



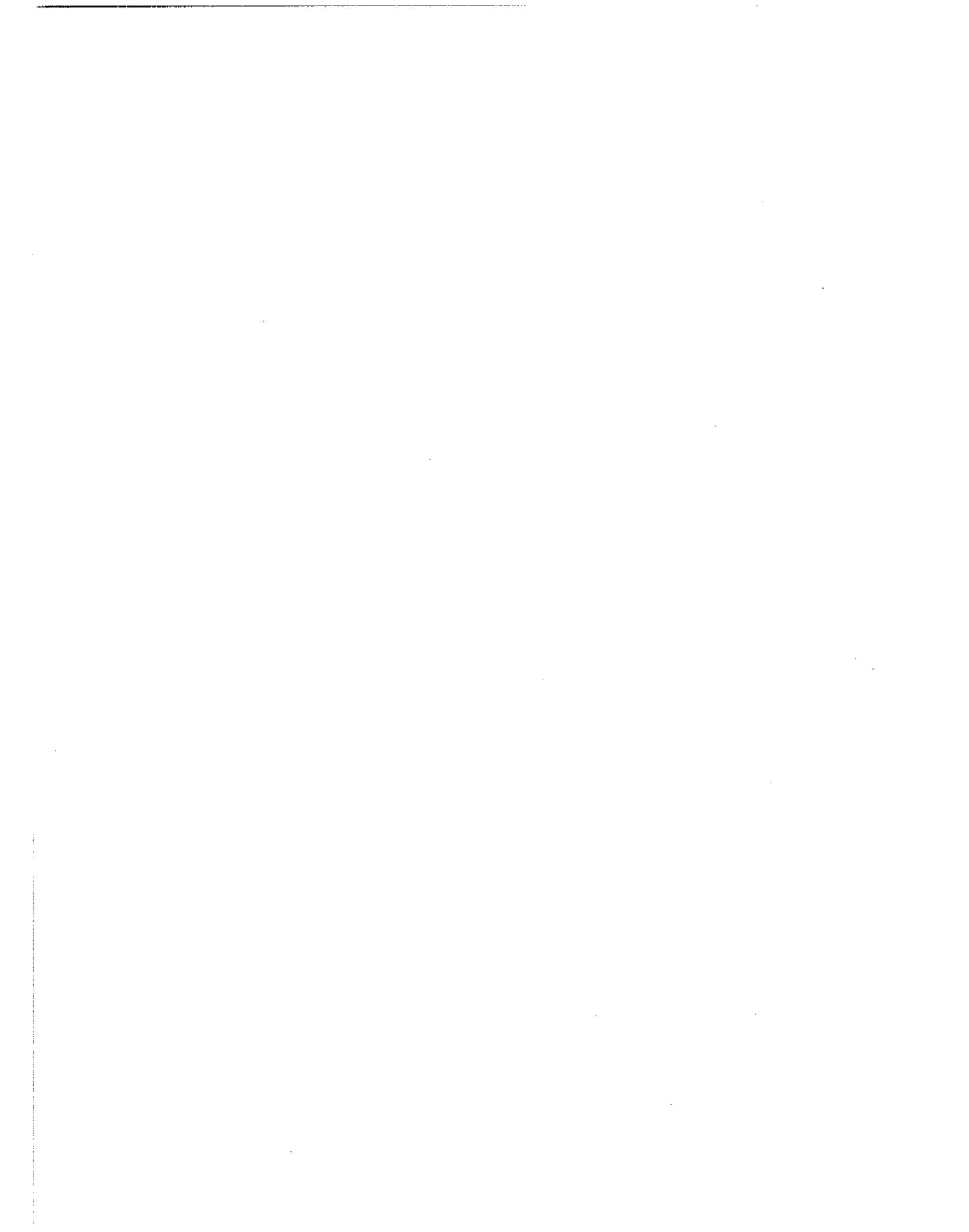
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The Institute for International Programs (IIP), Johns Hopkins University Bloomberg School of Public Health (JHBSPH) serves as *National Secretariat* for the Health and Child Survival Fellows Program (H&CS Fellows Program). The program has as its objective 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 USAID assignments are located at USAID headquarters in Washington, DC and in its overseas field operations.



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H&CS Fellows

*Liane Adams, MPH
Health and Child Survival Fellow
USAID/Nigeria*

As the Child Survival Advisor for USAID/Nigeria, Ms. Liane Adams works in partnership with her Nigerian counterpart, Garba Abdu, to provide technical oversight and managerial assistance for the CS portfolio for the mission. The CS focus in Nigeria comprises three areas of technical importance: immunization, nutrition and malaria.

Currently Nigeria is entering the final stages of polio eradication. Nigeria is one of the three remaining endemic areas harboring the wild poliovirus (the other two being India and the Pakistan/Afghanistan area). The global goal for eradication of polio is the end of this year – 2002 – and it is just now beginning to look as if transmission of polio in Nigeria can be interrupted by that date.

USAID/Nigeria supports the training and social mobilization components of the polio eradication effort through implementing partners BASICS (training) and JHU (social mobilization). Ms. Adams provides technical oversight and managerial assistance these portfolios and is actively involved in this program. Ms. Adams serves on the InterAgency Coordinating Committee, organized and chaired by the Nigerian Government. She also serves on the smaller “Core” Group formed especially for the final stages of polio eradication.

