



# HEALTH AND CHILD SURVIVAL FELLOWS PROGRAM



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



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*Introducing New H&CS Fellows and Interns*



*Judy Canahuati, M.Phil.  
MCHN & HIV Technical Advisor  
USAID/DCHA/FFP/PTD*

Ms. Judy Canahuati serves as Maternal and Child Health, Nutrition and HIV-AIDS Technical Advisor PL 480-Title II - Office of Food for Peace in the Bureau for Democracy, Conflict and Humanitarian Assistance.

Ms. Canahuati provides FFP with programmatic and technical guidance reviewing 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. Canahuati provides technical assistance in the review of emergency and development proposals that include MCH&N – including HIV/AIDS – programming to meet agency strategic objectives. Provide technical assistance to the Office of Food for Peace – emergency and development divisions by monitoring and evaluating ongoing CS and WFP activities in MCH&N. Participate in meetings, recommending proposed programs. Assist with tracking information, review requests, reports, articles and issue papers; advise on technical issues, travel to project countries/sites and assist in the coordination of activities with USAID Missions, Cooperating Agencies, CSs and WFP.

Ms. Canahuati assists with policy and advocacy of nutrition, both adult and child, maternal/child health, and HIV/AIDS issues within the Bureau for Democracy, Conflict and Humanitarian Assistance. 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, including the use of Child Survival funds and other dollar resources.

She also acts as the technical liaison with the Global Bureau's Center for Population, Health, and Nutrition and acts as technical resource for the CSs and WFP in their planning of new activities. Act 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 DCHA on issues relating to emergency nutrition, maternal and child health and HIV/AIDS.

Ms. Canahuati serves as FFP's advisor to Title II funded CSs, WFP, UNHCR, and WHO on matters related to nutrition, maternal and child health and HIV/AIDS. She provides assistance to FFP on the compilation of Title II program documentation for activities with MCH&N and/or HIV/AIDS components. She participates in the evaluation of Title II programs with MCH&N and/or HIV/AIDS activities for both the emergency and development divisions.

Ms. Canahuati advises FFP, USAID Missions and Cooperating Sponsors on monitoring and evaluation of Title II programs with MCH&N and/or HIV/AIDS activities. She advises FFP and USAID Missions on opportunities to integrate Title II MCH&N and/or HIV/AIDS activities with ongoing Mission funded (DA supported) activities.



***Robin Collen-Zellers, MPH  
Adolescent and Reproductive Health  
Advisor  
Baltimore City Health Department  
Division of Maternal and Child Health  
Bureau of Adolescent and  
Reproductive Health***

Ms. Robin Collen-Zellers serves as Adolescent and Reproductive Health Advisor to the Baltimore City Health Department, Bureau of Adolescent and Reproductive Health (ARH). Ms. Collen-Zellers provides technical and managerial assistance to the Baltimore City Health Department's efforts to prevent unplanned and adolescent pregnancy in the city.

In collaboration with public health leaders and the staff of the Bureau of Adolescent and Reproductive Health, Ms. Collen-Zellers will help develop initiatives and policies to reduce unplanned and adolescent pregnancy and improve reproductive health care for women and men in Baltimore City. She will provide leadership to ARH, ensuring oversight and development of staff, fiscal management, compliance with regulations and quality assurance/improvement. She will also work to enhance coordination between the MCH Division/Bureau of ARH of the Baltimore City Health Department and other programs and agencies working on reproductive health and teen pregnancy prevention in the city.

Ms. Collen-Zellers will identify and obtain new resources to improve access to reproductive health services and to reduce unplanned and adolescent pregnancy in the city, working with outside agencies, foundations and other funders, and writing grant proposals. She will assist with the design and implementation of measures to assess the effectiveness of reproductive health services in the city. She will compile information on evidence-based teen pregnancy reduction and reproductive health improvement strategies as needed. She will, also work to facilitate the liaison between the Bureau of Adolescent and Reproductive Health/Maternal and Child Health Division and its family planning program subcontractors.

