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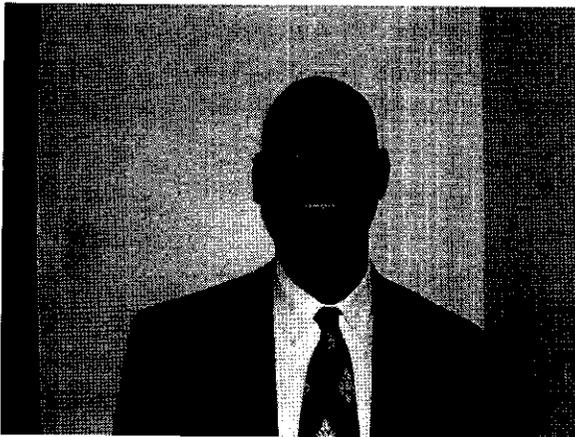
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The **Institute for International Programs (IIP), Johns Hopkins University Bloomberg School of Public Health (JHBSPH)** serves as *National Secretariat* for the **Health and Child Survival Fellows Program (H&CS Fellows Program)**. The program has as 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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*Introducing New H&CS Fellows and Interns*



*Stephen A. Lee, MD  
HIV/STI Infectious Diseases Advisor  
USAID/E&E/DGST/ST  
Health and Child Survival Fellows Program  
– JHU  
October 14, 2003 – October 13, 2005*

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

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

Dr. Lee is a key liaison person between the E&E Bureau Social Transition Team and the Bureau for Global Health and the E&E Regional Support Center in Budapest. He provides technical assistance to Missions on issues related to the Global Fund for HIV/AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria. Serving as liaison with other donors and organizations including CDC, NIH, NIDA NGOs/PVOs and WHO he facilitates coordination of policies, approaches, and programs with

respect to infectious disease programs, ensuring that USAID's concerns regarding building local capacity are appropriately reflected in these discussions.

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

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

Dr. Lee received his M.D. from Emory University and his MSc in Health Systems Management from the London School of Tropical Medicine and Hygiene. He is board certified in internal medicine and has served as Clinical Instructor of Internal Medicine, University of California at San Francisco School of Medicine. Most recently, Dr. Lee served as Associate Chief, Division of AIDS Medicine at the Positive PACE Clinic at the Santa Clara Valley Medical Center in San Jose, CA.



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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 worked 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.

USAID/Nigeria supports the training and social mobilization components of the polio eradication effort through implementing partners BASICS (training) and JHU/CCP (social mobilization). Ms. Adams provides technical oversight and managerial assistance to 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.

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.

Liane Adams completed her HCSFP assignment on September 30, 2003. She continues her work at USAID/Nigeria through the CASU mechanism.

***Karen Angelici, MPP  
Urban Child Survival Fellow  
Baltimore City Health Department  
Division of Maternal and Child Health***

Ms. Karen Angelici serves as Urban Child Survival Advisor to the Baltimore City Health Department's Maternal and Child Health Division. She works closely with the Assistant Commissioner for Maternal and Child Health, the Director and staff of the Maternal and Infant Nursing Program and the Department's perinatal subcontractors including MedChi, the Maryland State Medical Society. Ms. Angelici provides technical and managerial assistance to the city's programs aimed at reducing infant and child mortality.

During this reporting period, Ms. Angelici continued to coordinate the city's multi-agency Child Fatality Review Team; this included convening meetings as well as reviewing and presenting case information. She also followed up with state and local agencies on alleged child abuse cases and on legislative issues, which were brought to the Division's attention. In October, she attended the Annual National Perinatal Association Conference in Bethesda and the Annual State Fetal and Infant Mortality Review Meeting in Savage, Maryland. In December, Ms. Angelici participated in the National Perinatal Periods of Risk Practice Advancement Collaborative Meeting and attended the Annual MCH Epidemiology Conference, both held in Tempe, Arizona.

As part of ongoing technical assistance to the city's Maternal and Infant Nursing Program, this quarter Ms. Angelici completed evaluation instruments to be used to assess the impact of a folic acid education/distribution project. She also handled contracting issues with funding organizations for both the folic acid and SIDS education projects. She helped to finalize text, design and layout for a promotional brochure for clients. In addition, she worked with partners to help redirect program funds to those in greatest need in the city by reviewing available data and program models and making recommendations. She continued to assist with a big-picture evaluation of the impact of the Maternal and Infant Nursing Program's home visitation services on infant birth weights, gestational ages, and mortality.

As part of her work to help develop new initiatives and obtain new resources, Ms. Angelici continued to monitor funding opportunities and pull together partnerships as needed for specific grant proposals. She also helped bring the JHPIEGO Corporation and MedChi together to develop a curriculum for provider training in diagnosis and treatment of perinatal infections. In October, the Division was awarded a \$90,000 grant from the city's local management board to support one of the city's teen pregnancy prevention programs; Ms. Angelici drafted and submitted a proposal for this grant last quarter. She continues to look for appropriate funding opportunities for the Division to support programs designed to improve infant and child survival in the city.