Through BASICS, USAID/Nigeria continues to address the needs of routine immunization and other basic health needs in 20 local government areas (LGAs) in three states nationwide. JHU provides the IEC expertise in Child Survival. Recently two new Ips were added to the CS mix: ARCH works on operations research and The Futures Group (Policy Project) is now working on policy issues at, mainly, the national level, especially for immunization and nutrition

USAID has taken the lead in organizing a group of persons and organizations interested in seeing nutrition put high on the national agenda. This “Nutrition Partners Group,” comprising representatives from UNICEF, WHO, IITA, relevant ministries and international NGOs, has been meeting since January 2002 to support the National Committee on Food and Nutrition (NCFN), housed in the National Planning Commission. Together with UNICEF, IITA, USDA, Ministry of Agriculture and several other partners, USAID/Nigeria is becoming actively involved in a micronutrient fortification initiative at several levels: small community millers to large, commercial milling operations. Ms. Adams is actively involved in a project to integrate nutrition, agriculture and gender, which will see the collaboration of three sectors in USAID and various other partners in the donor community.

In malaria, USAID/Nigeria supports NetMark with the commercial marketing of insecticide-treated bednets nationwide. Roll Back Malaria has become a large initiative in Nigeria, and NetMark (USAID) is a major player.

William K. Adih, MD, MPH, DrPH
Child Survival Advisor
Baltimore City Health Department
Division of Maternal and Child Health

Dr. William K. Adih, MD, MPH, DrPH serves as Child Survival Advisor to the Baltimore City Health Department's Division of Maternal and Child Health. Dr Adih provides technical and

managerial assistance to the Baltimore City Health Department's efforts to reduce infant and child mortality in the city. Dr. Adih's fellowship is funded by the Baltimore City Health Department.

Infant mortality in Baltimore City has remained static over the last 10 years, poverty and related social problems of the inner city having negated the substantial efforts of the Health Department and others to improve infant survival. The city demonstrates the disparity between African American and Caucasian infant mortality seen nationally, with Baltimore's rates mirroring its majority African American population. Baltimore is currently ranked 50th among the 50 largest U.S. cities for the percent of infants born at low birthweight, and tied for 49th place (with Washington, D.C.) for the percent of preterm infants. New preterm birth prevention initiatives, particularly for very high-risk women with previous poor pregnancy outcomes and perinatal infections, are being developed by the Health Department for implementation through its Maternal and Infant Nursing (home visiting/case management) program. Violence, poverty and lack of access to health care in the city have a negative impact on the survival of older children. As a first step to address this, the City is instituting a multi-agency child fatality review process.

In collaboration with public health leaders and the Maternal and Infant Nursing Program, Dr. Adih develops initiatives and policies to reduce preterm birth and other contributors to infant mortality in Baltimore city. He works with Maternal and Infant Nursing supervisors to assist them in creating protocols and other materials to implement new infant mortality initiatives. Dr. Adih assists with the design and implementation of measures to assess the effectiveness of infant mortality reduction efforts in the city. He provides managerial assistance to the Maternal and Infant Nursing Program as new infant mortality reduction initiatives are implemented and assessed. He provides technical assistance as a new client data system for the Maternal and Infant Nursing Program is designed, created and implemented. Dr. Adih has just completed providing technical assistance to the BCHD in the preparation of a grant proposal for funding for the Maternal and Infant Nursing Program to provide prevention education on sudden infant death syndrome (SIDS). Dr. Adih provides staff support to the City's multi-agency, multi-disciplinary Child Fatality Review Team, convening meetings and documenting findings and recommendations. Dr. Adih attended the Annual Maternal and Child Health Epidemiology Conference in Clearwater Beach, Fl., December 12-15, 2001. The theme for the conference is "Enhancing Competencies for Informed Decision Making in Maternal and Child Health Outcomes."

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

Ms Joan Atkinson serves as HIV/AIDS Technical Advisor to USAID/Jamaica and as Team Leader for the USAID Caribbean Regional Program on HIV/AIDS. She played a major role in the design of and is now overseeing the implementation of the regional HIV/AIDS program and provides technical and managerial assistance with those programs. Ms. Atkinson also played a key

technical role in the development/design of the continuing HIV/AIDS/STI Prevention and Control program with the Ministry of Health. She also provides expert consultation to USAID in HIV/AIDS/STI, and to USAID's Adolescent Reproductive Health project manager in guiding interventions, policies, and activities targeted to Jamaican youth. In her role as technical advisor, Ms. Atkinson serves as an active communicator and liaison between USAID and the Ministry of Health. Ms. Atkinson is currently assisting with the design of USAID's 2005-2009 HIV/AIDS strategy for both the bilateral HIV/AIDS Program in Jamaica as well as the Caribbean Regional Program. She is also working with other stakeholders in preparing a regional submission to the Global Fund on AIDS, TB, and Malaria. The regional program necessitates that Ms. Atkinson works closely with regional organizations such as CARICOM, CAREC, and the University of the West Indies, as well as with other donors such as the CDC, CIDA and the EU.

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

Mr. Christopher Barrett serves as the Infectious Disease HIV/AIDS Fellow at the USAID mission in India. Mr Barrett is responsible for assisting the Mission and its external partners to accomplish programmatic objectives defined under the Mission's Strategic Objective (SO) #7 Mitigate the Impact of Infectious Diseases. The ID/HIV portfolio in India is comprised of activities in HIV/AIDS prevention and control, polio eradication, tuberculosis control, applied epidemiological research, and support for surveillance system development.

