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



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H&CS Fellows

*Liane Adams M.P.H.
Health and Child Survival Fellow
USAID/Nigeria*

Ms. Liane Adams provides guidance, monitoring, evaluation and technical support to USAID/Nigeria in the design, coordination, technical oversight and managerial assistance with USAID/Nigeria's integrated, private sector portfolio in child survival, family planning, maternal health and HIV/AIDS prevention. Ms. Adams serves as the focal point at USAID/Nigeria for technical expertise in Family Planning, Child Survival, maternal health and HIV-AIDS/STDs. She assists USAID/Nigeria in the strategic planning, technical oversight, managerial assistance,

monitoring, and evaluation of an integrated program that focuses on strengthening the capacity of the private sector in Nigeria to sustainably deliver integrated health care services. Ms. Adams has joined the existing three program managers to form a 4 person health team working in HIV/AIDS, Child Survival, and Population/Family Planning, both with private sector partners and now adding a partnership with the Government of Nigeria at all levels, Federal, State and Local Government Areas (LGAs). Focus in the initial working period has been on crafting a "Transition Strategy" for the next 24 months which will also lay the groundwork for the longer-term, ongoing USAID strategy for Nigeria. Ms. Adams has been involved in talks with the Nigerian Military regarding beginning an HIV/AIDS awareness/prevention program for those bodies (Army, Navy and Air Force), and with the Nigerian Police with the same goal. These programs will integrate Population and HIV/AIDS.

*Joan Atkinson, MPH
HIV/AIDS/STI Technical Advisor
USAID/Jamaica*

Ms Joan Atkinson serves as technical advisor to USAID/Jamaica. Ms. Atkinson plays a key technical role in the development/design of a continuing HIV/AIDS/STI Prevention and Control program with the Ministry of Health. She provides expert consultation to USAID in HIV/AIDS/STI. She assisted in the design of and is now overseeing the implementation of a targeted Caribbean regional HIV/AIDS program and provides technical and managerial assistance with those programs. Ms Atkinson, also provides technical assistance to the Adolescent Reproductive Health project manager (USAID) in guiding interventions, policies, and activities targeted to the youth in 9 parishes. In her role as technical advisor, Ms. Atkinson serves as an active communicator and liaison between USAID and the Ministry of Health. She assists in the identification of needs for external and international consultations. She facilitates the involvement of selected USAID/W cooperating agencies as appropriate. Ms. Atkinson advises USAID and the MOH on a variety of issues including, but not limited to, HIV counseling, mother to child transmission interventions, care of persons living with AIDS, strategies for behavior change and control (focus on youth 10-24 years). She assists the MOH in assessing training needs, and the development and implementation training activities to develop the human resources necessary for carrying out programs/interventions in HIV/AIDS/STIs. Ms Atkinson is coordinating with other donors and working closely with the MOH in drafting their next 5 year National Strategic Plan on HIV/AIDS.

René Alexander Berger, MPH
Maternal/Child Health and Nutrition (MCH&N)
Technical Advisor
USAID/BHR/FFP

Mr. René Alexander Berger serves as Maternal/Child Health and Nutrition (MCH&N) Technical Advisor to the Bureau for Humanitarian Response, Office of Food for Peace. Mr. Berger provides the U.S. Agency for International Development's Office of Food for Peace with programmatic and technical guidance. Mr. Berger provides technical assistance in the review of emergency and development proposals that include MCH&N programming to meet Agency and Bureau strategic objectives. He assists with policy and advocacy of nutrition and maternal/child health issues within the BHR/FFP and across other offices within the Agency. Mr. Berger acts as the technical liaison with the Global Bureau's Center for Population, Health, and Nutrition, including backstopping projects funded by the Center (e.g. the Food and Nutrition Technical Assistance - FANTA project). He acts as technical resource for PVOs. Earlier in the year, Mr. Berger participated in the review of proposals for Title II programs in Burkina Faso, Eritrea, India, Kenya, and Uganda, and proposals for non food resources for activities in Kenya, Rwanda and Malawi. Mr. Berger also traveled to Kenya and Rwanda to review ongoing progress in the development and implementation of the Title II HIV/AIDS activities. As part of this same trip, Mr. Berger traveled to India to participate in the in-country review of new proposals. Mr. Berger returned to India in the following weeks to participate in the final evaluation of the CARE/India Title II program – the largest program in the Title II development portfolio. Mr. Berger continues to serve as the Office of Food for Peace Technical Advisor at meetings regarding HIV/AIDS and vulnerable children, including participating in on-going intra Agency meetings on orphans and vulnerable children. Additionally, on an ad-hoc basis, Mr. Berger provides support to country backstop officers in the preparation of annual program documentation. This past quarter Mr. Berger continued to provide backstop support to the Title II programs, particularly in East and Southern Africa and Asia. Mr. Berger also supported the Office's efforts to put forward a new policy on the use of Non-fat dry milk for use in emergency and non-emergency programs. Further, Mr. Berger worked with the Africa and Global Bureaus regarding the USAID/Uganda Mission strategy and with the Global Bureau and a consultant on an assessment of PVO needs for nutrition and HIV/AIDS programs.

María Alejandra Bosche, Dr. Med., MPH
Health and Child Survival Fellow
USAID/Nicaragua

Dr. Bosche is a Health and Child Survival Fellow who serves as a technical advisor to USAID/Nicaragua's Healthy Families Results Team. The team's activities comprise child survival, reproductive health, and nutrition. Over the past quarter, Dr. Bosche continued to concentrate on activities related to USAID/Nicaragua's bilateral health program, Prosalud, and projects under the Supplemental Appropriation for Hurricane Relief and Reconstruction. which

was signed into law in late May 1999. This is the second and final implementation year with supplemental funds and the health team is now concentrating its effort in monitoring program implementation and quality control.

Dr. Bosche spends much of her time visiting project sites to monitor performance. During this quarter she participated actively in technical discussions with the PROSALUD internal evaluation team to evaluate project implementation. She also continued to facilitate coordination and communication between the Ministry of Health and the PROSALUD project. Dr. Bosche is an active member of the Prosalud Technical Committee, which met this quarter to review project implementation.

