning, Evaluation, and Reporting (SPER) Division as a part of the Monitoring, Evaluation, and

Reporting Team (MER). She provides broad HIV-AIDS related expertise and guidance in program evaluation and monitoring. She also assists USAID to design/implement strategic information systems and report program results in the countries under the

President's Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief (PEPFAR). She provides technical assistance to USAID missions and regional bureaus in the design and implementation of national or program-level monitoring and evaluation systems and also in the design/implementation of program evaluations. Ms. Dinh serves as a back-stop for monitoring and evaluation activities focused in Asia and the Near East region as many countries move into PEPFAR standardized reporting. Ms. Dinh also participates in several technical working groups including: Indicators & Reporting, Monitoring & Evaluation Capacity Building, Community & Faith-Based Organizations, and the PEPFAR Interagency Internal Communications Workgroup.

During this quarter, Ms. Dinh (co-chair of the PEPFAR SI Indicators and Reporting Technical Work Group) completed work on a joint project between two PEPFAR technical work groups – Monitoring & Evaluation Capacity Building and Indicators & Reporting – to develop regional workshops on an orientation to PEPFAR for the new other bilateral countries receiving USG funding for HIV/AIDS programs. The workshops covered a basic introduction to PEPFAR policies and guidance including a brief training of Mini Country Operational Plan guidance; basic orientation to strategic information; PEPFAR indicators and reporting; data quality assurance; and building capacity for monitoring and evaluation. The six PEPFAR Regional Workshops were held in: Latin American Region – Port of Spain, Trinidad (June 21-23); East/West Africa Region – Dakar, Senegal (June 26-28); Southern Africa Region – Johannesburg, South Africa (July 10-13); Eastern Europe Region – Kiev, Ukraine (July 17-18); Central Asia Region – Almaty, Kazakhstan (July 20-21); Asia Region – Bangkok, Thailand (July 25-28). Ms. Dinh participated as a technical presenter in five of the six regional workshops.

In July, Ms. Dinh also travelled on T/DY to Geneva, Switzerland to participate in a global indicators harmonization meeting sponsored by UNAIDS.

In August, Ms. Dinh travelled to Beijing, China with the joint USG SI Team for the purpose of providing strategic information technical assistance for mini-COP development, PEPFAR country reporting, and to assist in the China Country Team's review of its five-year strategic information plan. The USG SI Team also met with international and national partners to discuss monitoring and evaluation activities and reporting broadly and participated in a couple of site visits with local partners in two Chinese provinces – Yunnan and Guangxi.

Also in August, Ms. Dinh travelled to Hanoi, Vietnam with the USG PEPFAR Vietnam Core Team to provide strategic information technical assistance for the development of Vietnam's strategic information activities for fiscal year 2007 and updating the five-year strategy as well as provide general technical support while doing a preliminary review of Team Vietnam's first draft of their FY2007 COP.

ThuVan will complete her HCS Fellowship in October. She will continue working at USAID through the Public Health Institute's Global Health Fellows Program.

**Mary J. Freyder, MPH**  
**HIV/AIDS Technical Advisor**  
**USAID/Caribbean Regional Program**

Ms. Mary Freyder serves as HIV-AIDS Technical Advisor to the Caribbean Regional Program (CRP). She provides US Government HIV and AIDS Technical and Programmatic

Leadership; ensuring coordination and synergy of HIV/AIDS activities with other USAID CRP activities and related regional and country-level strategies supported by other donor partners and serves as a professional member of the USAID CRP technical team.

Ms. Freyder provides US Government HIV and AIDS Technical and Programmatic Leadership. She reviews implementing partner annual work plans, quarterly and annual progress reports and expenditures, and drafts the HIV/AIDS narratives for annual USAID results reporting process to USAID/Washington. She participates on multi-donor HIV/AIDS working groups and Caribbean regional and international forums, and provides technical and programmatic leadership in HIV/AIDS planning, implementation and evaluation. Ms. Freyder provides technical and programmatic oversight of key components of the HIV/AIDS strategy ensuring the achievement of results on an annual or semi-annual basis and at the end of the five-year strategy. This also includes development and management of a performance monitoring plan for the HIV regional strategy, monitoring of implementing partner results semi-annually, annually and at the end of strategy.

She participates in the design, implementation and evaluation of appropriate operational and intervention-linked quantitative and qualitative studies for the evaluation of HIV/AIDS activities as appropriate (i.e. behavioral surveillance surveys, health facility surveys, human resource capacity assessments). She provides technical assistance in capacity building, planning, implementation, monitoring and evaluation to key governmental and non-governmental partners. And she assists implementing partners in the development of achievable, measurable objectives for implementation of innovative HIV/AIDS activities.

Ms. Freyder is responsible for ensuring coordination and synergy of HIV/AIDS activities with other USAID CRP activities and related regional and country-level strategies supported by other donor partners. She participates as a USG/USAID technical representative in technical, programmatic and policy development meetings with Ministry of Health officials and other related government officials, other donor partners (both multi and bilateral) and non-governmental partners. She ensures technical, programmatic and administrative synergy between HIV/AIDS and other related CRP activities (e.g. democracy and governance, private sector) by facilitating exchange of technical and programmatic information with CRP technical teams and identifying opportunities for partnership on technical and programmatic activities.

Ms. Freyder serves a member of US Embassy interagency HIV committees in at least three US Embassies in the region (Barbados, Trinidad and Tobago, and Suriname) to provide technical leadership on HIV/AIDS to the US Government global efforts.

Ms. Freyder also serves as a professional member of the USAID CRP technical team. This includes: participating in regular team meetings and other USAID routine mission-wide meetings, as applicable; providing technical and programmatic input and

participates in the planning and presentation of the annual portfolio review to USAID Mission senior management. Ms. Freyder participates in the preparation of high-level delegations (i.e. USAID senior management, Congressional Delegations) as necessary and applicable. She coordinates and communicates regularly with other members of the CRP HIV/AIDS Team and other CRP technical teams on technical, programmatic and policy issues related to HIV/AIDS.