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

Mr. Barrett provides technical input for the design and implementation of surveys to monitor the Tamil Nadu and Maharashtra projects. He works closely with the APAC and AVERT project managers and technical colleagues from the Global Health Bureau IMPACT project to ensure relevant and robust information is collected and trend analyses are constructed to chart project performance and make adjustments as required. He provides technical and managerial assistance to the Mission's contribution to WHO for surveillance system development. He is working with other donors (especially the World Bank) and Ministry of Health colleagues to further define USAID support for surveillance system strengthening nationally and in one or two states. Surveillance activities extend to cross-border collaborations within the WHO South-Asia Surveillance Network for Malaria Drug Resistance. Mr. Barrett is an active IndiaCLEN Governing

Body member and provides technical skills to the organization's activities. He helps define research priorities and develop a 5-year plan for applied Indo-US research in child survival and infectious disease.

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. Mr. Brandes continued the work of streamlining the reporting, assessment, and management functions of the project. He is contributed to the completion of the evaluation of the CHR Project and the ongoing process and to assist the Office of Health and Infectious Diseases in determining research priorities. He also continues to work on developing a framework for a new child health research activity. He continues to be an active participant and contributor to the work of the Agency's antimicrobial working group. Neal also serves as an advisor to the agency on tobacco control issues.

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

Dr. Logan Brenzel serves as Senior Health Economist in LAC/RSD-PHN. During the past quarter, Logan completed the redesign process for a two-year extension of the LAC HSR Initiative, which was based on a consultative process with USAID/W, USAID Missions, stakeholders, and technical experts. In addition, she continued to provide oversight to the implementation of the Initiative, including work pertaining to leadership and health reform and a study on HIV/AIDS treatment costs in Mexico. Logan also is responsible for the HIV/AIDS portfolio in LAC.

Logan also continued participation in the National Health Accounts Working Group of the Shared Agenda, which is an inter-agency coordinating body for PAHO, IDB, the World Bank, and USAID. The Working Group prepared and presented its bi-annual work plan for 2002-2004.

Logan helped organized and participated in an Agency-wide Open Team Meeting for Haiti, in which a range of issues, from budgeting to HIV/AIDS and contraceptive security were discussed.

Finally, she continued to be part of the redesign process for a Global Bureau private sector/commercial marketing program, and is a member of a Poverty Working Group.

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 has been providing technical support and oversight of USAID-funded child health and nutrition programs, jointly implemented with the Ministry of Health and other partners. These have included the National Vitamin A Program, the National Community-Based IMCI Program, the National Female Community Health Volunteer (FCHV) Program, the National Immunization Program and Polio Eradication Initiative. This has involved 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 II (immunization). He has also advised PVO partners ADRA, CARE, PLAN International and Save the Children/US in planning, monitoring and evaluation of PVO/Child Survival projects, as well as polio eradication activities funded through the CORE Group, in various districts of Nepal.

In July, Mr. Brown handed over the above responsibilities to other members of the SO2 team. Since then, and for the remainder of his assignment in Nepal, he is coordinating the process of further analysis and documentation of Nepal's child survival results, looking at the country's significant decline in infant and child mortality in relation to the implementation of child health programs over the past fifteen years. This work is being carried out in collaboration with BASICS, MOST and ORC Macro.

Gabrielle Bushman, MPA
HIV/AIDS Technical Advisor
USAID/GH/HIV-AIDS

Gabrielle Bushman is a technical adviser in the U.S. Agency for International Development's HIV/AIDS division. She recently organized the agency's participation in the XIV International AIDS Conference in Barcelona. This included press briefings, NGO briefings, meetings with USAID mission staff and other external relations activities. The press briefings received major coverage in The Washington Post, The New York Times, USA Today, as well as other international media outlets.

As a follow-up to the Barcelona conference, Ms. Bushman organized "Highlights from Barcelona" a one-day session at the National Press Club. This day-long session was designed to showcase USAID's major role in Barcelona, and featured presentations from USAID's cooperating agencies on research that was presented at the conference. Over 300 people attended this session.

In addition, Ms. Bushman continues her roles as chair of the Communications Working Group, a monthly forum where HIV/AIDS cooperating agencies come together to discuss communications issues. She also serves as the communications advisor on U.S. issues to the Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria.

Nancy R. Cecatiello, MA
Reproductive Health Advisor
USAID/Uganda

Ms. Cecatiello serves 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.

Ms. Cecatiello participated as one of the panelists in the Health and Child Survival Fellows Program Auxiliary Meeting at the Annual Meeting of the Global Health Council in May.

Timothy A. Clary, MA, MS, PhD
HIV/Infectious Diseases Epidemiologist
USAID/EE/EEST/HRHA

During the most recent quarter Dr. Clary was involved in several different projects. In June he traveled to Russia for three weeks as part of a four-person team to evaluate USAID/Moscow's tuberculosis projects in Ivanovo and Orel oblasts. Dr. Clary continues to administer several HIV and TB projects for the E&E bureau. He assisted in the establishment of a partnership program between University of Arkansas Medical School and the Latvian MDR TB Center of Excellence. In addition, he was instrumental in programming monies to and approving the workplan of the CDC so that they could continue their TB work in the Baltics. Dr. Clary's other work in the Baltics is the Baltic Sea Initiative for HIV Prevention and Control. His duties for this project have recently included helping develop a monitoring and evaluation plan, liaising with the State Department, approving future workplans, and providing assistance to Estonia in its application to the Global Fund. Dr. Clary also continue to be the primary backstop for a regional TB project in Romania and Moldova, a TB project in Kosovo, and in the development of a TB pocket guide for the E&E region. In the latter function he most recently was involved in final selection of the field testing sites. Future activities that Dr. Clary has begun for the upcoming year include an HIV/TB coinfection activity in Russia, the development of STI diagnosis and treatment protocols for the

E&E region, and a project which will model IDU behaviors in the E&E region for determination of optimal needle exchange rates.