Ms. Collen-Zellers will represent the MCH Division and Assistant Commissioner at interagency meetings related to adolescent and reproductive health. She will review and provide comments on

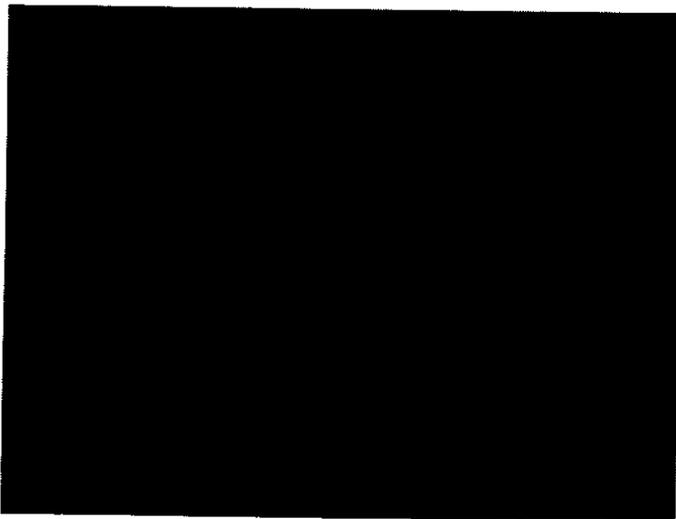
proposed State legislation related to maternal and child health for the Commissioner of Health, Mayor and City Council as needed.

Ms. Collen-Zellers comes to the Health and Child Survival Fellows Program from the New Hampshire Department of Health and Human Services where she served as Bureau of Maternal and Child Health Special Projects Coordinator. She was responsible for development and implementation of New Hampshire's Bureau of Maternal and Child Health's teen pregnancy prevention initiatives.

She provided oversight of the programmatic operations of New Hampshire's eleven adolescent reproductive health clinics (Teen Clinics). In this capacity she developed protocols for New Hampshire's Title X Teen Clinics with a primary focus on providing high quality, confidential reproductive health care. She also investigated ways in which Teen Clinics can expand access to hard-to-reach populations such as, homeless and out-of-school youth, adolescent males, and gay and lesbian youth.

Adjunct Professor at Boston University, Ms. Collen-Zellers helped coordinate New Hampshire's Certificate Program in Maternal and Child Health.

She received her MPH from Boston University specializing in public health law.



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

Ms. Henry serves as Public Affairs Associate at the US Coalition for Child Survival, a NGO Hosted and Supported by the Global Health Council. During her internship she will gain experience with USAID and with international Child Survival Advocacy work. She will become knowledgeable of national and international development assistance networks.

Ms. Henry will update, solicit, and expand content of the US Coalition for Child Survival Website. She will compile and distribute an electronic newsletter. She will also develop a packet of essential educational/advocacy materials for use by Coalition members. She will refine one-page Policy Briefs on child survival topics for use with key policy makers. She will create a PowerPoint presentation to promote the Coalition and educate about child survival issues. She will also meet with and coordinate meetings with NGO/PVO partner and other members of the US Coalition for Child Survival.

Ms. Henry received her undergraduate degree in biology from Howard University, Washington, DC and her Masters' degree in Health Education from Teacher's College, Columbia University. She is a candidate for the Ed.D. in Health Education from Teachers' College. She has administered various health education programs to adolescents and adults in topics ranging from HIV/STD's to Breast Cancer. She has collected analyzed and recorded data for research studies as well as interviewed subjects and followed-up on outcomes. Ms. Henry is an effective communicator with well-developed presentation skills for diverse audiences.



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*H&CS Fellows*

***\*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 and drafted the Annual Child Fatality Review Report on Activities for 2003. As part of ongoing technical assistance to the city's Maternal and Infant Nursing Program, this quarter Ms. Angelici took the lead on developing recommendations and an action plan to redesign the program to be more effective and outcomes driven, in response to a recent program evaluation. She was also tasked with implementation of the extensive redesign plan, which is expected to take several months.

The Maternal and Infant Nursing program employs nurses and social workers, who provide home visiting and case management services to high-risk pregnant women and their infants in Baltimore City. The program helps its clients access appropriate medical care, social services support, and emergency resources, and provides clients with health education, substance abuse counseling, client advocacy and other relevant services.