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

As a technical advisor to the Child Survival and Health Grants program (CSHGP), Sharon Arscott-Mills participated in the CSHGP Mini University held at Johns Hopkins University in Baltimore in early June. She was also involved in reviewing and approving detailed implementation plans (DIPs) submitted by PVOs that were awarded funding in 2002.

Project monitoring has involved site visits to 9 Child Survival programs in Nicaragua, Kwa Zulu-Natal, South Africa, Zambia and Peru. Each of these programs faces a variety of challenges of program implementation in resource poor settings. Each also has documented successful achievements.

Sharon also worked with the CSHGP team to develop and refine the 2003 RFA for the grants program which was published in August. This was followed by an RFA Fall conference in early September to introduce the new RFA and to meet with PVOs and respond to their questions. She is very involved with the team to develop two additional procurement actions to support the CSHGP and its broad range of activities.

Sharon represents USAID and contributes to three working groups of the Collaborations and Resources Group (CORE Group); HIV/AIDS, Monitoring and Evaluation, and Safe Motherhood/Reproductive Health. She also participates in the Faith Based Initiative task force within the Global Health Bureau and the Task Force for Orphans and Vulnerable Children. She has participated regularly in the Maternal Neonatal Health flagship redesign team at USAID. In October, she gave a presentation on “Community-Based health Promotion strategies—Lessons Learned internationally” at a conference sponsored and organized by the Office of Refugee Resettlement held in Washington DC.

Sharon continues to study Spanish as she has responsibility for several CSHG programs in Latin American countries.



Sharon Arscott-Mills on a site-visit in Peru

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

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

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

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

Dr. Stacey Ballou serves as a Child Health Advisor Fellow to the Maternal and Child Health Division in the Health, Infectious Disease and Nutrition Office. Dr. Ballou assists the Maternal and Child Health Division to provide programmatic and technical support to child survival and maternal health programs, focusing on immunization activities and the polio eradication initiative. Dr. Ballou acts as the USAID liaison to the Global Measles Partnership and works to ensure linkages between measles mortality reduction programs and strengthening routine immunization service delivery. She assists the Worldwide Polio Eradication Coordinator to provide programmatic oversight of four grants funded by the Office and coordinate other programs in USAID/Washington and field missions funded through the Congressional earmark for polio eradication.

Dr. Ballou participated in multiple immunization related meetings this quarter. She attended the Middle East, Central Asia and Caucuses Region (MECACAR) and Eastern Europe Interagency Coordinating Committee (ICC) meeting in Budapest, Hungary in September, and the Global Measles Meeting in Cape Town, South Africa in October. Dr. Ballou also attended the Global Advisory Group annual meeting on Communications in Immunization meeting in Harare, Zimbabwe in November and the Task Force on Immunization for Africa and the African Interagency Coordinating Committee annual meeting in Luanda, Angola in December. Over the last year Dr. Ballou served as a member of the Technical Writing Group for Immunization Essentials: A Practical Field Guide, which has just been published by USAID. The book is now being distributed to USAID missions, partners and immunization program personnel around the world.

Dr. Ballou serves as an Alternate Coordinator for the REDSO (Regional Economic and Development Strategic Office) East Africa team and has worked with the new Sudan field office and the East Africa Regional Office in creating the RFA for the new health program for Southern Sudan. Now that TASC II has been awarded, Dr. Ballou will assist the CTO in managing the project and will provide technical assistance to missions and USAID offices seeking to create TASC orders. Dr. Ballou is also a member of a newly formed task force for injection safety, a cooperative task force between the Offices of Health, Infectious Disease and Nutrition, HIV/AIDS and of Population and Reproductive Health.

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

Mr. Christopher Barrett serves as the Infectious Disease and HIV/AIDS Fellow at the USAID mission in India. Mr. Barrett assists the Mission and its external partners to accomplish

programmatic objectives defined under the Mission's Strategic Objective (SO) #14: Improved health and reduced fertility in targeted areas of India. The ID/HIV portfolio in India is comprised of activities in HIV/AIDS prevention and control, polio eradication, tuberculosis control, applied epidemiological research, support for surveillance system development and integration, and cross-border malaria drug studies.