Mary will complete her HCS Fellowship in October. She will continue working at USAID through the Public Health Institute's Global Health Fellows Program.

***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. 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 develops 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. She exercises technical leadership, and provides 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).

**Cherry M. Gumapas, MPH**  
**HIV/AIDS Behavior Change and**  
**Communications Specialist**  
**USAID/Maputo, Mozambique**

Ms. Cherry Gumapas serves as HIV/AIDS Behavior Change and Communications Specialist with the HIV/AIDS Team at USAID/Maputo. Ms. Gumapas serves as technical advisor for partners implementing

Abstinence, Partner Reduction and Faithfulness Prevention, providing technical leadership to assist USAID/Mozambique to carry out specific responsibilities for planning, implementing, monitoring and overseeing activities under the President's Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief (PEPFAR) and the Country Strategic Plan (CSP) related to HIV/AIDS awareness and behavior change communications (BCC).

This quarter she completed a site monitoring visit to PEPFAR Abstinence and Being Faithful Youth HIV prevention activities in Inhambane province in southern Mozambique and coordinated an external portfolio review of Track One AB Youth programs. Cherry also organized and facilitated an AB Partners' Technical Workshop in Maputo, which provided an opportunity for implementing partners to review best practices in the region and to exchange experiences and challenges faced in the field. She also developed all of USAID's AB submissions for the Mission's FY07 PEPFAR Country Operational Plan.

Cherry will complete her HCS Fellowship in October. She will continue working at USAID through the Public Health Institute's Global Health Fellows Program.



*A volunteer leading an HIV prevention lesson in a church in Inhambane, Mozambique.*



*Cherry Gumapas with members of a church involved in Samaritan Purse's Mobilizing, Equipping and Training HIV prevention program in Inhambane, Mozambique.*



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*School based HIV prevention programs include theatre pieces followed by a question and answer session with the audience. The actors in the foreground are Peer Educators and are performing a skit addressing the importance of knowing one's HIV status and being faithful to one partner. (Inhambane, Mozambique)*

**Heather Haberle, MS**  
**Health Research Advisor**  
**USAID/GH/HIDN/NUT**

As Health Research Advisor in the Bureau for Global Health's Office of Health, Infectious Diseases, and Nutrition, Ms. Heather Haberle provides technical and managerial support

for the implementation of the Health Research Program (HARP) Activities. HARP is an integral part of the research to use strategy followed by the Bureau. In this role, Heather facilitates and assists with the technical review of research activities, project monitoring, and the organization of technical meetings and partner donor coordination.

In July Heather participated in the UNICEF/WHO Global Meeting on the Prevention and Control of Iron Deficiency in Children in Nairobi. This was the programmatic follow-up to the scientific review of the evidence base for iron supplementation for children under five, focusing on malarial areas, in which she participated in June.

As part of the ongoing efforts of the division, she contributed to the multi-lateral efforts to establish and move forward with the next steps in the development of a joint statement by WHO and UNICEF on community based care of neonates. This partnership includes USAID, Saving Newborn Lives, ACCESS, BASICS, WHO and UNICEF. The research supported by USAID/W and missions through the HaRP mechanism will provide much of the evidence base for this statement.

Heather is also involved in the enhancement of the Health Research Information Tracking System (HRIT) and the HaRP website ([www.harpsnet.org](http://www.harpsnet.org)). This included working with cooperating agencies to get necessary data entered into HRIT, as well as other divisions in Global Health to identify areas for development within the tracking system for better reporting functions and ease of data entry for accuracy. This process will be ongoing for both sites.

In September, she participated in the workshop to review results of studies evaluating the impact of zinc supplementation on mortality and severe morbidity. Three large trials have recently been concluded and data analysis finalized in India, Nepal, and Zanzibar in which 150,000 children under three years of age were enrolled, representing almost 200,000 child years of observation.

Heather will complete her HCS Fellowship in October. She will continue working at USAID through the Public Health Institute's Global Health Fellows Program.

**Kamden D. Hoffmann, MA, MPH**  
**Child Health Advisor**  
**USAID/GH/HIDN/MCH**

Ms. Hoffmann continues to provide support the interim Country Support Working Group of the Partnership for Maternal, Newborn, and Child Health (iCSWG). The iCSWG was designed to

continue in-country activities such as policy review/development, maternal, neonatal, and child health assessments, resource tracking, and other activities linked to galvanizing support for reduction in maternal and child mortality among Partnership countries.

Ms. Hoffmann spent 3 weeks in Mali during late March/early April 2006 as part of a team to review the health portfolio at the USAID/Mali Mission. Support to the USAID/Mali health team is part of her portfolio as Alternate Country Coordinator for Mali. The trip included an extensive document/background review, meetings, work sessions with internal and external partners and stakeholders, and finally, site visits to the Sikasso and Koulikoro regions. She provided support on the Review Team, in collaboration with the USAID/Mali health team, towards the development of a series of institutional, strategic, organizational and operational findings and recommendations relevant to the overall programming. Her focus included child survival and malaria.

In the coming months, Ms. Hoffmann will be providing technical and managerial support to the BASICS III child survival contract. This includes country level monitoring and technical backstopping in relevant areas as appropriate. She will also be providing additional support to the Child Survival and Health Grants Program.

The Health and Child Survival Fellows Program hosted its Annual Auxiliary Meeting at the Annual Meeting of the Global Health Council on May 31, 2006. At the meeting two current HCSFP Fellows Kamden Hoffmann and Alison Surdo were joined by two University of Michigan Population Fellows, Siri Suh and Miko McKay (a former JHU MSI Intern). These four fellows described their experiences as applicants, candidates and fellows with the HCSFP and UM PFP.

Kamden will complete her HCS Fellowship in October. She will continue working at USAID through the Public Health Institute's Global Health Fellows Program.

***Lisa M. Kramer, MPH  
HIV/AIDS, 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, avian influenza (AI),

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; avian influenza programs implemented through a PASA agreement with the Naval Medical Research Unit-2 (NAMRU-2) and an agreement with Academy for Educational Development (AED); TB activities supported through a worldwide USAID cooperative agreement with the TB Coalition for Technical Assistance, managed by the Royal Dutch TB Association (KNCV); and a PIO grant to UNICEF for malaria. In the context of the 2004-2008 Country Strategic Plan, she works within the Strategic Objective team to ensure that maximum program synergies and targeted results are achieved.