Under the new redesign, the Maternal and Infant Nursing Program will now provide in-home family planning services and increased screenings for sexually transmitted diseases during pregnancy. Previously high caseloads will be reduced to allow case managers to offer intensified services with more frequent contacts to approximately 500-750 families annually. Client referrals to the program will be triaged using new protocols to ensure that families chosen to receive services will be those at highest risk. Referral processing will be expedited by involving an outside subcontractor. Program curricula and protocols will be revised. A new database system will be

purchased and installed to computerize case management paperwork, and to track program data. Program monitoring and evaluation will be built into the program implementation.

At the end of this quarter, Ms. Angelici was offered and accepted an exciting new executive-level appointment as Director of the Infant Survival Initiative with the Baltimore City Health Commissioner, Dr. Peter Beilenson. Effective April 1, Ms Angelici will have direct oversight for some of Health Department's most important child survival programs, including the Maternal and Infant Nursing Program, and will graduate from the Health and Child Survival Fellows Program.

***\*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 has participated in the intense process of CSHGP review of applications for most of the first quarter of 2004.

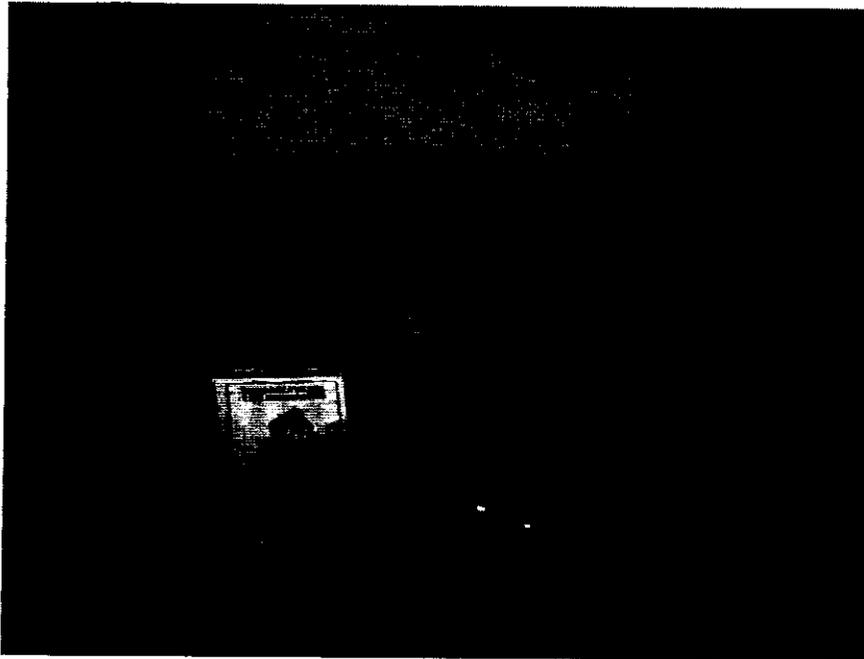
Project monitoring has involved site visits to 2 Child Survival programs in Guatemala. Each of these programs faces a variety of challenges of program implementation in resource poor settings. Each also has documented successful achievements.

Sharon is also very involved with the team to develop two additional procurement actions to support the CSHGP and its broad range of activities.

Sharon serves as USAID's technical representative at 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. In addition, she participates in and contributes to the Knowledge, Practices and Coverage (KPC) Survey Task Force which is currently in the process of revising the KPC 2000 tool.

In February, the HIV/AIDS Working Group of CORE sponsored a workshop on "Pharmaceuticals for HIV/AIDS: What roles can PVOs and FBOs Play?" Sharon was on the steering committee for organizing this workshop.

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".*

Ms. Chitty completed her HCSFP assignment as Africa Specialist in the Office of Regional and Country Support in February 2004. She continues to work at USAID in the Office of HIV-AIDS.

**\*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.

In addition to the above routine duties as a PHN specialist in PPC, this quarter Mr. Cronk has focused attention on the annual update of the Child Survival and Health (CSH) Program Funds Guidance and further refinement of a policy paper promoting a cross-sectoral approach to fighting HIV/AIDS. As coordinator of the writing, production and distribution of the annual update of the CSH Program Funds Guidance, Mr. Cronk monitors and analyzes policy and legislative provisions affecting CSH funds, and serves as a contact both in Washington and for missions' queries regarding CSH programming compliance. The process for development of the 2004 Update of the CSH Program Funds Guidance began this quarter and will continue into the next with its publication and dissemination.