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

Mr. Barrett provides technical input for the design and implementation of behavioral, mapping, and health care provider surveys which support the HIV-AIDS bilateral projects of APAC (Tamil Nadu), and AVERT (Maharashtra). He works closely with USAID/ Washington to provide technical and managerial support to the Mission's interests in implementing Directly Observed Treatment (short course) therapy for TB control in targeted states. Recently he attended the 34<sup>th</sup> International Union Against TB and Lung Disease World Conference on Lung Health. Mr. Barrett also provides technical and managerial support to the Mission's partnership in the Polio Eradication Initiative – supporting acute flaccid paralysis surveillance, social mobilization, and communication activities. Mr. Barrett is the Mission's Technical Representative at special joint UNICEF-WHO meetings regarding Polio Eradication and Vaccine Preventable Diseases. He provides technical and managerial assistance to the Mission's contribution to WHO and IndiaCLEN for surveillance system development. He is working with other donors and Ministry of Health colleagues to further define USAID support for surveillance system strengthening one in or two states and nationally. Surveillance activities extend to cross-border collaborations with the Malaria Research Center within the framework of the WHO South-Asia Surveillance Network for Malaria Drug Resistance. Mr. Barrett is an active IndiaCLEN Governing Body and Institutional Review Board member and provides technical skills to the organization's activities. He helps define research priorities and develop a 5-year plan for applied Indo-US research in child survival and infectious disease.

***Julie Ann Chitty, RN, FNP-C, MPH, MS***  
***Africa Specialist***  
***USAID/GH/RCS***

Ms. Julie Chitty serves as Africa Specialist to the Office of Regional and Country Support (RCS) where she provides technical support and oversight to the Global Health Bureau's Africa Regional Team. She works with the RCS Team to provide technical assistance and improve existing support

to the field, facilitate functioning of the country team system, including recruitment of Country Coordinators, orientation, training, and ongoing support and guidance as needed. She facilitates the Country Coordinator's relationship both within and outside USAID by assisting them in establishing and maintaining relationships with other USAID bureaus and public and private entities. Ms. Chitty serves in a liaison capacity with counterparts in USAID's Bureau for Africa to ensure a coordinated effort toward country and regional work.

Ms. Chitty provides direct backstop support to USAID missions and Country Coordinators in Anglophone West Africa and Southern Africa. In this capacity, she works to ensure that Missions in these regions receive the necessary technical assistance and strategy support. Ms. Chitty has taken a leadership role through numerous strategy development/review processes (e.g., Nigeria, Ghana, South Africa, Malawi, and Namibia), garnering support to develop, review and approve them. Ms. Chitty serves as an Alternate Country Coordinator for the USAID/South Africa Country Team and she took a leadership role for the Global Health Bureau Office of HIV/AIDS in reviewing and finalizing the South Africa HIV/AIDS strategy this year. Ms. Chitty continues to work closely to support the South Africa Mission as they scale up their HIV/AIDS activities.

Ms. Chitty worked with the USAID/Malawi Mission to revise their results framework and their performance management plan in preparation for the Mission's Triennial Review. She also recently returned from Malawi where she conducted an assessment of USAID/Malawi's emerging HIV/AIDS impact mitigation activities, including programs in HIV/AIDS home-based care, orphans and vulnerable children, food security and nutrition. She particularly focused on home-based care systems and assisted the Mission in defining strategies for integration and leveraging of Title II food resources to strengthen HIV/AIDS mitigation and child health programming. This quarter, Ms. Chitty also presented on HIV/AIDS, Food Security and Nutrition to the Mickey Leland Congressional Fellows Program in Washington, D.C. She also attended the American Public Health Association Conference in San Francisco, CA.

Other activities include Ms. Chitty's work to conduct a health assessment and develop a new USAID health, population and nutrition program in The Republic of Djibouti, in collaboration with the REDSO/ESA Regional Office. With expertise in the prevention of female genital cutting (FGC), Ms. Chitty also finalized the development of the Global Health Bureau's FGC strategy and worked with the USAID Intra-Agency Working Group on Female Genital Cutting (FGC) to plan for the Zero Tolerance Day Against FGC, which will be held in Washington, D.C. in February, 2004.

*"In recognition of her dedication and expertise in providing extraordinary support to African missions. Her work consistently demonstrates excellent technical judgment and interpersonal skill in working to improve the lives of African women and children," the Bureau for Global Health presented Ms. Chitty with an "Exemplary Achievement Award".*

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

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

As coordinator of the writing, production and distribution of the annual update of the Child Survival and Health (CSH) Program Funds Guidance, Mr. Cronk monitors and analyzes policy and legislative provisions affecting CSH funds, and serves as a contact both in Washington and for missions' queries regarding CSH programming compliance. The annual cycle for producing the 2004 CSH Guidance will begin anew with the start of the next quarter.

In November, Mr. Cronk attended the American Public Health Association (APHA) annual conference in San Francisco. In December, Mr. Cronk participated in CEDPA's week-long *Essential Training for PHN and Education Technical Advisors* course. Mr. Cronk also participated in a number of small conferences and outside meetings including the inaugural Global AIDS Alliance Conference and a Conference on Globalization, Justice, and Health both of which were held in Washington, DC.

Finally, Mr. Cronk this quarter has served as the principal researcher, coordinator and writer in drafting a policy paper promoting a cross-sectoral approach to fighting HIV/AIDS. As this paper gets more widely reviewed throughout the Agency, he will, in consultation with policy and technical specialists, work to refine the draft and assist with its promotion and wider dissemination.