During this quarter, Dr. Bosche dedicated a lot of effort in supporting the implementation of the Demographic Health Survey (DHS). As Mission technical advisor to this program, Dr. Bosche:

- fostered exceptional coordination and collaboration with other donors (UNFPA, UNDP, Swedes, PAHO, UNICEF, World Bank, IDB) interested in the Demographic Health Survey (DHS) to be implemented this year. Her efforts resulted in substantial participation with DHS by all these agencies. Due to the success of Dr. Bosche's efforts, DHS will be implemented nationally. This will greatly improve the quality and usefulness of the survey.
- Dr. Bosche also participated in technical discussions with other donors and national counterparts during the planning phase of the 2001 DHS, again contributing to improvements in the quality of the data. She was instrumental in clarifying concerns expressed by donors and counterparts in regards to the DHS implementation. She also successfully negotiated addition of key questions in the DHS on Mission priorities of health care financing, elections registration, education and water and sanitation.
- With other donors and counterparts, Dr. Bosche overviewed in the field the pre-test of the DHS questionnaires and made several visits to monitor the survey on sight.

During this quarter, Dr. Bosche participated actively in the planning of the Health Facility and Community Surveys and reached consensus with local counterparts on the preparation and development of both surveys.

Dr. Bosche worked throughout the quarter with other donors, the Ministry of the Health (MOH), PROSALUD and BASICS to promote a fully designed and validated integrated community AIN/IMCI model (growth promotion, disease management and iron supplementation). Her efforts will ensure the sustainability of community growth monitoring and disease management program established and operating with significant participation of the MOH and other donors. She actively and successfully promoted technical discussions among counterparts, projects and donors. These meetings proved instrumental in encouraging MOH to support the integration of AIN/IMCI.

At the Mission's request, Dr. Bosche drafted the Work Statement for the expansion and Integration of the AIN/IMCI Model with PROSALUD.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) has signed an IAA with USAID/W to assist in the post-hurricane reconstruction of Public Health Care systems. As Mission technical advisor to this program, Dr. Bosche participated in the discussions about progress and solutions to problems encountered in the implementation of the program.

During this quarter, Dr. Bosche participated in technical discussions with consultants from global projects working in Nicaragua under supplemental appropriation funds —Measure, Quality Assurance and BASICS to monitor implementation of Mitch-funded projects. Under the regular (non-Mitch) program, she also participated in technical discussions with consultant from the Harvard project and the MOH in sessions preparing the decentralization workshop held in Nicaragua this past quarter and provided technical guidance to a team from the Harvard project, which is exploring ways of developing a health care reform agenda with the Ministry of Health in Nicaragua.

At the Mission's request, Dr. Bosche participated in a meeting with the evaluation team of the Government's Supplementary Social Fund (FSS) program, which has been partially funded by USAID to review progress on impact evaluation.

In addition, during this quarter, Dr. Bosche participated in and provided technical guidance during the following additional activities:

- Meeting with the evaluation team of the Government's Supplementary Social Fund (FSS) program, which has been partially funded by USAID to review progress on impact evaluation.
- Drafting the Statement of Work to expand the installation of solar panels to provide basic lighting for isolated health units in Mitch affected areas. She also met with NRCA and PROSALUD to facilitate the selection of priority health units where NRCA, a US PVO with broad experience in solar energy, will install the solar panels.
- Interview by the MOST project evaluation team to review program implementation and future priorities.
- Dr. Bosche continued to facilitate communication between the U.S military and the Ministry of Health in preparing surgical O.P conditions for the Ophthalmologist surgical team. She also met with a U.S Military team in charge of assessing Nicaragua's health capacity to respond to emergencies and submitted her technical recommendations to the team.

Her technical expertise proved invaluable in the strategic objective team's meetings with the health results team, the Mission Director, and the Deputy Director. She also wrote responses to requests from USAID/Washington and the Ministry of Health in Nicaragua. She regularly prepared talking points for speeches by the US Ambassador and the Mission Director speeches on the health program.

During this quarter, as a member of the health team, Dr. Bosche attended the office retreat and participated actively by leading and facilitating the discussion on the program's strengths and weaknesses.

Neal Brandes, MHS
CHR Project Health and Child Survival Fellow
USAID/G/PHN/HN/CS/CHR

Neal Brandes serves as technical Advisor to the Child Health Research (CHR) Project. He assists with the development, implementation and monitoring of CHR Project progress and activities. During the past quarter Mr. Brandes continued the work of streamlining the reporting, assessment, and management functions of the project. He is contributing to the completion of the evaluation of the CHR Project and the ongoing process to determine Office of Health and Nutrition research priorities, and development a new child health research Results Package. During this past reporting period he also participated in a WHO/Global Forum consultation on child health research and contributed to a USAID sponsored data analysis and policy paper workshop in Hanoi. His participation in this workshop will help inform the ongoing USAID antimicrobial resistance strategy.

Logan Brenzel, PhD
Population, Health and Nutrition Advisor
USAID/LAC/RSD-PHN

Since July 2001, Dr. Logan E. Brenzel has served as Senior Health Economist, Population Health and Nutrition Advisor to USAID Latin America and Caribbean Office of Regional and Sustainable Development (LAC/RSD). Dr. Brenzel provides technical assistance to, and oversees and monitors implementation of the Latin America and Caribbean Regional Health Sector Reform Initiative (LACHSR). LACHSR (www.americas.health-sector-reform.org) is a 5 year, \$10 million program that seeks to promote more equitable and effective service delivery and financing by supporting regional activities related to health sector reform issues. The implementing partners are PAHO, PHR*Plus*, and M&L. During the past quarter, Dr. Brenzel has chaired several Initiative Steering Committee meetings, and been involved in the development of workplans for FY02.