Mr. Cronk this quarter has continued in his role as the principal researcher, coordinator and writer to draft a policy paper promoting a cross-sectoral approach to fighting HIV/AIDS. In the past quarter, the paper has been disseminated to key stakeholders/reviewers within the Agency. In the upcoming quarter, Mr. Cronk will work in consultation with policy and technical specialists to refine the draft and assist with its promotion and wider distribution.

**\*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 create new activity descriptions which will focus the work of the regional bureau around the thematic areas of information systems, human resources and social participation. Additionally, Ms. Flynn-Saldana has been involved in the development of a health survey in Ecuador, this comprehensive survey will focus on reproductive health behaviors and outcomes as well as household use of health services. It will be the first survey of its kind that collects information on expenditures in order to more accurately describe population income levels and the percent of income spent on health. She spent a week long TDY in Ecuador to participate in the launching activities for the new survey and ensure coordination of several donor agencies. Finally, Ms. Flynn-Saldana served as the regional health contact person for a combined regional strategy of the Central American and Mexico (CAM) missions. Through this role, she organized a series of meetings for CAM health officers in Washington, DC in February. The meetings piggy-backed around a World Bank conference on Governance and Accountability in the Social Sectors and aimed to promote discussions of strategy for combining health and education sector reform efforts.

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.

***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 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.

***Stephen A. Lee, MD***  
***HIV/STI Infectious Diseases Advisor***  
***USAID/E&E/DGST/ST***

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

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

Dr. Lee is a key liaison person between the E&E Bureau Social Transition Team and the Bureau for Global Health and the E&E Regional Support Center in Budapest. He provides technical assistance to Missions on issues related to the Global Fund for HIV/AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria. Serving as liaison with other donors and organizations including CDC, NIH, NIDA NGOs/PVOs and WHO he facilitates coordination of policies, approaches, and programs with respect to infectious disease programs, ensuring that USAID's concerns regarding building local capacity are appropriately reflected in these discussions.

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

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

**\*Abdirahman Mohamed, MD**  
**Child Survival, Nutrition and Malaria Advisor,**  
**USAID/Zambia**

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

In March, Dr. Mohamed participated a consultative workshop on harmonization of food fortification in the Commonwealth Regional Health Secretariat for East, Central and Southern Africa. He presented Zambia's experience in the vitamin A fortification of sugar and in addition mechanisms used for monitoring the contribution of vitamin A fortified sugar to lowering the deficiency levels nationally.

During the recent outbreak of cholera in Zambia, Dr. Mohamed worked with his counterparts in the Ministry of Health/Central Board of Health, CDC, and USAID bilateral partners, Zambia Integrated Health Program (ZIHP), in developing mechanisms to reduce morbidity and mortality throughout the country. To mount a vigorous awareness campaign against cholera, Dr. Mohamed provided technical assistance to ZHIP/COMM in the production of generic mass media messages to contain the outbreak.

Dr. Mohamed serves as a committee member of the Zambia U.S Mission for President Bush's Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief (PEPFAR). He was involved in the evaluation of all the implementation Tracks and the development of the Annual Country Operational Plan (COP) for integrated prevention, care and treatment programs. He provides broad HIV/AIDS related experience and guidance to USAID/Zambia mission.