Over the past quarter, Ms. Kramer has designed the strategy and implementation plan for FY06 avian influenza supplemental funding. In early March, she facilitated a visit from USAID/W's AI Unit and participated in regional AI coordination meetings in Bangkok.

She worked with the AI Unit to set up regular monitoring and evaluation and financial reporting systems for AI programs. As part of the team visit, Ms. Kramer organized and moderated an AI donor meeting.

Ms. Kramer actively managed the implementation of the current three avian influenza programs supporting animal surveillance and rapid response, human surveillance, and behavior change communications. In February, she monitored participatory epidemiology training for Ministry of Agriculture surveillance and response teams in East Java and provided technical guidance for the training. She has worked with implementers to plan for expansion and scale up of the program. She has monitored communication activities and provided technical assistance for the development of a consensus list of key messages to improve knowledge and practices among farmers, backyard chicken owners and others involved in the informal poultry producing sector and the development of initial media and IEC materials.

Ms. Kramer organized and moderated AI seminars for the American Chamber of Commerce in Jakarta and for the US Embassy and USAID mission and she has provided a number of briefings for visiting officials. She continues to chair the AIWG, conducting biweekly meetings and facilitating USG coordination. Ms. Kramer also represents the USG at monthly donor coordination meetings, and sub-committee meetings for communications.

Ms. Kramer has participated in Global Fund for AIDS, TB, and Malaria working group meetings and has monitored ongoing program implementation for the TB and HIV/AIDS programs.

For the next quarter, Ms. Kramer will finalize plans for the FY06 AI supplemental funding, obligate funds, work with existing partners to scale up programs, and develop terms of reference for new partners. She will develop the Scope of Work for HIV/AIDS advocacy through the PDI field support mechanism. She will conduct site visits for the AI animal surveillance and response program and for HIV/AIDS program activities in Papua.

Lisa will complete her HCS Fellowship in October. She will continue working at USAID through the Public Health Institute's Global Health Fellows Program.

**Nazo Kureshy, SM**  
**Maternal and Child Health**  
**Technical Advisor**  
**Child Survival and Health Grants**  
**Program**  
**USAID/GH/HIDN/NUT**

Ms. Nazo Kureshy serves as Maternal and Child Health Technical Advisor to the Child Survival and Health Grants Program. Ms. Kureshy provides technical and programmatic support to the Child Survival and Health Grants Program (CSHGP) in development and implementation of program policy, priorities

and activities related to child survival and health, including a focus on maternal and child health, nutrition, and infectious diseases.

During this past quarter, Nazo has invested a significant amount of time reviewing

applications submitted to CSHGP in response to the FY2006 RFA. She partnered with colleagues to primarily focus on the Expanded Impact category applications, and analyzed and distilled lessons learned from the review process for strategic considerations for scaling up within the context of CSHGP.

She also participated in portfolio reviews within the HIDN office, and provided input into the development of a CSHGP results pathway.

Nazo worked with a small team [Susan Youll (CSHGP) and Sara Cohen (DCHA)] to design a panel discussion for a GH/DCHA collaborative series focusing on Health Programming in Fragile States. The panel entitled “Operationalizing Service Delivery in Fragile States: The Changing Role of NGOs in Health Programming” featured Ruth Buckley (USAID/Africa Bureau), Linda Poeteat (InterAction), and LizAnne McBride (International Rescue Committee) and was moderated by Steve Commins (UCLA). The session was well attended by USAID and selected PVO colleagues and stimulated an interesting discussion.

Some of Nazo’s work with the CORE Group during this past quarter includes:

- Participation in planning meetings for Spring meeting,
- Provision of input to refine the design of selected workshops (Qualitative Research workshop, Kenya & BEHAVE workshop, San Diego),
- Monitoring of CMM activities, including strengthening linkages with USAID colleagues and reviewing proposals for a CCM solicitation focusing on country collaboration to expand community case management programming,
- Planning and conducting strategic meetings to facilitate decision-making associated with CSH Network cooperative agreement key results and M&E plan, and
- Reviewing a field story focusing on PVO contributions for improving neonatal health in Bolivia.

Nazo worked with MCH/USAID and CSTS colleagues to plan activities to assess and strengthen the quality of MNC programming of PVO projects. This planning has included the review of a minimum package of MNC interventions and indicators and reaching agreement on the plan of action for this year. Nazo has also participated in meetings with a small group of GH and Africa Bureau colleagues to plan a small strategic meeting with partners focusing on advancing Safe Birth in Africa. In preparation for the meeting, she analyzed relevant data from DHS from various African countries and compiled several slides focusing on the levels and trends in data from strategic countries.

Nazo was one of the members of an award fee contract evaluation committee, focusing on the progress and impact of QAP’s activities during the past year, including the scaling up of improvement collaboratives.

Nazo attended the ‘Countdown 2015: Tracking Progress in Child Survival’ Conference in London and is looking forward to her upcoming TDY to Mali.

Nazo will complete her HCS Fellowship in October. She will continue working at USAID

through the Public Health Institute's Global Health Fellows Program.

**Stephen A. Lee, MD**  
**Senior Advisor for HIV/AIDS Care and Treatment**  
**USAID/GH/OHA/TL**

Dr. Stephen Lee serves as Senior Advisor for HIV/AIDS Care and Treatment in the Division of Technical Leadership and Research of the Office of HIV/AIDS.