Dr. Brenzel attended the International Health Economics Association meeting in York, England between July 20-27, 2001, which included a pre-conference session (July 20-21) on national health accounts hosted by PHR*plus*, and a post-conference session on health sector reform hosted by the Department for International Development (DFID). The conference was an excellent opportunity to learn about the range of experiences in health sector reform in the LAC Region as well as to meet and develop contacts with health economists and other professionals working on

HSR activities in the region. One outcome of this conference was the establishment of a LAC Health Economists network.

Dr. Brenzel attended a USAID Automated Directives System 200 training course August 14-15 in Reston, VA. The purpose of this course is to familiarize staff with the policies and procedures relating to strategic planning. During this period, Dr. Brenzel participated in the development of indicators for the LAC/RSD-PHN strategic plan, as well as drafted other Agency requirements related to FY01 obligations.

Dr. Brenzel provided backstopping to Peru, Bolivia, Paraguay, and Ecuador Missions during this period.

In the next few months, she will be involved in the design of follow-on activities related to regional efforts in health sector reform. This will include a consultative process with USAID/W, USAID Missions, stakeholders, and technical experts to identify technical priorities and approaches, develop IRs and indicators, and define implementing mechanisms.

Lyndon L. Brown, MPH
Health Advisor
USAID/Nepal

Mr. Lyndon Brown serves as Health Advisor to the Office of Health and Family Planning (Strategic Objective #2) of USAID/Nepal. He is responsible for technical support and oversight of USAID-funded child health and nutrition programs, which are jointly implemented with the Ministry of Health and other partners. These include the National Vitamin A Program, the National Community-Based IMCI Program, the National Female Community Health Volunteer (FCHV) Program, the National EPI Program and the Polio Eradication Initiative. This involves ongoing collaboration with staff of John Snow, Inc. (JSI), the Nepali Technical Assistance Group (NTAG), UNICEF and WHO. Mr. Brown also coordinates technical assistance provided by USAID/Global projects including MOST (vitamin A) and BASICS (immunization). He advises PVO partners ADRA, CARE, PLAN International and Save the Children/US in planning, monitoring and evaluation of PVO/Child Survival and bilaterally-funded Integrated Community-Based Family Health projects, as well as polio eradication activities funded through the CORE Group, in various districts of Nepal.

During the past quarter, further progress has been made in expansion of Nepal's National Vitamin A Program, which is now providing high-dose capsule supplementation to children six months to five years of age in 72 out of 75 districts. Coverage greater than 90% has been maintained country-wide despite political turmoil during this period. Expansion of the National Community-Based IMCI Program is also being accelerated, with plans to add seven new districts for a total of 21 over the coming year. This rapid growth is possible now that a larger cadre of qualified trainers is available to conduct intensive training at health post, sub-health post and community

levels. In addition to his involvement with these programs, Mr. Brown participated in mid-term evaluations of two CS 15 child survival projects being implement by CARE and Save the Children/US. In September, he will also join in the final evaluation of PLAN's CS 13 project and facilitate MOH/BASICS/UNICEF collaboration to develop more appropriate systems for monitoring quality and coverage of immunization services by health workers themselves, and by the communities served.

Gabrielle Bushman, MPA
HIV/AIDS Technical Advisor
USAID/G/PHN/HN/HIV-AIDS

Gabrielle Bushman is a technical adviser in the U.S. Agency for International Development's HIV/AIDS division. She is currently developing an external affairs strategy for the division, which will include improving relationships with Congress, the press, the non-governmental organization community and the public. Over the past several months, Ms. Bushman has worked to improve the division's public image by launching a new HIV/AIDS website and increasing dissemination of reports to Congress and general USAID HIV/AIDS information. Ms. Bushman worked on the administration's strategy for the United Nations General Assembly Special Session on HIV/AIDS, which was held in New York at the end of June. Currently, she is focusing on strategies for the U.S. Conference on AIDS, held in Miami in mid-September, and the International Conference on AIDS in Asia and the Pacific, which will be held in Melbourne in October. She is also beginning preparations for the Africa regional HIV/AIDS meeting that will take place in Burkina Faso in December.

Nancy R. Cecatiello, M.A.
Reproductive Health Advisor
USAID/Uganda

Ms. Cecatiello's fellowship as the Health and Child Survival Fellow assigned to the DAA/G/PHN has been extended for two years. During her second two years, Ms. Cecatiello will serve as the Reproductive Health Advisor to USAID/Uganda in Kampala. In this new position she serves as the Activity Advisor for CMS, including activities related to Lacor Hospital and the Uganda Private Midwives Association, NGO Networks for Health, and Africare. In addition she is the secondary backstop for DISH II and the CARE CREHP project. Over the past several months, Ms. Cecatiello contributed significantly in drafting the R4 and developing the Mission's new Integrated Strategic Plan. She will be actively engaged in supporting the Mission's transition to the new strategy and will provide ongoing technical assistance across all program areas as the strategy is implemented. In late summer Ms. Cecatiello will take part in the DISH II lessons learned assessment.

Amy S. Charney, MPH
Child Health Technical Assistance Advisor
USAID/G/PHN/HN/CS

Ms Amy Solomon Charney serves as Child Health Technical Assistance Advisor to the Child Survival Division of the Center for Population Health and Nutrition. Ms Charney assists the Director of the Child Survival Division of USAID's Center for Population, Health and Nutrition to provide programmatic and technical support to child survival and maternal health programs. She provides programmatic support and technical advice to child survival division activities being implemented through the Division's worldwide Technical Assistance and Support Contract (TASC). She assists missions, bureaus and other users to use this mechanism, provide guidance on the development of scopes of work, and keep track of the status of task orders, awards and obligations being carried out under this activity. She assists in the development, analysis, and implementation of new programs that support overseas USAID field mission activities in these areas. Ms Charney assists USAID field missions in utilizing PHN Center programmatic and technical support. Ms. Charney assists in the development and award of the follow-on activity to TASC, or "TASC 2." This will include, *inter alia*, assisting the Division Director to secure PHN Center approval of the statement of work, with the development of necessary documentation for review and evaluation of proposals, and the in the dissemination of information about how missions and other bureaus can utilize the new award. She assists the Worldwide Polio Eradication Coordinator to carry out a wide range of assignments to support the programmatic oversight of four grants funded by the PHN center and coordinate other programs in USAID/Washington and field missions funded through the Congressional directive for polio eradication. Most recently Ms. Charney attended the 2001 Congressional Reception hosted by the U.S. Coalition for the Eradication of Polio to celebrate progress in the fight to eradicate polio and pay tribute to America's leadership of this international public health partnership at the U.S. Capitol.