***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.

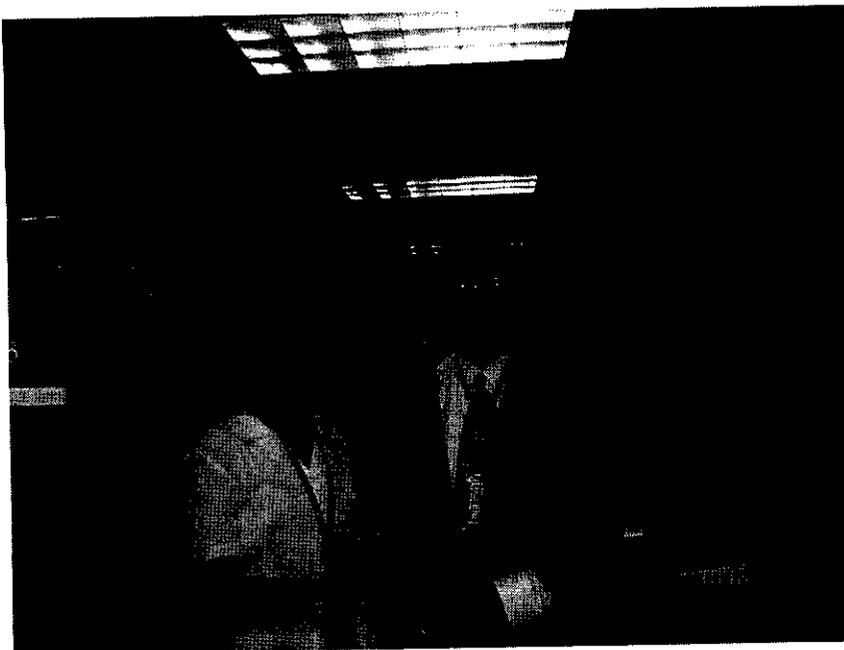
***\*Sangita Patel, MPH***  
***Health Communications Advisor***  
***USAID/GH/RCS/E&E***

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 an assessment of the current health situation in Azerbaijan and worked with the Mission and BGH to prepare a concept paper and activity approval document for the Mission. As a result of her technical support, the Mission was able to better position much of their humanitarian assistance work in more of a developmental perspective, and will be working more directly with the Government of Azerbaijan in the future. Sangita also provided technical support, with an OHA colleague, to conduct a mini-assessment of the HIV/AIDS situation in the U.N. Protectorate of Kosovo and develop an HIV/AIDS scope of work for the Mission (an IQC via TASC 2 for second-generation HIV/AIDS behavioral and biomarker surveillance). She provided technical expertise to the planning committee preparing for an annual PHN officer's meeting, and began to transfer the regional projects which she manages to new team members. Sangita will join USAID as a direct hire (NEP) on March 8, 2004 – a transition which she owes entirely to her experience as a JHU fellow.

*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."*



*Paul Seaton presents Sangita with her HCSFP graduation statuette.*

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

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

This past quarter, Mr. Pick went on TDY to Thailand and Burma to assist the Regional Development Mission/Asia in developing and writing the mission's HIV/AIDS Strategy. 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 traveled to Burma to meet with US Embassy staff and representatives from Population Services International, MSF/Holland, Mediciens du Monde, and COMPASS in Burma. He also attended portions of the Global Fund on AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria meeting held in Rangoon. Mr. Pick participated on working groups dealing with the Expanded Response to the HIV/AIDS epidemic, worked on budget submissions for FY 04 and 05, and helped coordinate the ANE Annual Report Health Portfolio Review process. He also met with other bilaterals and multilaterals including UNAIDS and the World Bank, as well as with USAID TDY staff from the ANE region. He also participated in planning for USAID participation in the International HIV/AIDS Conference.

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

Dr. John Quinley serves as the Health and Child Survival Advisor to USAID/Nepal. Dr. Quinley provides technical and administrative oversight to the USAID/Nepal supported public health programs, policies, initiatives and activities, specifically in the areas of child health, maternal health, infectious disease and health sector reform. Dr. Quinley works with USAID, Government of Nepal (GON), other donors, NGOs, and staff of the "Nepal Family Health Program" (NFHP), the USAID/Nepal family planning and maternal and child health bilateral activity. Dr. Quinley

provides technical oversight to the USAID/Washington BHR-funded Child Survival Grants including Mission response to proposals and technical guidance during implementation and evaluation.

In the last quarter John Quinley made trips to Janakpur and Kanchanpur with staff from NFHP as they took over community intervention activities in kala-azar and malaria control from the Environmental Health Project (EHP). With the upcoming close of EHP, he is assisting USAID Nepal in a review its entire Infectious Disease programming. He attended a World Vision Child Survival preparation workshop in Lucknow, India, at which the Child Survival Technical Service (CSTS) assisted with a sustainability analysis. CSTS will assist with a similar analysis for USAID health programs in Nepal in April. The review of Post-Abortion Care support carried out last quarter has resulted in a draft policy which is being applied to safe motherhood programming this quarter. He attended the USAID PAL training in Bangkok.