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

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

Ms. Flynn-Saldana provides technical and managerial assistance in the oversight of LAC Regional Population, Health and Nutrition Programs, with special reference to health systems reform and strengthening and other assigned technical areas, including technical oversight of implementing partners, such as PAHO and GH Bureau Cooperating Agencies. During this quarter, Ms. Flynn-Saldana has been involved in the design of activities for the new LAC PHN Strategic Objective to begin in October, 2004. She has worked with the LAC PHN team to analyze ongoing health problems in the region and identify gaps in programming where the regional office can make a difference; she has participated in technical meetings with Global Health Bureau staff in all health areas to gain additional insight into possible activities. She also has taken the lead on working with various offices and stakeholders to explore opportunities for developing public-private partnerships to combat HIV/AIDS in the region. Additionally, Ms. Flynn-Saldana has been involved in coordinating donor support for a health survey in Ecuador, to provide information on the suspected worsening health situation and identify possible regional support to the mission, which doesn't currently have a health program.

Ms. Flynn-Saldana gains skills and experience in the design, monitoring and evaluation of regional health reform and financing activities and initiatives. Ms. Flynn-Saldana facilitates, oversees, and monitors implementation of the LAC HSR Initiative by working directly with contractors/grantees, missions and other coordinating partners. She keeps abreast of new developments and emerging issues in public health that affect USAID's PHN priority areas in the LAC region, especially health reform and financing, by participating in meetings, workshops and conferences. She formulates recommendations for LAC/RSD-PHN steps in response to these developments and shares with LAC/W colleagues and leadership, as well as LAC missions.

In October, Ms. Flynn-Saldana participated in a donor's meeting in Stockholm, Sweden. The purpose of this meeting was to gain support for an Initiative on Extending Social Protection in Health sponsored by PAHO and the ILO. In December Ms. Flynn-Saldana will complete the CEDPA training course on Essentials of USAID.

***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.

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

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

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

In the past quarter, Dr. Gibbons provided technical assistance to USAID missions in Zimbabwe, Tanzania, Nigeria, and Namibia in the development of their HIV/AIDS strategies. She coordinated a meeting of health officers from both USAID and CDC (Centers for Disease Control and Prevention) who are working in the fourteen countries prioritized by President Bush's Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief. This meeting was the first of its kind, and convened field health officers from the different agencies to coordinate a collaborative approach to HIV/AIDS programming. Further, she coordinated interagency activities to provide technical assistance to the Presidential initiative countries. The agencies involved included USAID, Department for Health and Human Services (including CDC, HRSA, and NIH), Department of State, and the White House Office of National AIDS Policy.

Dr. Gibbons presented at the Synergy/University of Washington Essential Course in Seattle, Washington and at the Elizabeth Glaser Pediatric AIDS Foundation Call To Action conference in

Cape Town, South Africa. She also presented for the USAID Regional Country Support speaker series.

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

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

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

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

and has trips to Burundi, Ghana, Kyrgyzstan and Tajikistan planned in the near future. Included in Mr. Hall's travel to visit programs, he has also participated in an international malaria control conference sponsored by WHO, and several PVO conferences related to the CORE Group, as well as numerous training workshops in nutrition, program sustainability, in addition to monitoring and evaluation.

***Abdirahman Mohammed, M.D.,  
Child Survival, Nutrition, and Malaria Advisor  
USAID/Lusaka, Zambia***

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

In the past quarter, Dr. Mohamed was a key member of the organizing committee as well as a participant of a round table discussion attended by all the cooperating partners and the Ministry of Health/Central Board of Health (CBoH). The central issue at hand was how to develop a national nutrition policy guidelines and surveillance mechanisms to deal with the recent national famine, the recurrent food shortages, inadequate diets, chronic malnutrition and the role nutrition plays in HIV/AIDS.

In November, Dr. Mohamed along with his colleagues at the National Malaria Control Center (NMCC) coordinated and participated a Roll Back Malaria (RBM) Member of Parliament Advocacy Meeting. 158 MPs attended and reaffirmed the critical role they play in the fight against Malaria. The MPs signed a communiqué' renewing their resolve to work together to reduce the burden of malaria in Zambia.

As a key member of the Inter-Agency Coordinating Committee (ICC), Dr. Mohamed participated in early November a crucial meeting attended by WHO, UNICEF, DfID, JICA and the Ministry of Health to review the final draft of the Financial Sustainability Plan of the Immunization Programme in Zambia.

Dr. Mohamed provided technical assistance in the planning of Child Health Week to be held in early December. Child Health Week activities include: Immunizations, Deworming, Vitamin A supplementation, Growth Monitoring and Promotion and Malaria prevention.