Jeanine M. Comeau, M.S.
Nutrition and Child Survival Advisor
USAID G/EGAD/AFS

Ms. Jeanine Comeau serves as Nutrition and Child Survival Advisor to the U.S. Agency for International Development's Office of Agriculture and Food Security with subject-area leadership, and programmatic and technical guidance in food-based agricultural strategies to help address the complex issues of malnutrition, micronutrient deficiency, child survival and improved maternal health. Act as a technical liaison with the Global Bureau's Center for Population, Health and Nutrition; the Africa Bureau's Office of Sustainable Development; the Bureau of Humanitarian Response's Office of Foreign Disaster Assistance. Ms. Jeanine Comeau works with AFS project managers in assessing actual and potential nutrition-related and child survival outcomes from activities. Ms. Jeanine Comeau Highlight opportunities for obtaining greater impacts on nutrition

(food quality, food safety, biotech, food safety, etc.) and child survival. Ms. Jeanine Comeau develops outreach to US and international constituencies (IARCs, CRSPs, BIFAD, USDA, etc.) on nutrition and child survival issues. She cooperates with other USAID staff on food-based approaches to nutrition, child survival and maternal health. She maintains a watching brief on food and nutrition literature, transmitting key findings to the USAID agriculture community. Ms. Jeanine Comeau serves as office liaison to health and nutrition colleagues in USAID, focussing in particular on food-based approaches to nutrition and the role of agriculture in achieving nutrition and health objectives. Serve as office lead on key food, nutrition and child survival related initiatives, for example in micronutrients.

Della Dash, MPH
PVO Child Survival and Health Advisor
USAID/BHR/PVC

Ms. Della Dash serves as PVO Child Survival and Health Advisor to the Office of Private Voluntary Cooperation in the Bureau for Humanitarian Response. Ms. Dash assists in strengthening the contributions of and expanding the involvement of the U.S. Private Voluntary Organizations (PVOs) with USAID's Child Survival and other programs by collaborating with the staff of PVC, the Global Bureau, the Regional Bureaus, the Missions, and other collaborating agencies on policy and program issues related to the centrally funded Child Survival and Health grants program. She develops, analyzes and recommends policies and programs to assure the effective use of the resources of the U.S. PVO community in furthering overseas development in health and child survival. Ms. Dash assists with the development and monitoring of programs designed for the benefit of PVOs funded through CSH programs, particularly as they pertain to USAID grant policies, proposal development, program design, technical excellence, and general USAID funding eligibility requirements. She provides guidance to PVOs in grant management and in interpreting and analyzing USAID policy statements regarding USAID/PVO relationships in areas of health and child survival. This past quarter Ms. Dash worked on preparation activities for the annual Detailed Implementation Plan (DIP) review meetings that will took place in June. With several staff changes in the Program, Ms. Dash has been involved in training of new team members, and this activity will continue until the entire new team is assembled and up to date. She participated in the annual DIP review meetings Ms. Dash may do an additional site visit later this summer, with the venue to be decided.

Cornelia Davis, M.D., MPH
Emerging and Infectious Diseases/Malaria Advisor
USAID/AFR/SD

Dr. Cornelia Davis serves as the Emerging and Infectious Diseases/Malaria Advisor to USAID's Bureau for Africa Office of Sustainable Development. This quarter Dr Davis was involved in assisting AFR/SD to amend the Communicable Disease Grant to WHO/AFRO. This year's

amendment will add a new Tuberculosis component to the grant to assist WHO/AFRO to implement Community TB services in selected African countries. In addition, a new activity is in the final stages of development with the Minority Health Professionals Foundation to build capacity for the member institutions to work on TB and reproductive health issues. On-going work with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, Atlanta focuses on assisting priority countries to implement Integrated Disease Surveillance and Response at the district level. Meetings were held with CDC and Global Bureau to share information, and to identify agency resources to aid in this implementation. Work was also conducted in the development of a TB/HIV integration document that will be sent out as an electronic note to the field missions providing guidelines for integration. Dr Davis participated in the Medium Term Development Plan for TB in South Africa. This was the first strategic planning session conducted by the country and brought together government, university, and NGO partners to review progress to date and identify critical factors necessary to improve the TB program. CDC and USAID Global and Africa Bureaus met to prioritize activities for FY 2002 in anticipation of increased resources from Congress for tuberculosis. One of the priority items to pursue was TB/HIV integration. TDYs were scheduled in late September to Ethiopia to assist the mission to program their malaria and IDSR activities. Dr Davis continued on to Kenya to discuss REDSO/E regional activities in tuberculosis.

Carter L. Diggs, M.D., Ph.D.
Malaria Vaccine Development Advisor
USAID/G/PHN/HN/EH

Assistant Ghana Coordinator

Dr. Carter Diggs is the Senior Technical Advisor for the USAID Malaria Vaccine Development Program (MVDP) and is involved in program development and implementation. The goal of the MVDP is to develop vaccines that will reduce morbidity and mortality in developing countries, especially in children, who are the major casualties of the disease. The program moves towards this goal by focussing on neglected facets of vaccine development, especially the actual production of experimental vaccines for testing in humans. The MVDP strategy is to provide evidence of the technical and commercial feasibility of a malaria vaccine to enable industry to make the necessary investment. The long-range objective is the licensure and introduction of a vaccine effective in endemic areas; usefulness of the same vaccine in travelers is also highly desirable since this would enhance commercial viability. To satisfy these requirements, a multi-component vaccine will likely be needed, and MVDP strategy is directed towards this goal. Coordination with and leveraging of ongoing efforts of other agencies and institutions is an important aspect of the Program. Currently, the MVDP has agreements with the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases (NIAID), the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), the Walter Reed Army Institute of Research (WRAIR), and the Naval Medical Research Center (NMRC). Several specific vaccine initiatives are planned and managed by the MVDP. A new MSP-1 production methodology developed at WRAIR under USAID MVDP support resulted in a vaccine which has recently undergone initial phase I testing demonstrating its safety and immunogenicity and a preliminary efficacy trial has begun. An operation to produce and test a