Dr. Clary continues to serve as one of the primary liaisons for the E&E region on issues of HIV, TB, STIs, AMR, and IDUs. In this function he frequently interacts with the CDC, UNAIDS, WHO, OSI, and the State Department. He recently became a member of UNAIDS IDU Task Force. Dr. Clary also assists in providing briefings, reviews, and presentations. Recently, he has been involved in briefing the U.S. Embassy in Latvia on projects in the Baltics, the U.S. Ambassador to Hungary on projects in Central and Eastern Europe, the Lithuanian Deputy Minister of Health on HIV projects in the Baltics, and the Regional Service Center in Budapest on project transfers. He also assisted in the preparation of E&E Congressional Notifications on HIV and TB and a justification memo for an HIV direct hire in Ukraine. He has reviewed and commented on the HIV Monitoring and Evaluation Guidance, the HIV Strategy Review Process, UNAIDS 5 year evaluation, a TB RFA for Georgia, a IDU RFA for Uzbekistan, a HIV SOW for Armenia, a HIV strategy for the Central Asian Republics, and workplans for Synergy and UNICEF. Finally, Dr. Clary was a featured speaker at two events. The first was a Global Health Council briefing for congressional staffers at which Dr. Clary presented "HIV in Russia and the Central Asian Republics". The second was the American International Health Alliance's conference at which Dr. Clary spoke at the plenary session on "Community-based approaches to HIV prevention in Eastern Europe and the Former Soviet Union".

Cornelia Davis, MD, 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.

June 10-13, Dr Davis participated at the Africa Bureau's Health Officers State of the Art (SOTA) meeting and presented Community TB Care Initiative during the ID sessions. As a member of the WHO TB/HIV Working Group, she participated in the 2nd TB/HIV Working Group meeting in Durban, South Africa, which presented the progress made in developing the framework of TB/HIV activities, and the progress made to date in Africa on implementation of this framework in selected countries. Finally Dr Davis provided technical assistance to the RCQHC in Kampala, Uganda (June 18/19) in their joint workshop with WHO/AFRO, national TB and HIV/AIDS program managers from three countries, and representative from the TB Coalition, to identify their role in TB in the region.

Carter L. Diggs, MD, PhD
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), responsible for 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 - 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 active agreements with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), the Walter Reed Army Institute of Research (WRAIR), the Naval Medical Research Center (NMRC), and Maxygen, Inc. Thorough these agreements, the MVDP also actively collaborates with the Malaria Vaccine Development Unit (MVDU) at NIH, the Malaria Vaccine Initiative at Path (MVI), GlaxoSmithKline (GSK) and Vical, Inc. Several specific vaccine initiatives are being undertaken. A vaccine targeted against the blood stages of the parasite (based on the antigen MSP1) was developed at WRAIR under USAID MVDP support and is now being field tested in Kenya with MVI funding. A second blood stage vaccine (based on the antigen AMA1) has been developed at WRAIR and is scheduled for clinical and initial field evaluation in 2003. The MVDP supports the evaluation of DNA and viral vector vaccine technologies through an interagency agreement with the Naval Medical Research Center. Several DNA vaccine clinical trials have been completed and several viral vector and prime/boost approaches are planned. The agreement with Maxygen (with the MVDU as collaborator) is designed to exploit a proprietary Maxygen technology (molecular breeding) to develop broadly immunogenic vaccines which can circumvent the malaria parasites' ability to undergo variation during infection. Dr. Diggs is Chairman of the Federal Malaria Vaccine Coordinating Committee (FMVCC), made up of U.S. Federal agencies involved in malaria vaccine development. He coordinates USAID MVDP activities with the the European Malaria Vaccine Initiative (EMVI) and the UNDP-World Bank-WHO Special Programme for Research and Training in Tropical Diseases (TDR) as well as with the collaborators above.

Maria L. Francisco, MHS
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.

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

Ms. Mary J. Freyder serves as a member of the Planning, Evaluation and Reporting Division (Office of HIV/AIDS) to provide broad HIV/AIDS-related expertise and guidance in program evaluation and monitoring. She works to strengthen USAID's ability to monitor program implementation, document results, and assess program impact of USAID's strategic objective to reduce HIV transmission and mitigate the impact of the disease on nations, communities and families. Ms. Freyder 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 design program activities that have a sustainable impact on the reduction of HIV/AIDS transmission and the mitigation of the epidemic's effects. Ms. Freyder participates in the development and implementation of training programs, workshops, and other participatory activities that serve to broaden knowledge and practice of effective monitoring and evaluation of HIV/AIDS programs and related activities. Ms. Freyder provides technical assistance to USAID missions and regional bureaus in the design of monitoring and evaluation systems and implementation of program evaluations.

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

Dr. Gibbons serves as the technical advisor for Mother to Child Transmission and HIV/AIDS Care and Support in the Office of HIV/AIDS. She provides support to USAID's implementation of interventions to prevent mother to child transmission of HIV (MTCT) and to HIV/AIDS care and

support services. Dr. Gibbons provides technical assistance and scientific updates to USAID overseas missions to design and implement interventions to prevent MTCT and community and facility-based HIV/AIDS care programs. Dr. Gibbons serves as liaison to regional bureaus on coordination of MTCT and Care activities. She also coordinates with key external partners in the Care and MTCT fields such as UNICEF, WHO, UNAIDS and foundations.

This past quarter, Dr. Gibbons focused on coordinating efforts to address President Bush's Mother and Child HIV Prevention Initiative. She collaborated with colleagues at DHHS to establish an interagency MTCT steering committee, chaired by Joe O'Neill, national AIDS policy director. Further, she facilitated a cooperative agreement with the Elizabeth Glaser Pediatric AIDS Foundation and assisted cooperative partners in expanding their MTCT activities. She provided technical assistance to field missions to evaluate their MTCT strategies and scale-up efforts.