Serving as HIV/AIDS Care and Treatment Advisor, Dr. Lee assists Missions, regional field offices, regional bureaus, CAs, PVOs, host country governments and NGOs in the design and implementation HIV/AIDS care and treatment programs. Dr. Lee analyzes data, reports and other information about HIV/AIDS care and treatment both domestically and internationally and reviews relevant policies so as to recommend appropriate USAID policy and programs. A specific focus area of this assignment is anti-retroviral treatment programs

Dr. Lee provides on-going technical assistance, training, and consultation on the development and implementation of HIV/AIDS care and treatment programs to the Office of HIV/AIDS, GH Bureau, and Missions. He provides assistances in management of cooperative agreements designed to implement HIV/AIDS care and treatment programs, and methods to monitor and evaluate programs. He coordinates HIV/AIDS care and treatment programs with Missions, regional bureaus, GH, U.S. government agencies, international agencies, donors, banks, and implementation partners.

Dr. Lee serves as HIV/AIDS Care and Treatment Subject Matter Specialist. He analyzes, synthesizes and disseminates key research findings, cutting edge methodologies, and best practices to the GH Bureau, Missions and CAs regarding HIV/AIDS care and treatment, and their application to USAID programs. He develops and delivers HIV/AIDS care and treatment presentations, reference materials, speeches and prepares reports and other documents as required. He develops collaborations with counterparts in U.S. government and international agencies. Dr. Lee provides leadership and technical oversight on the design and publication of USAID material related to HIV/AIDS care and treatment programs.

Dr. Lee provides guidance and direction on USAID's strategic approach to HIV/AIDS care and treatment programs. He participates in the review and evaluation of existing policies on HIV/AIDS care and treatment and other relevant policies – providing recommendations and modifications to existing policies or the creation of new policies to support and/or enhance USAID HIV/AIDS global activities.

Dr. Lee works closely with the Office of the Global AIDS Coordinator (OGAC) and other USG Agencies in the implementation of the President's Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief (PEPFAR). He also serves as the co-chair of the Adult Treatment Technical Working Group at OGAC.

Recent technical assistance visits:

February: Participated in the first PEPFAR USG and Partners HIV Care, Treatment and PMTCT Consultation in Cote d'Ivoire

March: Participated in the US Government-Government of Tanzania Antiretroviral Therapy Partner's Meeting.

Summer travel plans: similar consultations/visits as Cote d'Ivoire and Tanzania planned for Vietnam, Nigeria, and Ethiopia.

Steven completed his fellowship in September 2006. He now serves as Director of Program Operations at the Elizabeth Glaser Pediatric AIDS Foundation in Washington, DC.

***Tiffany Lefevre Lillie, MHS, PhD  
HIV-AIDS Monitoring, Evaluation and  
Reporting Fellow  
USAID/GH/OHA/SPER***

Dr. Lillie serves as HIV-AIDS Monitoring, Evaluation and Reporting Fellow in the Strategic Planning, Evaluation and Reporting Division (Office of HIV/AIDS) providing broad HIV/AIDS-related expertise and guidance in

program evaluation and monitoring.

Dr. Lillie strengthens 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 and also assists USAID to design/implement Strategic Information Systems and report program results in the 14 priority countries under the President's Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief. She also assists Cooperating 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 to design program activities that will have a sustainable impact on the reduction of HIV/AIDS transmission and the mitigation of the epidemic's effects.

In July 2006, Dr. Lillie traveled to the Center for Disease Control in Atlanta, Georgia for a two day Country Operation Plan (COP) training conducted by the Office of the U.S. Global AIDS Coordinator (OGAC). Dr. Lillie also traveled to Haiti with the Haiti Core Team as the Strategic Information Advisor. She reviewed Haiti's Strategic Information and Prevention (Abstinence and Being Faithful & Condoms and Other Prevention) portfolios and participated in developing the strategy for the FY07 Country Operation Plan (COP). During that time, Dr. Lillie co-wrote the strategic information (SI), abstinence and being faithful (AB), and other prevention (OP) narratives with country USG staff and partners and met with several Prevention partners to discuss the FY07 strategy. In July/August, the Haiti Prevention partners sent their COP 07 narratives to Dr. Lillie for review. Then, to help finalize the FY07 COP, Dr. Lillie traveled a second time to Haiti to further refine and strengthen the SI, AB, and OP portfolios.

Dr. Lillie also helped coordinate a couple of technical assistance (TA) trips to Haiti to fill

existing strategic information gaps. The first was from Measure/JSI in which they started the Community Level Program Information Reporting (CLPIR) process. CLPIR focuses on strengthening monitoring and evaluation systems within non-facility based programs (e.g. OVC, HBC (including ART), Human Rights, PLWHA, BCC, Training). This TA trip took place August 28-30, 2006, and Dr. Lillie participated in the diagnostic, meetings with both government and partner representatives, and discussions on the next steps for rolling out the process.

The second TA trip is with the Supply Chain Management System (SCMS) project. In October 2006, a SCMS team will travel to Haiti to conduct a technology assessment to determine Haiti's exact needs in developing, implementing and managing a health information management system. The goal is to have one system that would coordinate the programs' planning, monitoring and evaluation, and reporting for the forecasting and procurement of drugs and supplies.

Tiffany will complete her HCS Fellowship in October. She will continue working at USAID through the Public Health Institute's Global Health Fellows Program.

**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 backstops eleven country/regional Missions - Benin, Burundi, Djibouti, DRC, Kenya, Madagascar, Malawi, Rwanda, Somalia, Uganda, and USAID/East Africa (formerly REDSO/ESA). In addition, Patricia is the RCS liaison for the Population and Reproductive Health (PRH) Office, and focuses on corruption prevention, accountability and transparency for the office.

In June Patricia traveled to Kampala, Uganda to provide support to USAID/Uganda for the Presidential Malaria Initiative (PMI). Malaria is the leading cause of illness and death in Uganda and is endemic in 95% of the country. Malaria is responsible for up to 40 percent of outpatient visits to health facilities, 25 percent of hospital admissions, and 14 percent of hospital deaths. In 2006, the President's Malaria Initiative (PMI) has committed \$9.5 million in funding to support the Ugandan government with a comprehensive malaria control strategy that includes:

1. Spraying with insecticides ("indoor residual spraying," or IRS)
2. Distributing insecticide-treated bednets (ITNs) in the conflict districts of the North, through well-child and antenatal clinics, and via social marketing
3. Supporting the national introduction of artemisinin-based combination therapy

(ACT)

4. Treating pregnant women (“intermittent preventive treatment,” or IPT)

Under the direction of new Administrator Randall Tobias, the Agency, together with the State Department, is undergoing a foreign assistance reform process. During the month of July, Patricia participated on several Country Core Team meetings at State Department, to make initial FY08 country budget allocation and program recommendations.