multistage DNA malaria vaccine (MultiStage DNA Operation or MuStDO) was initiated in 1998 with NMRC. Up to 15 plasmids containing genes coding for malaria antigens will be combined in investigational vaccines. At this writing, a five-gene vaccine formulation clinical trial has been completed with no evidence of unacceptable toxicity. Dr. Diggs is Chairman of the Federal Malaria Vaccine Coordinating Committee (FMVCC), made up of U.S. Federal agencies involved in malaria vaccine development and coordinates USAID MVDP activities with the the European Malaria Vaccine Initiative (EMVI) and the Malaria Vaccine Initiative at PATH (MVI).

Maria L. Francisco, M.H.S.
Health & Child Survival Technical Advisor
BASICS II Project Advisor
USAID/G/PHN/HN/CS

Ms. Maria Francisco, serves as a technical advisor to the Child Survival Division of the Global Bureau, Center for Population, Health and Nutrition. In this capacity, she provides USAID with technical support and oversight to the design, development and implementation of policy, research, and project activities related to child health. As an advisor to the Basic Support for Institutionalizing Child Survival (BASICS II) project, she provides technical and operational backstopping for a subset of country-level activities and global initiatives, as well as for major technical focus areas of the project such as Integrated Management of Childhood Illness (IMCI), and related topics including quality assurance, operations research, and monitoring and evaluation, among others. Additionally, she provides strategic technical and program support to other USAID bureaus as well as to USAID field missions. Early in the year Ms. Francisco participated in a number of global as well as country level planning activities to support the operationalization of the WHO Roll Back Malaria - IMCI collaboration. In Uganda, she worked with USAID/Uganda, BASICS and other local partners to expand efforts to strengthen, in particular, implementation of the community and household component of IMCI as a means for delivering effective integrated malaria control at the community level. In addition, Ms. Francisco participated in the evaluation of the BHR/PVC Child Survival Technical Support project and served on a number of review panels for the BHR/PVC Child Survival Grants Program.

*Kristen L. Frank, MPH
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USAID/G/PHN/OFPS*

*Country Coordinator for DR Congo,
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Sierra Leone*

Ms. Kristen L. Frank, MPH serves as Africa Regional Program Advisor to the Office of Field and Program Support (G/PHN/OFPS) improves the breadth and depth of coordination between USAID's Center for Population, Health and Nutrition (PHN Center) and USAID's field missions to maximize the attainment of program strategic objectives within the limits of available resources. Ms. Frank provides technical and managerial support and oversight to the Africa Regional Team of the PHN Center of the Bureau for Global Program. She serves in a liaison capacity to counterparts in USAID's Bureau for Africa. Ms. Frank provides technical assistance and input during the design, implementation and evaluation of bilateral, regional and centrally funded PHN Programs. She participates in and contributes to USAID/Washington review and analysis of country and regional strategic plans, results frameworks, program and field support data, funding levels and budgets. Recently, she contributed to the development and review of strategic plans for Liberia and Sierra Leone. Ms. Frank assists Senior Staff of OFPS with facilitation of the work of the Joint Programming and Planning Country (JPPC) Teams to: Develop sub-sector strategies and performance monitoring plans. Support Agency-wide or Center-wide regional technical initiatives or policy priorities including commodity security and Vitamin A; Review USAID/BHR/PVC/PVO proposals and detailed implementation plans; Support mission R4 (Results Review and Resource Request) development and Washington review. Develop and present Mission Portfolio Reviews for Senior Management; Identify human and financial resources, as needed, for mission PHN program development, implementation and evaluation. Develop and report technical data and field experience information for monitoring program performance and impact; Assist in formulating responses to congressional inquiries or requests. Identify and/or assist in maintaining mission cooperation with and support from other donor agencies, public and private sector partners. In coordination with other G/PHN Africa Regional Team members, Ms Frank serves as G/PHN liaison with Africa Bureau counterparts, including assisting with the development, maintenance and implementation of systems designed to promote collaboration and communication. Early in the year, Ms. Frank traveled to Nigeria to provide technical assistance to the mission. As part of a team, she assisted in the development of an Annual Program Statement for the population program in Nigeria. She returned to Nigeria to provide coverage during the absence of the PHN officer and to assist the mission prepare for the African Heads of State Summit on HIV/AIDS.

Stephen Richard Hodgins, MD, MSc, DrPH
Child Survival and Nutrition Advisor
USAID/Lusaka, Zambia

Dr. Stephen Richard Hodgins serves as Child Survival and Nutrition Advisor to USAID/Lusaka. 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 and Nutrition activities
- provides technical assistance in the areas of malaria, child survival and nutrition to the Zambia Integrated Health Project (ZIHP)
- actively participates in malaria, child survival and nutrition working groups of ZIHP and GRZ
- provides technical oversight of operations research in child survival, especially in malaria and nutrition (including malaria drug resistance studies)

Matthew C. Lynch, Ph.D., M.P.H.
Malaria Advisor
USAID/G/PHN/HN/EH
USAID/AFR

Country Coordinator/Eritrea

Matthew Lynch serves as malaria advisor to both the Environmental Health Division, Office of Health and Nutrition and the Africa Bureau, Office of Sustainable Development. Dr. Lynch provides the U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID) with technical support and oversight to ongoing and planned activities related to malaria control programs. Dr. Lynch is currently working on malaria programs focused on improved vector control activities in Eritrea and Mozambique, as well as on developing expanded malaria control programs in Senegal, Uganda and Zambia. The last three are focused on identifying and establishing the necessary components in national malaria control programs needed to go to national scale for three key objectives. These objectives are summarized in the Abuja Declaration goals as achieving 60% of children with access to prompt and effective treatment, 60% of pregnant women with access to effective preventive services, and 60% of vulnerable populations have access to insecticide-treated nets. This past quarter Dr. Lynch has made follow-up planning visits to Uganda, Senegal, and Zambia.