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

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

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

Dr. Patricia Paine serves as HIV/AIDS/TB Technical Advisor to the USAID mission in Brazil. Dr. Paine assists the Mission and its external partners to accomplish programmatic objectives defined under the Mission's Strategic Objective (SO) #7, Transmission of Selected Communicable Diseases Reduced in Target Areas, her activities are centered on IR 7.2, Increased Use of DOTS services. Dr. Paine assists the Health Team Leader articulate the activities, problems and progress related to the expansion of Directly Observed Therapy Short Course (DOTS) in those areas where the incidence and disease burden of tuberculosis are highest.

Dr. Paine also develops and maintains contacts with relevant implementing partners, such as the CDC and PAHO, and their counterparts as well as with health representatives from other donors and within municipal, state and federal health agencies. Recently Dr. Paine attended the CEDPA course Essential Training for PHN and Education Technical Advisors in Washington, DC and participated in the 34<sup>th</sup> International Union Against Tuberculosis and Lung Disease Conference in Paris.

**Sangita Patel, MPH**  
**Health Communications Advisor**  
**USAID/GH/RCS/E&E**

Sangita Patel serves as an E&E Regional Specialist to the Bureau for Global Health's Regional and Country Support Team. She provides technical, analytical, and backstopping support to assist with the implementation, monitoring, and/or design of HIV/AIDS, child survival, and health communications interventions. She is a country coordinator for the Central Asia Region and within this capacity is responsible for providing support to Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan, and Uzbekistan. She also backstops the regional South Eastern Europe / HIV/AIDS Initiative covering Bulgaria, Bosnia, Croatia, Serbia, Macedonia, and Romania. She manages the FHI/Youth-Net Peer Education Project and monitors PSI related BCC activities in the E&E region.

This past quarter, Sangita participated in a Project Design and Management Training for the E&E region in Croatia. As a result of the training, she provided support to virtually review the results-framework for SO 3.4 in Georgia, and facilitated support to Azerbaijan as the Mission grappled with developing a health strategy. She provided technical expertise to the E&E Bureau for various reporting requirements related to HIV/AIDS and the formal portfolio review, and defended continuation of many of the regional HIV/AIDS initiatives. Sangita also provided virtual support to Albania and drafted a scope of work for them to initiate HIV/AIDS-Global Fund assistance for the country. She also assisted in the review of the USAID/Armenia Strategy, and provided input to the development process of the E&E Bureau and Health Team's Strategy. Sangita attended a PLP Leadership Training, and plans to work with a coach next quarter on improving management skills. She also participated in the Annual APHA Conference in San Francisco on Social and Behavioral Determinants of Health.

*The Bureau for Global Health presented Ms. Patel an "Above and Beyond" award "In recognition of her excellent technical support, professionalism and dedication to the Office of Regional and County Support/Bureau for Europe and Eurasia Team, Europe and Eurasia Missions, and the Bureau for Europe and Eurasia."*

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

Mr. Billy Pick serves as HIV/AIDS and STD Advisor to the Asia Near East Bureau. He provides technical and managerial assistance to the design, monitoring and evaluation of USAID's STD and

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

This past quarter, Mr. Pick went on TDY to Egypt to assist the mission in developing an HIV/AIDS Strategy. He also visited Thailand to provide coverage for the USAID/Regional Development Mission Asia Health and HIV Office and participated in the Mission's portfolio review. In Bangkok, he met with representatives from FHI Asia Regional Office, Population Services International, the CORE Initiative, UNAIDS/SEAPICT staff, and local Thai NGOs. He attended a Monitoring and Evaluation meeting sponsored by USAID, CDC, World Bank and WHO in Bangkok. He presented on the Consequences of Drug Use at a 3-day training in Chiang Rai, Thailand sponsored by USAID and Mae Chan Hospital. He also Visited Vietnam for a presentation of findings of a USAID-funded Stigma and Discrimination study. He continued the process of finalizing the HIV/AIDS strategies for the Mekong Region, Cambodia and India. Mr. Pick participated on working groups dealing with the Expanded Response to the HIV/AIDS epidemic. He also met with other bilaterals and multilaterals including UNAIDS and the World Bank, as well as with USAID TDY staff from the ANE region.

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

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

In the last quarter John Quinley has worked on preparation of a Community-Based IMCI evaluation study, including a trip to Kaski district to observe a UNICEF funded survey implementation. He reviewed Nepal's post-abortion care activities as a component of safe

motherhood activities, including a trip to Chitwan district. District level activities for malaria and kala-azar control were shifted to the Nepal Family Health Program during this time. Under health sector reform, he worked with a WHO team on a framework for costing of Essential Health Care Services for Nepal.

***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 HIV/AIDS and Infectious Disease (ID), and Child Health and Nutrition (CHN) Teams. He provides technical guidance and oversight to programs which are jointly implemented with the Ministry of Health and other partners. These include the Aksi Stop AIDS (ASA) Program (FHI), Support to the National Tuberculosis Program (Tuberculosis Coalition for Technical Assistance), the Malaria Control Program in Central Java (NAMRU-2), and the Nutritional Surveillance System and Vitamin A Program (HKI). Mr. Ross also serves as a member of the Country Coordinating Mechanism for the Global Fund to Fight HIV/AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria, and the Partnership Forum for Tuberculosis.