**Ayan H. Ahmed Noor, MD, MPH**  
**Health, Disaster and Complex**  
**Emergency Advisor**  
**USAID/GH/HIDN/NUT**

Dr. Ayan H. Ahmed Noor serves as Health, Disaster and Complex Emergency Assistance Advisor. Dr. Noor provides the U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID)'s Bureau for Global Health (BGH) and Bureau of

Democracy, Conflict and Humanitarian Assistance/Office of Foreign Disaster Assistance jointly with resident health expertise to participate on Disaster Assistance Relief Teams (DART) and Response Management Teams (RMT) and provides technical support and oversight to the development and implementation of policy, research, and project activities in health in foreign disasters and fragile and transitional state situations.

She will serve as a joint technical advisor to the Office of Health, Infectious Diseases, and Nutrition and to the Office of Foreign Disaster Assistance. In this capacity she provides technical and operational backstopping for a subset of country-level, regional, and global activities and initiatives. She provides technical backstopping in the major technical program areas of health and infectious diseases with special emphasis on complex emergencies, foreign disaster situations, and fragile states. She provides technical backstopping in one or more cross-cutting functions related to implementation of health programs in complex emergencies, foreign disasters and fragile states, for example, monitoring and evaluation, epidemiology and the collection and analysis of health statistics, health care delivery systems, community-based health programs, and behavior change and communication.

Ayan will complete her HCS Fellowship in October. She will continue working at USAID through the Public Health Institute's Global Health Fellows Program.

**Patricia Ann Paine, D. Litt. et. Phil,**  
**MSc, MSc**  
**Senior TB Advisor**  
**USAID/Brazil**

Dr. Paine serves as Senior TB Advisor at USAID/Brazil. In this capacity she is responsible for assisting the Mission and its external partners to accomplish programmatic objectives defined under the Mission's

Strategic Objective (SO) #7 Increased Sustainable and Effective Programs to Prevent Sexual Transmission of HIV among Target Groups and to Control Tuberculosis in Target Geographic Areas.

Dr. Paine provides technical and managerial assistance in the achievement of USAID/Brazil's health strategic objective for TB control. She serves as the principal advisor to the Mission's Health Team Leader in the area of TB. She assists the Health Team Leader in the supervision of USAID/Brazil's TB prevention and TB control programs. She also assists the Health Team Leader to articulate the activities, problems, and progress of USAID/Brazil's TB control programs to the Mission's Senior Management and the U.S. Embassy staff.

Dr. Paine prepares programming documentation related to the health portfolio, including scopes of work and cables, and contributes generally and specifically to the Mission's management review, annual report, and other documentation as appropriate. Dr. Paine participates in meetings with officials from the Ministry of Health's (MOH) National Tuberculosis Program, National Tuberculosis Reference Laboratory and state and municipal TB Programs to discuss ongoing and future TB activities. She attends national and international forums on TB, and assist in making presentations on USAID's TB prevention and control program in Brazil, and assist in articulating the Mission's plans and strategies. She develops and maintains contacts with relevant implementing partners, such as the CDC and PAHO, and their counterparts as well as with health representatives from other donors and within municipal, state and federal health agencies.

In October 2005, Dr. Paine attended the WHO Training Course for Programme Managers on TB/HIV Collaborative Activities in Sondalo, Italy. She acquired valuable expertise for upcoming DOTS expansion projects in HIV out-patient clinics. In January 2006, Dr. Paine accompanied the STOP TB High Level Mission that evaluated the Brazilian National Tuberculosis Program. The Mission positively evaluated the progress in TB control that Brazil has made in the last three years and recognized the important contribution that USAID/Brazil has made for DOTS expansion. Currently, Dr. Paine is working together with PAHO on a USAID funded training project for nurse supervisors who will monitor DOTS expansion activities throughout Brazil.

Patricia will complete her HCS Fellowship in October. She will continue working at USAID through the Public Health Institute's Global Health Fellows Program.

***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 and infectious disease. 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 Dr. Quinley attended meetings in India related to Maternal and Newborn Care (MaternalNewborNet) and Post-Partum Hemorrhage. Our bilateral Nepal Family Health Program was able to present initial results of a community based misoprostel distribution intervention in Banke district that appears to be successful in reaching most women, in correct use of misoprostel and in reducing post-partum hemorrhage while still promoting use of skilled birth attendants where possible. Dr. Quinley participated in a mission to investigate the potential for Population Health and Environment activities to be added to Nepal's already successful programs on community forestry natural resource management. On the basis of these investigations the design for pilot programs in this area have been agreed and we hope to start activities by early 2007. USAID supported Avian Influenza activities have started with training of rapid response teams for the ministry of health and design of a human avian influenza surveillance system. A concept for private sector zinc introduction was presented to a government/donor working group and endorsed by the Child Health Division, paving the way for a private sector launch in the Kathmandu valley, hopefully in early 2007.

***Rochelle Rainey, PhD  
Water Supply, Sanitation and  
Environmental Health  
Technical Advisor  
USAID/GH/HIDN***

Dr. Rochelle Rainey serves as Water Supply, Sanitation and Environmental Health Technical Advisor to USAID/GH/HIDN. She provides USAID with programmatic and technical expertise in water supply and sanitation, particularly point-of-use water

treatment, as these relate to public health and serves as the lead USAID technical resource on these issues.

Dr. Rainey provides leadership in the development, evaluation, and dissemination of innovative program approaches in health-focused water supply and sanitation activities. She works to establish and maintain cooperative relationships with USAID field Missions, regional Bureaus, and other central Offices, including providing technical guidance for project design and evaluation in water supply, sanitation, and environmental health. She serves as liaison to and coordinates with the USAID Water Team, linking health-focused water supply and sanitation activities with other water sector activities, including integrated water resources management. Dr. Rainey provides technical and program oversight of the work contractors and cooperating agencies engaged by HIDN. She maintains liaison with other international development organizations such as: WHO, PAHO, UNICEF, UNDP, and the World Bank, other donor and bilateral agencies.