Nitin Madhav, MPLA, MPH
Child Survival and Health Advisor
USAID/BHR/PVC

Nitin Madhav serves as Child Survival Technical Advisor in the Child Survival and Health Division in the Bureau for Humanitarian Response, Office of Private and Voluntary Cooperation (USAID/BHR/PVC/CSH). Nitin is taking an active role in the day to day operation of the Child Survival Grants Program, where he backstops fifteen PVOs (Private and Voluntary Organizations) with a total of 31 projects around the world.

This past quarter Mr. Madhav took the lead in reviewing Detailed Implementation Plans for PVOs funded under the 17th Cohort of the Child Survival Grants Program. This involved the technical review of the implementation plans, along with the logistics of ensuring adequate representation of technical staff on the review panels.

Nitin has been instrumental in working with a BHR/PVC wide task force which was called to "streamline" the annual Requests for Applications (RFAs) put out by the Office. At this point he is key institutional memory for the grants programs, and understands the nuances of the development of such documents.

Nitin drew upon this skill to develop the first several drafts of the RFA to be issued by BHR/PVC this year, for the Child Survival Grants Program. He is also serves as staff on the committee that is designing the new PVO networks program in the Pop Office, and the subsequent Request for Proposals.

Nitin has been an active member of the BHR/PVC strategy committee, helping to develop an office-wide strategy for the next five years. In this context, Nitin has taken the lead on drafting a paper discussing the contributions of BHR/PVC-funded Child Survival PVOs to the development of civil society in transition countries, through the implementation of Maternal & Child Health activities.

Nitin will take an active role in the upcoming CORE meetings and BHR/PVC PVO Partnerships conferences in September, and hopes to participate on the final evaluations of Child Survival projects in Peru at the end of September.

Peggy McNamara, M.S.P.H.
Health Systems Advisor
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Ms. Peggy McNamara, M.S.P.H., serves as Health Policy Advisor to the Health Policy and Sector Reform (HPSR) Division of the Office of Health and Nutrition. She provides the HPSR Division with technical and managerial assistance in the oversight of the new Partnerships for Health

Reform plus (PHRplus) Project. She coordinates PHRplus field support for Europe and Eurasia region, and for East and Southern Africa region, and global activities related to child health and infectious disease strategic objectives. This past quarter, Ms. McNamara participated in an infectious disease study tour in Tanzania, and attended a meeting with WHO/Europe to discuss infectious disease surveillance collaborations. This past quarter, apart from her PHRplus responsibilities, Ms. McNamara was appointed the Washington, D.C. coordinator for the Regional Economic Development Services Office (REDSO) for East and Southern Africa, and worked on a project in Central Asia to develop an activity database to track the success of health system reforms. Ms. McNamara participated in several training activities this past quarter -- a Johns Hopkins University course on International Healthcare Reform, USAID workshop on Mission Support for Strategic Planning, and a CEDPA workshop on Essential Training for Technical Advisors.

Monique A. Mosolf, MSW, MPH
Vitamin A/Micronutrients Program Coordinator
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Ms. Monique A. Mosolf serves as the principle coordinator and liaison for USAID's Enhanced Vitamin A Effort (VITA). She serves as the Agency's lead contact, working with other USAID Bureaus, the field missions and various international agencies such as UNICEF and WHO. Ms. Mosolf provides technical oversight of the day-to-day movement of the initiative, setting the agenda for VITA coordination meetings, assigning and following up actions, and facilitating discussion of Vitamin A interventions. Maintain and further a productive working relationship with key representatives from the food industry, food processors and manufacturers, and pharmaceutical companies. Ms. Mosolf serves as a technical advisor and facilitator for the food fortification coalition team working to establish a new global entity. She facilitates and participates in discussions associated with fortification technologies, establishment of quality control systems for production and distribution processes, and legislation and enforcement procedures. She works with food and pharmaceutical multinational companies to launch public-private partnerships at a county level. Ms. Mosolf, also monitors and promotes the global vitamin A supplementation programs supported by USAID. This will include working with the USAID implementing agencies to track the vitamin A capsule programs in the 20 VITA-focus

Sangita Patel, MPH
Health Sector Communications Advisor
USAID/E&E/EEST/HRHA

Sangita Patel serves as Health Communications Advisor to the Europe and Eurasia Bureau's Health Reform and Humanitarian Assistance team. She provides technical, analytical, and backstopping support as required to assist with the implementation, monitoring, and/or design of projects in the division's health sector portfolio. She is responsible for tracking, reviewing, and drafting responses to U.S. and congressional inquiries, and drafting responses for other requests for information. This quarter, Sangita participated in an infection control meeting July 5-6, 2001.

She supported dialogue between 2 partners (AIHA and RPM Plus) to consider collaborative interventions linking anti-microbial resistance with activities within existing health partnerships. From July 9-13, 2001, she had the opportunity to attend a State-of-the-Art Training on HIV/AIDS designed to strengthen her skills in HIV/AIDS program design, implementation, and evaluation. She gained a critical understanding of the HIV/AIDS epidemic within the E&E region, and explored practical solutions to implement effective strategies given limited resources. She also contributed to the overall evaluation of the training so that it could be replicated within the field. In August 2001, Sangita was on a 3 week TDY in Romania to provide the Mission with technical assistance in health and child welfare activities. She conducted assessments of existing health NGO's, particularly those working on HIV/AIDS/STI/RH health communications activities. She monitored a summer beach campaign designed to promote awareness and strengthen the HIV/AIDS preventative activities of 4 Romanian NGO's. She provided the Mission with recommendations to effectively monitor future health activities and link their existing work to a new Reproductive Health Strategic framework strengthening health services and linking to rural areas. Sangita also collaborated with the Romania Mission IT and PR staff, as well as health officers to establish web-pages for the intranet. Partners and the Mission will now have a base to present health communications campaigns and activities for internal use, and eventually on the extranet with additional invested efforts. Sangita plans to continue to provide the Romanian Mission with assistance on web-communications as requested. In Washington, she is assisting with the planning of a State-of-the-Art Training for ANE and E&E PHN Officers in October 2001 in New Delhi, India. She has been working specifically with the design and review of technical sessions, including: Trends analysis, Adolescents, Resources, and Trafficking, Domestic Violence & Health. She plans to attend the Training next quarter.