During the past quarter Mr. Ross had the opportunity to undertake a sight visit to Surabaya in East Java. The USAID supported ASA program is aiming to prevent the transmission of HIV in high-risk populations, including commercial sex workers, both male and female, and their clients, MSMs, trans-genders/transvestites, and injecting drug users. As HIV/AIDS has not made the jump into the general population in most of Indonesia, a key focus of the program is to stem transmission within high risk groups in an effort to prevent transmission to the broader population.

During his visit, Mr. Ross met with Indonesian NGOs that are working directly with each of these groups providing outreach to promote 100% condom use and reducing exposure to HIV infection, and PLWHA. The NGOs are highly motivated as many outreach workers are part of the target groups, including former sex workers and IDUs, and MSMs. Current estimates of HIV infection in Indonesia are as high as 130,000, but notified cases is <4,000. Though progress is being made, the threat of a fast paced epidemic is large, particularly within IDUs who are largely high school and college students with access to money, cheap heroin and the knowledge that sharing needles can lead to HIV infection. The challenge remains to change their knowledge into practice.



*Jonathan Ross on a site visit*

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

Ms. Bryn Sakagawa serves as Health Systems Technical Advisor and provides the HIDN Office with technical and managerial assistance in the oversight of the Partners for Health Reformplus Project. As part of the CTO team for PHRplus, she provides technical and managerial support to and coordinates activities with the child health and HIV/AIDS strategic objective teams. She is also responsible for managing some research and monitoring and evaluation activities as well as most activities in East Africa and the Asia Near East region. In October, she participated on PHRplus' Performance Evaluation Board. In December, she conducted a CTO visit to Ghana to look at the project's infectious disease surveillance and mutual health organization activities.

Ms. Sakagawa also provided support to the Office of HIV/AIDS (OHA). She helped the Technical Leadership and Research (TLR) and Implementation and Support Divisions (ISD) to prepare for OHA portfolio reviews by working with non-OHA CTOs to gather information on their project accomplishments. She also identified the need to incorporate health systems and policy issues into the OHA strategy for the PEPFAR Initiative and worked with PHRplus and Policy CTOs to accomplish this objective.

This quarter, Ms. Sakagawa continued to support the Sudan and REDSO teams. She organized a review of a World Bank report on Sudan and met with a CAFS representative for REDSO.

Ms. Sakagawa's professional development activities included participating in the Sixth International Conference on Healthcare Resource Allocation for HIV/AIDS: Healthcare Systems in Transition and in a Conference on Globalization, Justice and Health. She also attended the American Public Health Association in San Francisco where she moderated a panel discussion, "Replication, Scale, Research and Policy" and served as secretary of the International Health Section.



Bryn Sakagawa and Norma Wilson at a CTO training

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

Matthew Sattah serves as a catalyst to bring together information management concepts with international health content to facilitate the work of the Bureau for Global Health. He provides technical assistance and support to Offices within the Bureau in the development and utilization of web-based content that will streamline the development of strategies, projects, reports and initiatives of the Agency. Mr. Sattah provides consultation and training for the optimal utilization of web-based knowledge within the Agency. He serves as liaison between the Bureau's health officers and advisors and the Agency's Information Management professionals in the design of web-based applications that will streamline the work of the agency. He assists with the provision of technical assistance to developing country institutions in the design and implementation of information and knowledge management technology and concepts.

*12/18 David Sintasath, MSc  
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 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 is also involved in the establishment of 'sentinel' sites throughout the country as centers for surveillance, training and operational research opportunities.

This part quarter, Mr. Sintasath, provided training and technical assistance in conducting drug efficacy trials in the country. These included the first-line drug combination of chloroquine plus sulfadoxine-pyrimethamine and other artemisinin-based combination therapies. In addition, he supported the development and field testing of algorithms for case management of malaria using the IMCI approach. He also supported an impact evaluation of WHO case management trainings at health facilities.

In October, Mr. Sintasath facilitated a survey on bed net availability, use and re-impregnation, which was supported under a CDC cooperative grant through Tulane University. In addition, he provided technical assistance in another community-based survey on treatment seeking behavior for the management of malaria. He is working with the newly established Non-Communicable Diseases Division in the MOH to develop protocols for a nation-wide WHO-supported baseline survey of common risk factors contributing to chronic illnesses.

In November, Mr. Sintasath attended the East Africa Roll Back Malaria (RBM) Annual Planning and Review Meeting held in Jinja, Uganda. This meeting provided a forum for East African countries to review their RBM implementation, share experiences and lessons learned with regard to its implementation, and review their plans of actions for the upcoming year.

*David Sintasath completed his HCSFP assignment as the Malaria Control Program Advisor on December 19, 2003.*

**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 has included participating on the development of a five year HIV/AIDS Strategic Planning Process working with the GOG/UNAIDS/donors, 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 provides 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.