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

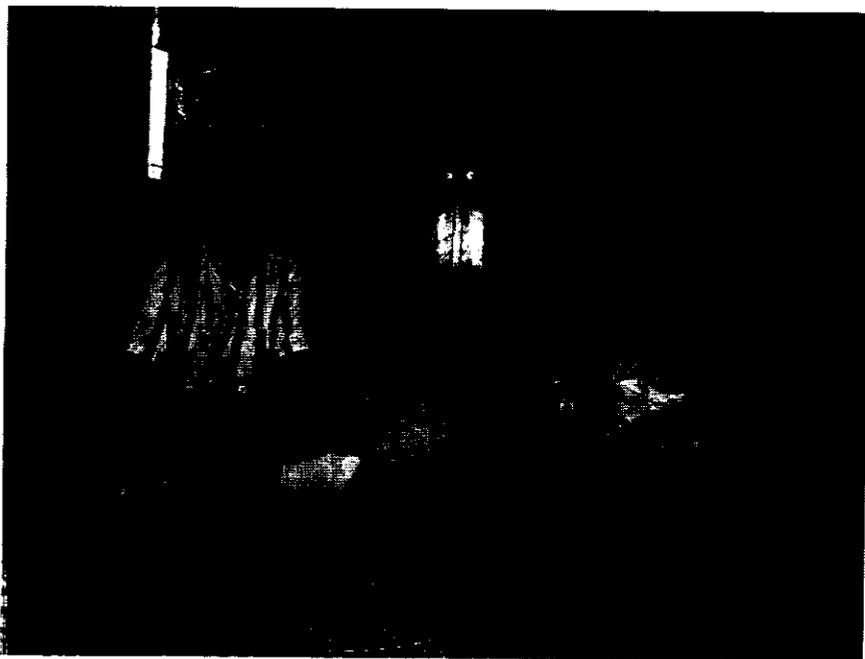
As the Child Health and Nutrition Advisor to USAID/Indonesia, Mr. Ross serves as a member of the HIV/AIDS and Infectious Disease (ID), and Child Health and Nutrition (CHN) Teams. He provides technical guidance and oversight to programs which are jointly implemented with the Ministry of Health and other 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.

Mr. Ross finished his HCSFP assignment as Child Health and Nutrition Advisor to the USAID mission in Indonesia in March. Mr. Ross continues to work at USAID having been accepted into the 2004 NEP class.



*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.

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

Matthew Sattah advises the Bureau for Global Health in matters pertaining to knowledge management and the applications of Information Technology. He also serves as the Global Health Bureau's technical representative to the Agency's "Knowledge for Development" subcommittee. The following are highlights of his activities and accomplishments.

Matthew assisted a team of trainers and consultants in designing and implementing a three-day workshop for "Knowledge for Development" (KfD) coordinators at the mission level. The workshop intends to educate the KfD coordinators on KM approaches and to provide the knowledge and tools for integrating KM components into the existing country strategy. The team has conducted the first workshop at the Regional Center for Southern Africa (Gaborone, Botswana) in March.

As the Bureau for Global Health technical representative to the Knowledge for Development (KfD) Subcommittee under BTEC (Business Transformation Executive Committee), Matthew played a key role in the development of the Agency's Strategy for Knowledge Management. The strategy has been presented to the BTEC committee and will be made public in spring of 2004.

Matthew was elected by members of the KfD subcommittee to chair the document management working group. The working group's primary mission is to provide guidance to the KfD subcommittee on its roles in addressing the issues surrounding document management.

In collaboration with several Cooperating Agencies, Matthew assessed the current practices of document productions and events participations. The result of the assessment is used to produce a planning tool for the projects to improve the efficiency and effectiveness of knowledge sharing

activities (documents and events). The planning tool has enabled individual CTO to carry out cost-containment activity that is tailored to individual projects. Matthew has also worked with the office of HIV/AIDS and the Office of Population and Reproductive Health to apply similar approaches for managing publications and events planning.

Matthew serves as a technical lead for the development of Global Health Research Database (GHRD). He has taken on a role of the project's "champion" to elicit interests and obtain buy-ins from the bureau's technical offices.