In June Dr. Rainey was a team member on an assessment in Madagascar for integrated population-health-environment programming, looking for entry points and synergies between groups that traditionally operate in only one of these areas. For example, offering family planning training, services and products through conservation groups in order to reach non-traditional target audiences.

Dr. Rainey prepared initial environmental examinations for USAID's MEASURE activities that collect biological samples for research purposes, and for the Agency-wide avian influenza control and mitigation activities.

At the end of August, Dr. Rainey went to Kenya with a colleague from PSI to finalize a workplan for scaling up the production, promotion and distribution of a nation-wide liquid chlorine product. PSI uses commercial marketing methods along with distribution through non-governmental and faith-based organizations to reach beyond the commercial distribution network to the vulnerable populations.

Ongoing activities include co-chairing of the Implementation Working Group of the Network to Promote Household Water Treatment and Safe Storage. As a member of the Environmental Health team, she continues to be involved in general office tasks and meetings.

Rochelle will complete her HCS Fellowship in October. She will continue working at USAID through the Public Health Institute's Global Health Fellows Program.

***Yogesh Rajkotia, MSc  
USAID/GH/HIDN/HS  
Health Systems Advisor***

Mr. Yogesh Rajkotia serves as Health Systems Advisor in the Health Systems division of USAID's Bureau for Global Health's Office of Health, Infectious Disease and

Nutrition. He participates in the development and oversight of a new health financing, policy, and management strengthening project with worldwide scope, the provision of technical assistance to USAID missions in health financing, policy and management, and the identification and response to new opportunities to improve the health impact of USAID's work by strengthening health systems

Mr. Rajkotia provides USAID missions with direct technical assistance in health system strengthening, with particular emphasis on PHN strategy development, project design and strategy or project evaluation.

He participates in development of new USAID health system strengthening global activity. This activity is expected to focus on health policy and finance with more limited attention to human resources, commodities and health information.

Yogesh completed his HCSFP assignment in August.

***Robert G. Rosenberg, MD, MPH  
Senior Health Systems Advisor  
USAID/GH/RCS/EEST***

Dr. Bob Rosenberg is a Senior Health Systems Advisor to the E&E Bureau working through the Global Health Regional and Country Support (GH/RCS) team.

This past quarter was extremely busy one for both RCS and the E&E Regional Bureau. RCS began work on organizational issues and a revised work plan given the expanding focus in Ambassador Tobias' offices on transformational diplomacy and the integration of USAID into a multi-agency strategic country-focused platform. This required strong input

into translating higher level objectives into actual working policies and procedures. In particular, an emerging issue of great importance to RCS is the formation of the Core Teams and the Role of the GH Core Team Leader in development of country specific programs and strategy. Bob will participate as Core Team Lead for at least two RCS countries.

Two major travel assignments occupied much of Bob's time this quarter. The first was an assignment in Kazakhstan and Kyrgyzstan that provided support for CAR regional programs in Almaty and attendance at the successful Regional National Health Accounts (NHA) workshop in Bishkek. More than half of the CIS countries are rapidly developing the capacity to provide NHA data which is an essential feature of the health system strengthening programs in the region. The workshop allowed sharing of critical performance information and led to a strong demand for the development of a regional network to share data in the future.

The second major travel assignment was to Yerevan, Armenia as the team leader for a mid-term assessment of the NOVA project. This project is unique in the region by focusing on the community nurses in rural and remote villages as the front line source of primary care. The program trained nurses and their supervising physicians in maternal and infant care (MCH) and in reproductive health (RH). The program is considered a unique and significant approach to rural health care and is especially noted for the high degree of community involvement and active participation that it elicits.

***Ndeye Marietou Satin, MPH  
Maternal and Child Health  
Technical Advisor  
USAID/Nigeria***

Ms. Ndeye Marietou Satin, MPH serves as Maternal and Child Health (MCH) Technical Advisor at USAID/Nigeria. Ms. Satin works as part of a team responsible for USAID/Nigeria's Reproductive Health and Child Survival

strategic objective. Under the direct supervision of the USDH Strategic Objective 13 Team Leader, Ms. Satin provides technical input into the management of the Mission's health services portfolio. She provides analysis and advises the Mission on MCH policy and reform programs. She, also monitors the implementation, performance and results of USAID/Nigeria's MCH activities.

Ms. Satin has rotated her Fellowship to Nigeria from her previous assignment as HIV-AIDS Monitoring, Evaluation and Reporting Fellow in the Strategic Planning, Evaluation and Reporting Division (Office of HIV/AIDS). In this assignment she provided broad HIV/AIDS- related expertise and guidance in program evaluation and monitoring. She worked 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 and also assisted USAID to design/implement Strategic Information Systems and report program results in the 14 priority countries under the President's Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief.

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

Matthew Sattah advises the Bureau for Global Health on knowledge management (KM) and the applications of Information Technology. He also serves as the technical representative for

the Bureau to the Agency's "Knowledge for Development" subcommittee. The following are highlights of his accomplishments and current activities.

With guidance from the senior management staff, Matthew has produced a guideline for knowledge management for the Office of Health, Infectious Diseases & Nutrition. The guideline will serve as the first step toward the integration of Knowledge Management approaches in the new and existing programs

Matthew has been providing technical guidance in KM to the Information and Knowledge for Optimal Health (INFO) project within the Office of Population and Reproductive Health. He recently accompanied the INFO technical team to conduct a KM assessment activity for the Regional Development Mission—Asia in Bangkok and planned to work closely with the team on the design and implementation of KM solutions.

Previously serving as technology lead in a development team for the Global Health Fundamentals eLearning System, Matthew is now tasked with filling the role of a 'champion' for this effort. The development team has produced two courses on Tuberculosis basics and the fundamentals of IUD and is currently planning additional courses to cover all major public health topics.