This past quarter, Mr. Slater provided technical assistance and oversight in the further development and implementation of Guyana's Prevention of Mother to Child Transmission Initiative. Mr Slater also finalized USAID/Guyana's five year HIV/AIDS Strategy that was recently approved. Mr. Slater has also been providing technical assistance to nine partner NGO's that are supported by USAID in the development of the third and final year of activities for the existing HIV/AIDS Special Objective. Finally, Mr. Slater has provided technical assistance and oversight to the nine partner NGO's in the development of a communications campaign on stigma and discrimination targeting minibus operators and passengers

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

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

Over the past quarter, Dr. Slote has continued to assist in the design of the new child health activity that will follow the conclusion of BASICS II in 2004. He also reviewed the BASICS II workplan for 2003-2004, evaluated proposals for the Unmet Needs Vaccine Project on behalf of the National Vaccine Program Office, contributed to a desk review and scope of work for the Iraq health team, and started work on the Pneumonia and Diarrhea chapter for the FY2003 Report to Congress. Lastly, as the Acting HIDN Coordinator for HIV/AIDS, he completed a mapping procedure to document existing HIDN investments in HIV/AIDS.

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

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

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

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

***Andreas W. Tamberg, MA***  
***Health Advisor***  
***USAID/CAR***

Mr. Andreas W. Tamberg serves as the Health Advisor to USAID/CAR based in Tashkent, Uzbekistan, reporting to the Regional Mission in Almaty. He provides technical and managerial guidance for programs in primary health care, infectious disease prevention, maternal and child health, reproductive health, child survival, and health management.

Mr. Tamberg monitors the implementation of systemic changes to create a higher quality, more cost-effective primary health care (PHC) system. This quarter, he participated in a series of meetings with the Asia Development Bank, World Bank and the Japanese International Cooperation Agency aimed at coordinating USAID's technical assistance portfolio with ADB's upcoming \$40 million Woman and Child Health Development Project, the World Bank's \$30 million "Health II" PHC reform project and JICA's "Master Plan" of policy recommendations for restructuring the Uzbek health sector.

Mr. Tamberg monitors the policy environment affecting health reforms in Uzbekistan, principally through policy-related health management activities. This quarter Mr. Tamberg played a leading role in facilitating the revision of Ministry of Health Order (*Prikaz*) #155 on obstetric services in order to bring it into line with international recommendations. He also monitored a new effort by Uzbek ob-gyns and dermatologists to adapt international guidelines on management of sexually transmitted diseases. These activities will have a long-term positive effect on Uzbek health care.

Mr. Tamberg provides technical guidance to USAID's primary health care projects in Uzbekistan, working on issues ranging from health management and evidence based medicine to health information systems and licensing. He coordinates USAID health promotion activities, including the adoption of improved health curricula into primary, secondary and nursing schools. He monitors the implementation of the USAID-supported project in Directly Observed Therapy, Short Course (DOTS) tuberculosis treatment. Mr. Tamberg works with the Centers for Disease

Control and Prevention (CDC) to implement HIV sentinel surveillance and HIV testing through the placement of 19 blood safety centers throughout Uzbekistan. Mr. Tamberg's portfolio also includes two USAID Cooperative Agreements for maternal and children's health/reproductive health and drug demand reduction. The MCH/RH project in Uzbekistan covers 6 pilot districts in Surkhandarya and Kashkadarya oblasts. The drug demand reduction project focuses on the high drug traffic areas of Tashkent, Ferghana, and Samarkand and Surkhandarya oblasts. Mr. Tamberg has also begun coordinating the start of new malaria control efforts in Uzbekistan's Andizhan and Surkhandarya oblasts involving CDC and British NGO Merlin.

Mr. Tamberg continues to assist government and non-governmental counterparts in relevant health-related humanitarian assistance projects. This past quarter saw three major humanitarian assistance deliveries to Uzbekistan by Americares, Project HOPE and Heart-to-Heart, totaling some \$16.5 million.

Mr. Tamberg also serves as the technical advisor for the 2002 Uzbekistan Health Examination Survey, the final report for which is currently in preparation. A series of roundtables are scheduled for this fall with the aim of using the UHES data to optimize the management of ongoing health projects, fulfilling a USAID commitment made at the Charvak Regional Public Health and Health Management Conference in June.

*Andreas Tamberg completed his HCSF assignment with USAID/Tashkent in October 2003.*

***Julie J. Wallace, RN, MN, MPH***

***Tuberculosis & Infectious Diseases Program Advisor for Europe and Eurasia (E&E)  
USAID/GH/RCS***

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

This past quarter, Julie has continued to be actively involved in the WHO European Region Tuberculosis Collaborative Working Group, a forum for discussing, coordinating, and sharing lessons learned related to tuberculosis training and education activities planned or underway by a variety of organizations working across the E&E region. Julie also coordinated the completion of the final report from the seven-country E&E regional TB evaluation that was implemented in 2002. This report highlights the many achievements in TB control that USAID support has

contributed to in the region as well as identifies important lessons learned to date from these programs. In addition, Julie traveled to the Central Asian Republics where she assisted with the drafting of a new TB RFA, to Romania where she provided technical assistance to the PVO, Doctors of the World as they began a three-year USAID supported TB control project, and to Ukraine where she provided guidance to the mission in planning their future TB program activities. She continues to backstop these activities and others from Washington.