Working with a team of contracting officers, CTO, technical advisors, missions, and contractors, Matthew designed, implemented, and maintained the TASC2.org website to support the activities of TASC2 Indefinite Quantity Contract. He introduced a concept of using simplified web design to cut down on the development cost and time and to reduce the complexity of maintenance. This concept is being replicated with the upcoming PSP Indefinite Quantity Contract, and the Office of Procurement is interested in expanding it to support other contracts as well. Matthew is also working with Contracting Officers to create a centralized web resource for all Indefinite Quantity Contracts.

Matthew serves as a technological lead in a team to develop an online learning system for field PHN officers. The development team consists of representatives from the Global Health Bureau and contractors (MSH, JHUCCP, FHI). The first learning system on TB and HIV/AIDS is schedule for launch this summer.

***\*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

Mr. Slater finished his HCSFP assignment as Technical Advisor - HIV-AIDS Special Objective at the USAID mission in Guyana in March 2004. He continues to work at USAID having been accepted into the 2004 NEP class.



*Bill Slater at the "Words Have Power" presentation*

***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.

**\*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, Bosnia, and Serbia 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, including USAID regional and bilateral implementing partners. Julie continues to coordinate a virtual team for technical assistance to the Ukraine mission for planning their future TB program activities. In addition, Julie traveled to the Central Asian Republics where she participated on the technical evaluation committee for the new TB activity. Julie provides on-going technical assistance to the GH Child Survival and Health Grants Program for support of the TB projects under this initiative that are in progress in the EE region, and has participated as a proposal technical reviewer for the EE grant proposals submitted in response to the FY03 CSHGP RFA. 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 and on finalizing several key EHP products, since the current technical assistance contract ends in June, 2004. She also participated in the design of the new environmental health activity and in preparation of the request for proposals for the new awards that was issued to the public in early February.

***\*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.

Dr. Wilson completed her HCSFP assignment as MEASURE II Project Advisor in January 2004.



Bryn Sakagawa and Norma Wilson at a CTO training

***\*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.

Ms. Winestock-Luna completed her HCSFP assignment as Maternal Health and Child Survival Advisor for the Office of Maternal and Child Health in January 2004.



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

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

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

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

Ms. Cathie Frazier'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 the USAID supported Demographic and Health Surveys (DHS), the UNICEF supported Multiple Indicator Cluster Surveys (MICS), national census reports, and other reliable country surveys. To make the best possible estimates of water and sanitation coverage, it is important that the questions and definitions used by the major survey instruments be consistent, thus allowing for comparability of data from one survey to another. The major goal of Ms. Frazier's assignment is to develop a harmonized set of water, sanitation, and hygiene related questions that could ultimately be used as a standard for major global and national survey instruments.

During the last quarter, Ms. Frazier drafted a discussion paper that highlights the many differences between the water supply, sanitation, and hygiene related questions of three household surveys—the DHS, MICS, and the World Health Survey (WHS). The paper details the differences between

question phrasing, response categories, and definitions. An in-depth analysis of these variations served as a basis for compiling a proposed harmonized set of survey questions which is also included in the harmonization document. The drafting of the document was coordinated with water supply and sanitation as well as data collection/survey specialists from WHO and UNICEF.

The survey harmonization paper was disseminated among the Technical Advisory Group (TAG) of the Joint Monitoring Programme at a meeting held in New York City from February 4 to 6. In addition to JMP representatives from WHO and UNICEF, meeting participants included professionals and experts from the water supply and sanitation sector and from survey/data collection organizations. Macro International Inc., World Bank, Water Supply and Sanitation Collaborative Council, Environmental Health Project/USAID, United Nations Environmental Program (UNEP), United Nations Human Settlements Programme (UN-HABITAT), and Pan American Health Organization were among the organizations represented at the meeting.

Survey harmonization was among the major items discussed at the TAG meeting, and the survey harmonization paper was well received by numerous members of the advisory group. Ms. Frazier updated advisory group members on the progress of the project and the steps necessary for completing the project. Due to time constraints of the meeting, it was agreed that a subgroup, made up of JMP staff and a selection of advisory group members, be formed to address the major issues associated with harmonization. It is expected that this subgroup will meet in early March to address the major issues associated with harmonizing survey questions and to decide on a final set of questions to be used in the survey instruments.



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