The Global Health Bureau has also chosen Matthew to lead the coordination of efforts in web development. He is currently working with teams of contractors and Global Health staff to manage the contents of the internet and intranet web sites.

Matthew continues to play a vital role in the Agency's Knowledge for Development subcommittee, especially in planning for the implementation of the Agency's KM strategy. He has assisted a team of trainers and consultants in designing and implementing a three-day workshop at the Regional Center for Southern Africa this summer. The workshop has resulted in the creation of "Knowledge Coordinator" roles by a number of missions in Africa. Matthew is now working with the KfD outreach team to provide the workshop to other missions.

Mr. Sattah will complete his HCS Fellowship on September 30. He will continue at USAID working in a Foreign Service – Limited appointment.

**Alison M. Surdo, MPH**  
**Advisor for HIV Voluntary**  
**Counseling and Testing**  
**USAID/GH/OHA/TLR**

Ms. Alison M. Surdo serves as Advisor for HIV Voluntary Counseling and Testing in the Office of HIV-AIDS Division of Technical Leadership and Research. She provides support to USAID's programs in prevention and mitigation

of infection with the human immunodeficiency virus (HIV). Ms. Surdo provides USAID with both technical and programmatic advice on the implementation of HIV/AIDS programs, particularly those involving voluntary counseling and testing (VCT) and linking clients to palliative care; treatment of opportunistic infections; antiretroviral drug treatment, and other prevention services. She provides technical support and guidance for HIV rapid test issues.

Ms. Surdo participates in several inter-office and inter-agency technical working groups and committees and participates in international conferences dealing with HIV/AIDS prevention and treatment. She is the co-chair of the President's Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief (PEPFAR) Technical Working Group for Counseling and Testing, a member the Technical Working Group for Laboratory, and a member of the HIV Prevention Steering Committee. She is a the USAID representative on the PEPFAR Core Team for Kenya. She also works with USAID's Supply Chain Management team on validating new HIV rapid tests as they come on the market and ensuring their quality, and recently facilitated the formation of an interagency agreement between USAID and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) for validating new test kits.

In July Ms. Surdo provided technical assistance to the PEPFAR program in Kenya. She participated in a portfolio review process designed to evaluate past implementing partners on their past performance, including fiscal performance and technical achievements in VCT, palliative care, antiretroviral therapy, and prevention of sexual transmission. She also provided technical assistance for VCT, making multiple site visits and providing recommendations for strategic scale-up in the next fiscal year.

In August, Ms. Surdo conducted a technical assistance visit Cote d'Ivoire on behalf of her PEPFAR Technical Working Group, to assess current counseling and testing services and assist the national VCT working group in developing a plan of action for the scale up of VCT services.

Alison will complete her HCS Fellowship in October. She will continue working at USAID through the Public Health Institute's Global Health Fellows Program.



Surdo

*Alison with HIV counselors at a mobile HIV counseling and testing site for the Kenya Wildlife Service at Amboseli National Park, Kenya.*



Surdo

*People waiting for VCT at an outreach event at a health center near Kibwezi, Kenya.*

**Youssef Tawfik, M.B. CH, MPH**  
**Senior Child Health Advisor**  
**USAID/GH/HIDN/MCH**

Dr. Youssef Tawfik Serves as Senior Child Health Advisor to USAID's Bureau for Global Health, Office of Health, Infectious Diseases and Nutrition (HIDN), Maternal and Child

Health Division. He provides technical support and oversight to the development and implementation of policy, strategy and implementation of USAID child health activities. Particularly, he focuses on areas related to pediatric HIV, immunization and community case management of childhood illness.

During the last quarter, Dr. Tawfik's contribution included:

**Pediatric HIV:**

- Joined a team of USAID East Africa and BASICS Project in providing technical assistance to USAID Tanzania to assess the pediatric HIV services in Kilimanjaro Region and recommend practical interventions to reach more HIV infected children and providing them with a "basic service package". Important recommendation included the need to establish links between regular maternal and child health services, where most of sick children show up for care, and specialized Antiretroviral treatment sites.
- Continued to play an active role in the US Government Technical Working Group (TWG) on Pediatric HIV and Prevention of Mother to Child Transmission (PMTCT) of HIV. Activities included participating in regular conference call to monitor TWG workplan progress and organize Country Operational Plans (COP) review process.
- Reviewed BASICS projects' activities related to Pediatric HIV and worked with the BASICS pediatric HIV team to develop future activities.
- Coordinated with USAID Africa Bureau and USAID East Africa the development of a study to test the sensitivity of the guidelines for the presumptive clinical diagnosis of HIV infection in young children.
- Developed a concept proposal for use within USAID Global Bureau to strengthen child survival services to enable primary health care staff to flag pediatric HIV suspected cases, provide them with basic services and refer them to specialized health facilities. The activity will be funded and tested in one country.
- Participated in a meeting on "Equal treatment for Children with HIV" organized by Global Health Council, July 26.

**Immunization:**

- Completed the development of USAID on-line training course on immunization. The course is to be available to USAID Health Officers in developing countries to help them plan and implement national immunization programs.
- Represented USAID in a technical meeting on "The 9<sup>th</sup> Meeting on Coordination of

Operation MECACAR, Istanbul, Turkey August 29-31, 2006". This was a WHO meeting combining the Eastern Mediterranean and Europe Regional Offices to strengthen efforts for poli eradication, measles elimination and strengthening routine immunization services.

- Continued to provide technical support to Immunization Basics project including review of trip reports and review of Immunization Basics activities with WHO Afro.
- Provided input for Benin's mission for developing a scope of work for an EPI consultant to evaluate the immunization routine services.

#### **Community Case Management of Childhood Illness:**

- Continued to provide technical support to BASICS III project including reviewing its quarterly activity report and participating in its quarterly review meeting on July 20, 2006. Contributed to BASICS III funding pipeline, spending and funding needs.
- Published and disseminated an article on "improving quality of child illness case management of formal and informal practitioners". The article appeared in the Tropical Medicine and International Health Program.
- Contributed to the development of BASICS and Africa 2010 Projects' strategy for working with formal and informal private practitioners for improving case management of child illness.