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

Mr. Tom Hall serves as Child Survival Grants Program Advisor to the Office of Health and Infectious Diseases and Nutrition. He assists in strengthening the contributions of and expanding the involvement of U.S. Private Voluntary Organizations (PVOs) with USAID's Child Survival and other programs by advising on policy and program issues related to the centrally funded Child Survival Grants Program. Mr. Hall participates in the review of the Child Survival Grants Proposals. He ensures consistent application of Agency policy determinations, grant award criteria and operational policy and guidelines in the review process. He guides the process to ensure timely responses. Mr. Hall advises PVO's on Agency policies, priorities, practices and procedures regarding USAID funding for institutional development, management services and/or multi-country development programs under the Child Survival Grants Program. Mr. Hall assists with the development, coordination and analysis of Agency relationships with the international health community. He assists with the collaboration with other Agency bureaus, offices and missions in recommending, implementing and monitoring policies and procedures regarding PVOs with child survival programs. He assists with the development and monitoring of training programs especially designed for the benefit of PVOs funded through CSG programs, particularly as they pertain to USAID grant policies, proposal development, program design, budget preparation and general USAID funding eligibility requirements. He assists in coordinating expert technical consultation, both within and outside USAID, to ensure technical/administrative soundness of PVO project design. He provides guidance to PVOs in grant management and in interpreting and analyzing USAID policy statements regarding USAID/PVO relationships in areas of health and child survival. Mr. Hall monitors, evaluates and advises on the status, progress and implementation of USAID funded PVO child survival and health projects, by travelling to PVO headquarters and field sites as needed.

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, PhD, MPH
Malaria Advisor
USAID/GH/HIDN/EH
USAID/AFR

Country Coordinator/Eritrea

Matthew Lynch serves as malaria advisor to both the Bureau of Global Health, Division of Infectious Diseases, 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 presented information on the RBM Strategy Framework for ITNs in Africa to the PHN SOTA course in Nairobi, Kenya. In addition, he has worked with RBM partners on establishing a monitoring and evaluation reference group to advise RBM on M&E issues, provided malaria 5-year strategy development assistance to missions in Zambia and Uganda, as well as participated in a vector-borne disease strategy development team to Nepal

Nitin Madhav, MPIA, MPH
Child Survival and Health Advisor
USAID/DCHA/PVC/CSH

Nitin Madhav, has been detailed to the ANE Bureau as the Program Development Officer for Afghanistan, being one of two people that are working inside the Agency who are fluent speakers of Dari and Urdu.

His day to day activities include managing and providing technical assistance to the start-up of the USAID Mission to Afghanistan, providing technical assistance to the Health and Education sector programs and serving as the Agency's point person on USAID programs in Afghanistan.

He played a key role in the preparations for the America-Afghanistan Summit on Reconstruction and Rehabilitation at Georgetown University, where he helped university staff prepare a series of briefing papers on health, education, trade and gender issues. He has been interfacing and liaising with key ministers of the Afghanistan Transitional Authority (ATA) in Kabul, and the Embassy of Afghanistan in Washington, DC

He is currently exploring opportunities for private investment in the Afghan reconstruction process.

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

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

GAIN, she works with food and pharmaceutical multinational companies to launch public-private partnerships at a country level. In addition to fortification, Ms Mosolf also monitors and promotes the global vitamin A supplementation programs supported by USAID. This includes working with USAID implementing agencies to track vitamin A capsule programs in the 20 VITA-focus countries.

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 Social Transition team. She provides technical, analytical, and backstopping support to assist with the implementation, monitoring, and/or design of health communications interventions. She is also responsible for tracking, reviewing, and drafting responses to U.S. and Congressional inquiries, and drafting responses for other requests for information.

This past quarter, Sangita worked with PSI and UNFPA to finalize a detailed implementation plan for a regional HIV/AIDS initiative in the Balkans. She continues to coordinate with the Regional Service Center in Hungary and USAID Missions to agree upon the nature of this cross-border activity for Bulgaria, Bosnia, Croatia, and Serbia. Sangita also participated in the 14th International HIV/AIDS Conference in July, and assisted Missions in CAR, Russia, Romania, and Ukraine advocate their work to the rest of the world. She assisted USAID/Kiev to develop and implement a poster session and visited Kiev one week prior to the Conference to conduct interviews with donors, partners, and NGOs. She later worked with the Mission to develop a scope of work and identify their needs for an HIV/AIDS design team. She also worked closely with the EU, The British Council, and UNICEF to determine the feasibility of extending a partnership to combat HIV/AIDS and focus upon youth. Sangita participated in the Ten Year Health Reform Conference supported by USAID/E&E, and assisted in the dissemination of critical HIV/AIDS information to the field. She continues to work on planning for the ANE and E&E State of the Art Training in Phnom Cambodia, and looks forward to implementing this training in October.

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

Mr. Billy Pick serves as HIV/AIDS and STD Advisor to the Asia Near East Bureau. He provides technical and managerial assistance to the design, monitoring and evaluation of USAID's STD and HIV-AIDS programs, projects and initiatives within the Asia and Near East region. He assists in the management, implementation and evaluation of the ANE Regional HIV/AIDS and Infectious Disease Project. He monitors HIV/AIDS and STD trends, programmatic activities and

developments in the ANE region. Mr. Pick provides technical support to USAID overseas missions on the design and implementation of interventions to prevent the spread of HIV/AIDS. He serves as liaison to the USAID's Global Bureau on technical issues and on regional developments and issues. Mr. Pick assists with coordination of HIV/AIDS and STD activities. He also, serves in a liaison capacity with cooperating agencies, international organizations, non-governmental organizations, private sector and other organizations working on HIV-AIDS/STD issues in the region.