Jonathan Ross, MPH
Child Health and Nutrition Advisor
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As the Child Health and Nutrition Advisor to USAID/Indonesia, Mr. Ross serves as a member of the Maternal, Child Health, Nutrition (MCHN) and Infectious Disease (ID) Teams. He provides technical guidance and oversight to MCHN and ID programs which are jointly implemented with the Ministry of Health and other partners. These include the Awal Sehat Untuk Hidup Sehat (Healthy Start for a Healthy Life) Program (PATH), Pulang Kampung (Coming Home) Program (Save the Children/US), Posyandu (health post) Revitalization with Child Feeding Initiative (UNICEF), the National Tuberculosis Program (Royal Netherlands Tuberculosis Association (KNCV)), the Malaria Control Program in Central Java (WHO and NAMRU), the Polio Eradication Initiative (WHO), the Nutrition and Health Surveillance System and Vitamin A Program (HKI), and Iodine Deficiency Disorders/Universal Salt Iodization (UNICEF). Mr. Ross also serves as a member of the Partners in Health that includes USAID, WHO, UNICEF, ADB, WB, AusAID and CIDA to support the MOH's efforts to decentralize. During the past quarter, Mr. Ross has been working with WHO and the MOH as they prepare a 5-year strategy for Indonesia's National TB Program in an effort to determine how USAID can best support an

effective national DOTS program. USAID/Indonesia's initial support will focus on strengthening laboratories to improve diagnosis. Future support is currently under discussion. The final 5-year strategy will be presented at a meeting with all donors and the Minister of Health at the end of September. Mr. Ross has also been working closely with Helen Keller International on the GOI's bi-annual (February and August) vitamin A distribution program. With technical support from HKI, the MOH has been able to increase vitamin A coverage to children under 5, particularly 6-11 month olds. Given the economic crisis in 1997, slow recovery in Indonesia, political instability, advent of decentralization, etc., the continued effectiveness of this program (and public health programs overall) is of concern.

***Glenn F. Sessions, BSN, MPH
HIV/AIDS, STI and TB Advisor
USAID/Brazil***

Mr. Glenn Sessions serves as a HIV/AIDS Technical Advisor to USAID/Brazil. He is the principal advisor to the Mission's Senior Health Team Leader in the area of HIV/AIDS prevention and other health-related activities. He provides technical assistance in the development, implementation and evaluation of specific activities under USAID/Brazil's Strategic Objective for HIV/AIDS prevention, which is designed to increase sustainable and effective programs to prevent transmission of STI/HIV. These activities include capacity building to strengthen the management and technical skills of local NGOs and municipal, state and federal health departments, condom social marketing, the integration of STI/HIV prevention and reproductive health services, and operations research to promote effective interventions. Mr. Sessions also participates in expanded AIDS prevention teams with U.S. and local NGOs, other international donors, and the Ministry of Health, as well as with other USAID field missions and USAID/W staff on related regional issues. He assists Senior Health Team Leader to articulate the activities, problems, and progress of USAID/Brazil's HIV/AIDS program to USAID's Senior Management and the American Embassy in Brazil. This past quarter, Mr. Sessions assisted a team from the Global AIDS Program/CDC in a needs assessment visit to Brasilia, Rio de Janeiro and Sao Paulo in order to design a collaborative program of assistance between CDC and the Ministry of Health's National AIDS Program; participated in USAID/Brazil's strategic planning retreat to discuss the development of a concept paper about future initiatives for the Mission; assisted in the development of a proposal to implement USAID-supported activities to strengthen TB control in Brazil; continued to provide management and technical assistance to USAID/Brazil-supported cooperating agencies to refine annual workplans; attended various meetings with officials at the Ministry of Health's National AIDS Coordination to discuss ongoing and future HIV prevention activities; participated in a three-day workshop with MOH officials and NGOs to discuss HIV prevention strategies; participated in a stakeholders workshop with the Population Council/Brazil which is conducting a USAID-supported cross-border study on STI/HIV transmission; and participating in the UNAIDS Theme Group Meeting .

David Sintasath, M.Sc. (Lond.)
Epidemiologist/Malaria Control Program Advisor
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Mr. David Sintasath serves as Epidemiologist/ Malaria Control Program Advisor to the Ministry of Health (MOH) for the State of Eritrea. Mr. Sintasath assists with the USAID initiative for strengthening evidence-based programming for malaria prevention and control in Eritrea. He serves as a resource to the National Malaria Control Program for increasing its capacity to collect, manage, analyze, and use data through improvements to its surveillance systems, operational research programs, and information systems. He assists to maintain seamless coordination with the USAID supported Environmental Health Project (EHP). Mr. Sintasath provides epidemiological technical support for field studies in malaria prevalence and the collection of baseline information for monitoring and evaluation of malaria control activities as part of the Roll Back Malaria initiative. He provides further technical support in data management, analysis, and epidemic preparedness and response. He develops and coordinates various training activities for the MOH, including short courses in epidemiology, a diploma program curriculum for malaria/public health technicians, as well as malaria microscopy trainings and refresher courses. Mr. Sintasath is involved in the establishment of 'sentinel' sites throughout the country as focal points for training and operational research opportunities. He is currently serving as a resource on an anti-malarial drug efficacy technical committee to review current current policy. He also cooperates/coordinates with the USAID-funded EHP, its resident technical advisor and team members, and the USAID/Eritrea PHN Office activities.