#### **Other Activities:**

- Participated in WHO's meeting on strengthening public-private collaboration for TB control. Presented lessons learned from such collaboration for child survival activities in Uganda. Nairobi, Kenya, September 12-14, 2006.



*A mother seeking care for her sick child at a MCH clinic in Tanzania.*

**Angela M. Weaver, MPH**  
**Child Health and Immunization**  
**Technical Advisor**  
**USAID/GH/HIDN/MCH**

Ms Angela M. Weaver serves as Child Health and Immunization Technical Advisor to the Maternal and Child Health Division in the Health, Infectious Disease and Nutrition (HIDN) Office. Ms Weaver assists the

Maternal and Child Health Division to provide programmatic and technical support to immunization programs and activities and in the technical oversight of HIDN projects working in the area of immunization. In addition, she assists the Infectious Disease Division to provide programmatic and technical support to HIDN's infectious disease and surveillance activities.

Ms Weaver provides technical guidance and monitoring of HIDN's immunization project, Immunization Basics. This involves working with the Project to maintain a strategic and focused approach to improving immunization coverage in the Project's target countries and maintaining USAID's position of leadership in support of routine immunization

programs. Ms Weaver also assists USAID field missions in utilizing the Global Health Bureau's programmatic and technical support.

During this quarter, Ms Weaver traveled to Nairobi, Kenya for a coordination meeting with the Kenyan Field Epidemiology Training Program, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention - Kenya, and the African Field Epidemiology Network (AFENET). Ms Weaver continued to collaborate with the Field Epidemiology Training Programs in Africa this quarter to implement an immunization training grants program she has developed for epidemiologists-in-training in Africa.

This quarter, Ms Weaver continued providing technical assistance to HIDN's Infectious Disease Division and developed and negotiated a new interagency agreement with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. Ms. Weaver also continues to serve on the Country Coordinating Team for East Timor.

In October, Ms. Weaver will travel to Copenhagen, Denmark to represent USAID on a Regional Working Group on immunization advocacy and resource mobilization in the European Region. She will also spend four weeks in Almaty, Kazakhstan at the USAID Regional Mission for Central Asia, where she will assist with the development of Operating Plans for the five Central Asian Country Offices, update and review performance monitoring plans, and provide technical assistance with an immunization activity in Uzbekistan.



*School girls, El Dein Area, South Darfur, Sudan.*

## Health and Child Survival Interns

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.

***Maha Farouk Hag-Alshiekh,  
MBBS, MPH (Candidate)  
Health and Child Survival Advisor  
USAID/GH/HIDN/NUT***

Dr. Maha Hag-Alshiekh is the MSI intern serving as Health and Child Survival Advisor to the Child Survival and Health Grants Program. Dr. Hag-Alshiekh is assisting in the management of projects and activities that

support the Child Survival and Health Grants Program. In her assignment Dr. Hag-Alshiekh assists with the coordination of technical support communication and overall backstopping of maternal and child health programs.

Upon joining the CSHGP team, Dr. Hag-Alshiekh attended the CORE Spring Meeting in Easton, MD. This was a good opportunity to be oriented with the CORE Group member organizations and to learn about CORE's future directions. During the meeting, Dr. Hag-Alshiekh sat on the Integrated Management of Childhood Illness Working Group (IMCI) and attended Working Group's review of 2006 workplans; key activities; and joined discussions on technical issues. In June, Dr. Hag-Alshiekh participated in the Child Survival and Health Grants Program Detailed Implementation Plan Mini-University. Her scope of work involved reviewing DIPs for technical consistency and leading DIP presentation sessions of grantee work plans.

Dr. Hag-Alshiekh assisted the CSHGP team in communicating DIP review approval letters and review of annual reports directly with PVO headquarter and field backstops and responded to inquiries on program's-processes and procedures. She enjoyed collaborating with Child Survival Technical Support Plus (CSTS+) on moving forward the update of the Technical Reference Materials (TRMs) which serve as state of the art technical guidance for the CSHGP and reflect the latest research and practice on key child survival and health areas.

Dr. Hag-Alshiekh was assigned to be the point of contact and lead moving forward the development of the Community Based Collaboratives in the PVO setting through bringing together collaborating partners. Currently she is enjoying working on a desk review of maternal and newborn interventions implemented by the CSHGP-funded projects and looking forward to traveling with one of her CSHGP team fellows to visit one of their projects sites.

***Kiesha N. McCurtis, MPH  
Health and Child Survival Intern  
Global Campaign for Microbicides  
(PATH)***

Ms. Kiesha N. McCurtis serves as Health and Child Survival Intern with the Global Campaign for Microbicides housed at PATH. Her internship is sponsored by the Office of Professional Development and Management

Support. Through her internship, Ms. McCurtis is gaining practical on-the-job-training and experience with the Global Campaign for Microbicides, a broad-based international effort to build support among policymakers, opinion leaders, and the general public for increased investment into microbicides and other user-controlled prevention methods.

Ms. McCurtis works with the North American coordinator to design the Advanced Advocates Training Course, collect raw materials, and write modules. She will write presentation modules, fact sheets, and other outreach materials intended for advocates to adapt in Global North and Global South settings. The scope of the materials development segment of the assignment will depend on the interests of the intern; anything from clinical trials in Africa to microbicides in the African-American community. She will also write research briefs that translate on-going microbicide research (acceptability and clinical) for an advocacy audience.

Recently, Ms. McCurtis served as Graduate Research Associate WHO Synthesizing Intervention Effectiveness Project, Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health. The project examines the strength of evidence of effectiveness of HIV interventions in developing countries by systematically reviewing the literature.

A returned Peace Corps volunteer, she served as Community Health Promoter in Nicaragua. In this position she designed and executed a community diagnostic study to evaluate local needs related to hygiene, health and nutrition. She also taught and facilitated educational programs of hygiene, nutrition, sexual and reproductive health and maternal/infant health in various settings; all grades of formal school, youth groups, trainings, birthing center. She developed curriculum and manual for educational programs on sexual/reproductive health and maternal/infant health for use in local birthing home.

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