Mr. Pick went on TDY to Cambodia to assist the Mission in reviewing workplans for the integrated HIV/RH/MCH strategy. He also visited Thailand to finalize the FHI Asia Regional Office workplan for FY02 and briefed Ambassador Johnson and Deputy Chief of Mission Huso on the proposed USAID Regional Office in Bangkok and the Mekong HIV strategy. He also met with officials of the Thai Ministry of Public Health and UNAIDS to discuss USAID collaboration with the Thai government on HIV/AIDS. He continued the process of finalizing the HIV/AIDS strategies for the Mekong Region, Indonesia, Nepal, and India, as well as the assessments and frameworks for Laos, Thailand and Vietnam. Mr. Pick for the mid-term evaluation of the Papua/New Guinea HIV/AIDS program. He participated in the development of USAID's possible HIV/AIDS response in China and met with a Chinese delegation led by the Minister of Health, Mr. Zhang. Mr. Pick participated on working groups dealing with the Expanded Response to the HIV/AIDS epidemic and the State-of-the-Art trainings for the ANE/EE region on HIV/AIDS. He also held meetings with other bilaterals and multilaterals including AusAID, WHO and the World Bank. He met with representatives from NIDA to discuss strategies for working with IDU. Mr. Pick recorded an interview with Voice of America/Burma on the State of HIV/AIDS in that country which was aired. He also attended the International Conference on HIV/AIDS in Barcelona, where he attended satellite sessions on vaccines, access to treatment, and harm reduction. He visited London to discuss the development of on-line HIV treatment resources for developing countries in Asia. He is also participating on the planning committee for an NIH-funded conference on research in Asian and Pacific Islander communities.

Jonathan Ross, MPH
Child Health and Nutrition Advisor
USAID/Indonesia

As the Child Health and Nutrition Advisor to USAID/Indonesia, Mr. Ross serves as a member of the Child Health and Nutrition (CHN) and Infectious Disease (ID) Teams. He provides technical guidance and oversight to CHN 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), the National Tuberculosis Program (Royal Netherlands Tuberculosis Association (KNCV)), the Malaria Control Program in Central Java (NAMRU-2), the Polio Eradication Initiative (WHO), and the Nutrition and Health Surveillance System and Vitamin A Program

(HKI). Mr. Ross also serves as a member of the ICC for GAVI and the Partnership Forum for Tuberculosis.

During the past quarter Mr. Ross participated in a Regional Drug Procurement Course for Tuberculosis conducted by the RPM Plus Project in Jakarta. The course was attended by MOH staff from throughout Indonesia as well as from Pakistan, Nepal, Sri Lanka and Papua New Guinea. Indonesian participants spent the weeks following the course developing procurement guidelines specifically for Indonesia. At the end of August, Mr. Ross spent 2 weeks at a Positive Deviance (PD) course conducted by Jerry Sternin and with staff from the MOH, Department of Health, WVI, PCI, MCI, CRS, Save the Children/US and PATH. This course was the result of Mr. Ross' earlier efforts to introduce new methodologies to Indonesia that have the potential to empower individuals and communities to recognize that practices and resources to prevent malnutrition already exist within their communities. In addition to training government counterparts and INGOs, local health personnel (kadres), who will implement a PD program within the training community, participated in much of the training and presented the results of FGDs and PD Inquiries to other communities members. The recognition that there are poor people within the village who have healthy children despite the lack of access to resources, was very empowering. Out of this experience, Mr. Ross also learned that one must not feed chicken feet to young children because it results in bad handwriting later in life, nor should one give a young child goats brains since it results in an adult going prematurely gray. The INGOs and CAs will implement PD programs in both urban and rural sites throughout Indonesia. Since there is limited experience with PD in urban areas, these experiences should help advance the current knowledge around the use of PD in nutrition. In the future, Save the Children/US will use the PD methodology within their Urban Street Children program to learn why some children forced to sell beverages do not also have to perform sexual favors while others do. The practices learned from the children who do not perform sexual behaviors (the positive deviants) can then be learned by those who do. During the last week of September, Mr. Ross will participate in the State-of-the-Art and Consensus on Strategies for the Control of Malaria on Java & Bali meeting being hosted by NAMRU-2, the MOH, and KAMI. This will serve as a launching for USAID's assistance to the KAMI Program (Coalition Anti-Malaria Indonesia) being implemented by NAMRU-2. This program will bring together technical experts from throughout Indonesia to identify and test new strategies to combat malaria, including the introduction of insecticide treated bednets, new treatment protocols, advocacy campaigns, and vector control strategies.

Glenn Sessions, BSN, MPH
HIV/AIDS/TB Technical 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 and TB control, which is designed to increase sustainable and effective programs to prevent transmission of STI/HIV and control TB. 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 HIV/AIDS prevention teams with U.S. and local NGOs, other international donors, and the Ministry of Health (MOH), 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 and TB programs to USAID's Senior Management and the American Embassy in Brazil. This past quarter, Mr. Sessions met with USAID/Brazil-supported implementing partners (PAHO, CDC/TB Elimination International Branch, Management Sciences for Health, Pathfinder/Brazil, DKT, the Population Council, and the Brazilian NGO BEMFAM) to discuss new activities and workplans for FY2003; provided technical and administrative assistance in the design of USAID/Brazil's strategic plan for FY2003-08; traveled to Rio de Janeiro, Brazil to assess BEMFAM's condom social marketing advertising/promotional campaign; attended various meetings with officials from the MOH's National AIDS and TB Control programs to discuss ongoing and future activities; participated in two-day meeting in Brasilia, which was organized by the MOH in collaboration with USAID/Brazil, to reinforce the MOH's commitment to expanding DOTS programming throughout Brazil; and attended the UNAIDS Theme Group Meeting.