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

Ms. Weinger provides technical support and oversight to ongoing and planned activities in environmental health with special emphasis on the CESH (community-based environmental sanitation and hygiene) and ECHO (environmental change and health outcomes) themes of the Environmental Health Division. She assists with operations research, policy activities, and implementation of CESH activities. Ms Weinger serves as a technical resource on the CESH and ECHO themes for G/HIDN/ID and other USAID/Washington Offices and Bureaus, as well as regional and bilateral USAID programs. She works with the technical assistance contractor for the G/HIDN/ID, the Environmental Health Project (EHP), as well as USAID Offices, Regional Bureaus and Missions, both in Washington and through travel to the field. She builds upon and further develops relationships with multilateral institutions (World Bank, U.N. organizations), other bilateral donors, foundations, and international PVOs/NGOs, around CESH and ECHO-related activities, such as sharing lessons learned in community-based approaches to hygiene promotion.

This past quarter, Ms Weinger provided technical assistance on a series of hygiene promotion activities, with a special focus on USAID's participation in the Global Public-Private Partnership to Promote Handwashing with Soap. She also participated in the design of the new environmental health activity that will follow the Environmental Health Project. The current technical assistance contract ends in June, 2004. Planning for the new activity included surveying USAID Missions on current and future interest in environmental health programming and exploring potential linkages between hygiene promotion and other USAID health activities (e.g. child health, HIV-AIDS, nutrition).

***Norma W. Wilson, MS, DrPH, FPNP, PNP***  
***USAID/G/PHN/HN/HPSR***  
***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***  
***USAID/GH/HIDN/MCH***

During this quarter, Jennifer Luna focused on advising the three LAC initiatives (Maternal Mortality Reduction, Integrated Management of Childhood Illnesses (IMCI) and Vaccination) and being a link between GH (Global Health/ Office of Health, Infectious Disease and Nutrition/ Maternal Child Health) and LAC (Bureau of Latin America and the Caribbean/ Regional Sustained Development – Population Health and Nutrition). Work with the initiatives included follow up on end of the fiscal year reports from implementing agencies and development of workplans for the last year of the initiatives. She presented results and future needs of the initiatives at portfolio reviews of both GH and LAC. She continued to participate in the design of the new Strategic framework for LAC and the new Activity Approval Document.



## **HEALTH AND CHILD SURVIVAL FELLOWS PROGRAM**

### ***Health and Child Survival Internships***

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

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

Ms. Cathie Frazier's internship through the Health and Child Survival Fellows Program is as Environmental Health Advisor with the USAID/GH Environmental Health Project. Her work is in support of the Joint Monitoring Programme for Water Supply and Sanitation (JMP) and she works closely with its two executing agencies, the World Health Organization (WHO) and the United Nation's Children Fund (UNICEF). Ms. Frazier is currently detailed to Geneva, Switzerland where the WHO is hosting her.

One of the responsibilities of the JMP is to report to the United Nations official figures on progress toward the water and sanitation targets associated with the Millenium Development Goals (i.e., to halve by 2015 the number of people without access to safe drinking water). To calculate estimates of water and sanitation coverage, the JMP uses data from a number of household surveys including Demographic and Health Surveys (DHS), Multiple Indicator Cluster Surveys (MICS), national census reports and other reliable country surveys. For ease in utilizing and analyzing survey data, it is important that the questions and definitions of the major survey instruments be consistent.

As a means toward this consistency, Ms. Frazier has begun preparing a discussion paper that highlights the differences between the major survey instruments as they relate to water supply, sanitation and hygiene issues. Variations in the types of questions asked, the phrasing of questions, the response categories presented, and the definitions used are all survey differences discussed and analyzed in the paper. In addition to presenting survey differences, the paper uses these variations as considerations for formulating a harmonized set of questions and indicators. The goal of the paper is to develop and present a harmonized set of indicators, questions, and definitions, that

could ultimately be used as a standard for monitoring access to water supply and sanitation, as well as hygiene and hygiene related behavior, within major global and national survey instruments.

In early February, Ms. Frazier will attend a meeting of the JMP Advisory Group which is made of water and sanitation sector professionals including those from WHO, USAID/Environmental Health Project, Measure DHS, World Bank, London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine, the International Resource Center for Water Supply and Sanitation, and others. At the meeting, major issues surrounding the harmonization of the household surveys will be presented. In March, the discussion paper will be finalized with recommendations from the JMP and the JMP Advisory Group.



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