Marni J. Sommer, RN, MSN, MPH
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Ms. Marni J. Sommer serves as Pharmaceutical Management Advisor to the Health Policy and Sector Reform Division. Ms. Sommer provides the Health Policy and Sector Reform (HPSR) Division with technical and managerial assistance in the implementation of the Rational Pharmaceutical Management (RPM) Plus Program and the United States Pharmacopeia Drug Quality and Information (USPDQI) Program. She contributes to strengthening Health and Nutrition (HN) 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 and pharmaceutical information activities as part of integrated health sector reform initiatives. Ms. Sommer 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 the formulation of Agency efforts to promote global collaboration, provide technical leadership, and support field

programs with appropriate and effective assistance. She maintains and enhances Health Policy and Sector Reform (HPSR) 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 involving health commodities, the pharmaceutical industry, and USG agencies, among others. Ms Sommer participates in the development of assigned elements of CA workplans, including the overarching health commodity components affecting the performance of the health system or specific activities designed more directly to help achieve PHN Strategic Objectives. She coordinates RPM Plus and USPDQI field support to 2 of the 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. Ms. Sommer is working on the issue of antimicrobial resistance (AMR). She is also a member of the Eritrea country team.

Linda B. Sussman, Ph.D.
Social and Behavioral Science Advisor
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Dr. Linda Sussman serves as technical advisor for the HIV/AIDS Division in the USAID Global Bureau Center for Population, Health and Nutrition (PHN). Her primary focus within the Division is on issues related to children and adolescents. As USAID has become more involved in support of activities that address the needs of orphans and other vulnerable children in AIDS-affected areas, Dr. Sussman has increasingly been responsible for developing and sharing expertise related to these efforts. Her work has included provision of direct support to USAID missions in Kenya, Zimbabwe, and South Africa. She has contributed to the development and/or facilitation of numerous workshops and meetings, including satellite sessions at the XIII International AIDS Conference in South Africa and recent regional and national meetings in Zambia. Her responsibilities regularly include written and verbal presentations and reports that provide technical information, recommendations, or information regarding USAID involvement in specific technical areas. As technical advisor on issues related to children and adolescents affected by HIV/AIDS, Dr. Sussman works in close collaboration with colleagues both internal to USAID and with other donors and partners. As representative for the Division on youth-specific issues, Dr. Sussman works as the Health and Nutrition Office liaison to the PHN Center's Adolescent Reproductive Health Project, and she is co-chair of the adolescent interest group. In addition, she is the liaison to the Peace Corps HIV/AIDS activities that are funded through an interagency agreement between USAID and Peace Corps.

Emily Wainwright, M.P.H.
Health and Child Survival Fellow
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Ms. Wainwright serves as Health and Child Survival Fellow providing technical and programmatic support to USAID's Child Survival Division and the Bureau for Europe and the Newly Independent States as well as USAID field missions in Moscow, Almaty, Kiev and the Caucasus. This includes participating on design and/or evaluation teams; assisting project officers in tracking technical, program and administrative information; advising on technical issues related to health and child survival; and traveling to program sites and assisting in the development and coordination of activities with cooperating agencies and private sector initiatives. Earlier this year, Ms Wainwright has actively engaged the European Commission and the Council of Baltic Sea States to identify areas of technical collaboration and joint programming in the Baltic Sea States and the countries of the former Soviet Union with regards to TB and HIV/AIDS. Furthermore she has been heavily engaged in the technical design of the Baltic Sea based HIV/AIDS Network of Excellence Project. In response to the increase in TB funding, she has been involved in identifying new country programs and has begun to initiate the design process. She is involved in designing a project which will result in expanding the successful Ukraine immunization management system throughout the E&E region and is continuing to work on establishing a vaccine endowment in Armenia.

Norma W. Wilson, M.S., Dr.P.H., F.P.N.P., P.N.P.
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MEASURE II Project Advisor

Dr. Norma W. Wilson serves as technical advisor to USAID's Division of Health Policy and Sector Reform for the Measure Projects. Dr. Wilson assists with the development and evaluation of initiatives relating to the improved collection, utilization, analysis and dissemination of data applicable to Health and Nutrition sectors in developing countries. Specific attention is given to indicator and program data in the fields of maternal health, child survival, HIV/AIDS and infectious diseases. She advises USAID on policy and program issues related to MEASURE, particularly as they relate to the monitoring and evaluation of the health sectors of developing countries. She provides leadership in augmenting the usefulness of MEASURE products to health policy makers and program managers. Dr. Wilson assists with the development, implementation and dissemination of health schedules (including areas such as, but not limited to, child health, nutrition, deliveries and maternal health, STIs, HIV/AIDS, health care facilities and health expenditure) for the Demographic Health Surveys and other instruments developed under MEASURE. She assists with the development, implementation, assessment and dissemination of health assessment tools, including rapid diagnostics, to ascertain the level and magnitude of health problems in developing countries, as well as countries' programmatic capabilities to deliver and finance health care. Dr. Wilson develops and maintains networks involving persons and institutions worldwide that are concerned with data collection and their use in developing

countries. This task includes: participation in meetings, report and survey reviews, and reviewing data/information requests; work with the Office of Health and Nutrition Strategic Objectives teams on indicator development and reporting; liaise with and coordinate MEASURE activities with relevant US Government Agencies and donors (UNICEF, World Bank, WHO, regional development banks, UNAIDS), the Office of Population, USAID regional and central bureaus and Missions; and field visits as part of coordination activities. Dr. Wilson serves as primary technical advisor from the Office of Health and Nutrition on areas pertaining to the development, use, and dissemination of MEASURE products, particularly those of MEASURE DHS, MEASURE Evaluation and MEASURE Communication. This past quarter, Dr. Wilson has worked on Project activities that include the collection of biomarkers as part of the national Demographic and Health Surveys (Vitamin A/Uganda, HIV sero-prevalence/Mali), meetings on the finalization of the facility survey with Project staff, international experts, and representatives of international donors, and the first international meeting/workshop of the new Routine Health Information Network sponsored by MEASURE II in Potomac, Maryland.



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