David Sintasath, MSc (Lond.)
Epidemiologist/Malaria Control Program Advisor
Ministry of Health, Government of Eritrea
USAID/Eritrea

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 also cooperates/coordinates with the USAID-funded Environmental Health Project (EHP), its resident technical advisor and team members, and the USAID/Eritrea PHN Office activities. He serves as a resource to the National Malaria Control Program (NMCP) for increasing its capacity to collect, manage, analyze, and use data through improvements to its surveillance systems, operational research programs, and information systems. Mr. Sintasath provides epidemiological technical support for field studies in malaria prevalence, anti-malarial drug efficacy, 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 NMCP, including short courses in epidemiology, a diploma 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 centers for surveillance, training and operational research opportunities.

This past quarter, Mr. Sintasath assisted the MOH in its decision to move from chloroquine as the first line drug treatment to a combination of chloroquine plus sulfadoxine-pyrimethamine (SP) for the interim period. He continues to serve as a resource person on the National Anti-malarial Drug Technical committee to monitor drug resistance levels and to oversee upcoming drug efficacy studies.

In July, Mr. Sintasath helped to facilitate a workshop for Behavioral and Social Science Methods for Operations Research for malaria coordinators, their deputies, and other malaria staff, which was supported by Tulane University through an ASPH/CDC Cooperative Agreement.

Mr. Sintasath continues to provide assistance to the MOH in developing plans for epidemic preparedness and forecasting and developed standard operating procedures for the selected sentinel sites. This past quarter he has been involved in conducting orientation and training seminars for health workers at sentinel sites throughout the country.

He is also a member of the faculty of the College of Nursing and Medical Technology, where he currently teaches epidemiology in a Public Health Technicians diploma program, a curriculum which he helped to develop in coordination with the Human Resources Division and the National Malaria Control Program and CDC.

In October, Mr. Sintasath will participate in the Annual Inter-country Planning Meeting for East Africa and the Great Lakes Sub-region (sponsored by WHO/AFRO). This meeting will provide a forum for countries to review their Roll Back Malaria (RBM) implementation, share experiences with regard to its implementation, and review their plans of actions for 2003. Mr. Sintasath is the one of the editors for the East African RBM Newsletter, which is intended to foster RBM monitoring and evaluation networks for the East African region.

William K. Slater, MPH
Technical Advisor - HIV-AIDS Special Objective
USAID/Guyana

Mr. William Slater serves as primary technical advisor and provides managerial and technical assistance to USAID/Guyana's special objective in HIV-AIDS. He assists in the identification of strategies and approaches for achieving SPO results. Mr. Slater provides technical leadership in the development of the SPO annual work plan and monitor SPO progress and outcome indicators. He organizes periodic review of the SPO and provides leadership in revisions as needed. He assures that the activities in the work plans are accomplished on schedule and participants collaborate effectively. Mr. Slater maintains close working relationships with SPO program implementers, SPO Steering Committee members, Government of Guyana (GOG) representatives and the project's beneficiaries. This includes participating on the development of a five year HIV/AIDS Strategic Planning Process working with the GOG/UNAIDS/donors, participation on

the participation on the Country Coordination Mechanism for the development of the Guyana Global Fund proposal, facilitation of technical assistance by JSI-Deliver to the logistics division of the Ministry of Health (MOH), facilitation of technical assistance by Family Health International (FHI) on the communications component of the Guyana HIV/AIDS/STI Youth Project to eight project NGO's, and facilitation of the development of a Condom Social Marketing Plan working in conjunction with implementing partners Population Services International. In addition, Mr. Slater will provide technical assistance and oversight in the development of the scope of work for a youth assessment survey working with implementing partners. He facilitates capacity building of the USAID-funded NGOs and project steering committee(s). Mr. Slater mobilizes support for and ensures networking and coordination of HIV/AIDS information and activities. Mr. Slater serves as USAID's technical representative on USAID Guyana's HIV/AIDS Youth Project Steering Committee. He reviews and monitors NGO activities in coordination with the Youth Project Steering Committee members and in collaboration with U.S. implementing partners. He develops and implements systems to monitor USAID programmatic, financial and administrative objectives and USAID managing-for-results norms.

Marni J. Sommer, RN, MSN, MPH
Pharmaceutical Management Advisor
USAID/G/PHN/HN/HPSR

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

Ms. Sommer participated as one of the panelists in the Health and Child Survival Fellows Program Auxiliary Meeting at the annual conference of the Global Health Council in May 2002.

Andreas W. Tamberg, MA
Health Program Advisor
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Mr. Andreas W. Tamberg serves as the Health Advisor to USAID/CAR based in Tashkent, Uzbekistan. Mr. Tamberg provides technical and managerial guidance and coordinates programs in primary health care, infectious disease prevention, and child survival. He monitors the implementation of systemic changes to create a higher quality, more cost-effective family health care system. Recent advances in this area have included the transformation of rural health care posts into independent legal entities and their adoption of a capitated provider payment system. This change represents Uzbekistan's first step in the direction of systemic rationalization of health care financing. Mr. Tamberg provides technical guidance to quality primary health care partnerships in emergency care and community nursing. He is also coordinating the adoption of improved health curricula into primary, secondary and nursing schools.

A substantial increase in Uzbekistan's health portfolio incorporates several new directions. Mr. Tamberg is developing a series of new programs in maternal and children's health (MCH), drug abuse and HIV-AIDS prevention, school health education and public health management. In May 2002, a group of 7 Uzbek specialists visited the United States on a drug abuse prevention study tour, marking the start of the new USAID technical initiative. The new MCH program will begin in Spetember 2002. Mr. Tamberg's counterparts now include representatives of the country's Cabinet of Ministers, Ministry of Health and Ministry of Public Education.

Mr. Tamberg conducted a site assesement and monitoring visits to Karakalpakstan on the Aral Sea, as well as in the southern provinces of Surkhandarya and Kashkadarya near Afghanistan. He is identifying priority health and educational facilities for infrastructure improvements to be provided through the USAID/CAR Community Action Investment Program.

Mr. Tamberg continues to work with CDC to conduct HIV sentinel surveillance and implement safe blood screening and HIV testing systems throughout Uzbekistan. He also serves as the Control Officer for Operation Provide Hope, the State Department-Department of Defense program that will bring 150 rail containers of hospital equipment, as well as other medical supplies to Uzbekistan in the summer of 2002. He assists government and non-governmental counterparts in relevant health-related humanitarian assistance projects and monitors the policy environment affecting health reforms supported by the USAID Office of Health, Population and Nutrition in Almaty. Mr. Tamberg also coordinates the 2002 Demographic Health Survey for Uzbekistan.

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Ms. Sandra Tedeschi serves as Maternal and Child Health and Nutrition (MCH&N) Technical Advisor PL 480-Title II - Office of Food for Peace. Ms. Tedeschi provides FFP with programmatic and technical guidance. Ms. Tedeschi reviews Cooperating Sponsors (CSs) and the

World Food Program (WFP) supported activities in Maternal and Child Health and Nutrition (MCH&N), funded with Title II commodities. Ms Tedeschi provides technical assistance in the review of emergency and development proposals that include MCH&N – including HIV/AIDS – programming to meet agency strategic objectives. Ms. Tedeschi assists with policy and advocacy of nutrition, both adult and child, maternal/child health, and HIV/AIDS issues within the Bureau for Humanitarian Response. She assists with the identification and study of nutrition, maternal and child health, and HIV/AIDS issues related to policy, advocacy and program development in both emergency and development settings. She coordinates FFP involvement with major nutrition, maternal and child health, and HIV/AIDS projects. She assists FFP management with preparation of studies and written reports on scientific and policy related issues pertaining to the nutrition and maternal health issues as implemented under PL 480, Title II programs. She acts as the technical liaison with the Global Bureau's Center for Population, Health, and Nutrition. She also serves as technical resource for the CSs and WFP in their planning of new activities. Ms. Tedeschi acts as FFP liaison with agency and interagency activities that are related to nutrition, maternal and child health and HIV/AIDS activities of the PHN Center's Nutrition and Maternal Health (NMH) and HIV/AIDS Divisions, and the U.S. Office of Foreign Disaster Assistance (OFDA) within BHR on issues relating to emergency nutrition, maternal and child health and HIV/AIDS.

Merri Weinger, MPH
Environmental Health Technical Advisor
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Ms. Weinger provides technical support and oversight to ongoing and planned activities in environmental health with special emphasis on the CESH (community-based environmental sanitation and hygiene) and ECHO (environmental change and health outcomes) themes of the Environmental Health Division. Ms Weinger works with the technical assistance contractor for the G/HIDN/ID (the Environmental Health Project/EHP), USAID Offices, Regional Bureaus and Missions, both in Washington and through travel to the field, to develop and assist in the oversight of CESH and ECHO activities.

This past quarter, Ms. Weinger has provided technical assistance to the Environmental Health Project to finalize their work plan for Year 4 of their 5-year contract. She has helped to design continuation projects in hygiene improvement in both the Dominican Republic and Nicaragua, with a strong focus on capacity building for hygiene behavior change. In an effort to promote increased coordination among USAID-sponsored behavior change initiatives in the Dominican Republic, Ms Weinger has convened a meeting among coordinators of projects on dengue, immunization, hygiene improvement and nutrition.

Ms. Weinger has been active in helping to launch a collaborative initiative between EHP and the Pan American Health Organization (PAHO) to develop a module on diarrheal disease prevention for integration into Community-based Integrated Management of Childhood Disease programs (C-IMCI). She has also been collaborating on a USAID/W initiative to foster partnerships with

Missions for accelerated implementation of C-IMCI in countries. The partnership will be implemented in three countries (Benin, Senegal and Nicaragua) and Ms Weinger is the point person for Nicaragua.

***Norma W. Wilson, MS, DrPH, FPNP, PNP
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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.

***Jennifer Winestock Luna, MPH
Maternal Health and Child Survival Advisor
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Ms. Jennifer Winestock Luna, MPH provides technical assistance in the oversight of the Latin America and Caribbean Regional maternal health and child survival initiatives. Her specific duties include advising on two regional initiatives, The Latin America and Caribbean Regional Initiative to Reduce Maternal Mortality and the Regional Vaccination Initiative. She also advises on nutrition issues in the region. During this quarter she worked with the Pan American Health Association (PAHO) in order to finalize the re-design of both initiatives so that this work can be extended for another two years. She also worked with PAHO and Health and Human Services (HHS) in order to help PAHO finalize the Regional Strategy for Maternal Mortality and Morbidity Reduction, which will be presented in September to the PAHO Sanitary conference for country endorsement. This document will guide Maternal Health programming in PAHO member countries for the next 10 years.



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