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The National Secretariat

The **Institute for International Programs, Johns Hopkins University** 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.

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



(L – R, front row) Kamden Hoffmann and Alison Surdo, (back row) Siri Suh and Miko McKay at the HCSFP Annual Auxiliary Meeting at the Annual Meeting of the Global Health Council, Washington, DC, May 31, 2006.

Introducing New Health and Child Survival Fellows and Interns

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



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

Mr. Beardsley analyzes data on the magnitude and reach of the HIV/AIDS epidemic in the E&E region including the collection and synthesis of quantitative and qualitative data on people with HIV and AIDS, by country, age, gender, and etiology of HIV infection. He monitors the extent to which the epidemic has expanded from high-risk populations to broader, mainstream populations. He develops other concepts, rationale, materials and tools that might influence decision-makers in the E&E region to better support programs to control HIV/AIDS in the region. In conjunction with the regional TB Advisor, Mr. Beardsley analyzes data on the HIV/TB co-infection issue in the region. He assists the Bureau by analyzing and mapping the patterns of disease and in examining patterns of co-infection with tuberculosis and hepatitis. This involves close collaboration with the Centers for Disease Control in Atlanta, Georgia, USAID's Bureau of Global Health and the World Health Organization.

Mr. Beardsley provides technical assistance to Missions, PVOs/NGOs, contractors, grantees and host countries in the E&E region regarding the design and implementation of drug demand reduction and HIV/AIDS prevention, treatment and care programs. He

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

Before joining the Health and Child Survival Fellows Program, Mr. Beardsley worked for National Alliance of State and Territorial AIDS Directors, Washington, DC. He provided in-country technical assistance to CDC and Ministry of Health programs in Cambodia. He served on the Global AIDS Program Steering Committee. Mr. Beardsley worked for the University of Minnesota, Center for HIV/STI Intervention and Prevention Studies, HIV+ Sexual Health Study, Minneapolis, Minnesota. In this position, he facilitated curriculum development retreat, delivered curriculum in pre-pilot setting, reviewed and gave input on revisions to curriculum, served as expert external observer during pilot, delivered curriculum in intervention setting. He also worked for the Minnesota Department of Health, Infectious Disease Epidemiology, Prevention and Control Division, STD & HIV Section also in Minneapolis where he served as State AIDS & STD Director and Section Manager supervising the surveillance, prevention, and care activities related to HIV and other sexually transmitted diseases. Earlier he served as State AIDS Director and Office Chief with the Arizona Department of Health Services, Bureau of Epidemiology and Disease Control, Office of HIV/AIDS in Phoenix, Arizona. He has also worked for the Southwest Washington Health District, Health Promotion Program in Vancouver, Washington and with the Oregon Health Division, HIV/STD/TB Program in Portland, Oregon.

A native of Montana, Mr. Beardsley received his Master of Public Health from the University of Washington, Seattle, Washington. His Master's Thesis was: *Celebrating the Wisdom of Science and Community; The synergy of behavioral science and community partnerships in creating a comprehensive health promotion plan to decrease HIV infection rates in gay men*. Mr. Beardsley received his Bachelor of Arts (with Honors) in Business Administration-Accounting from Portland State University, Portland, Oregon. He also studied at the University of Tuebingen in Tuebingen Germany, Walla Walla College, College Place, Washington and Newbold College, Bracknell, Berkshire, England.

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

(Photo: Robert Blanchard and his son Mason)



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Mr. Robert M. Blanchard serves as Disaster Logistics Support Specialist to the Avian Influenza Response Unit. He provides the U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID)'s Avian Influenza Response Unit with resident expertise in disaster logistics in support of disease prevention, detection, and containment activities internationally in conjunction with a wide array of US Government partners.

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

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

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

In coordination with the OFDA/Disaster Response and Mitigation (DRM) Division, plan logistical responses to declared avian influenza disasters, including airlift, sealift, and local purchase of disaster relief supplies. Assess capabilities of local infrastructures to

handle emergency needs. Develop and maintain complete information system that includes specific, accurate data about logistical responses and quantities of material dispatched for specific disasters.

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

Before joining the Health and Child Survival Fellows Program, Mr. Blanchard served as Intern with the Africa Bureau, Office of Sustainable Development. In this assignment he managed the development of grant documents and facilitates dialogue with the offices Acquisition and Assistance (OAA) the General Council (GC), as well as Regional Offices within the Africa Bureau.

Previously, he served as Graduate Teaching Assistant at George Washington University, School of Public Health and Health Service. He provided instruction and management of a Graduate Public Health Informatics course, introducing students to database design and the concept of health informatics applications in public health systems organization and management. He also served as Research Assistant, Maternal and Fetal Medicine Unit. He was responsible for the supply chain management of study drug and equipment needs for two randomized clinical trials.

Earlier he worked for the American Red Cross as Laboratory Assistant, Jerome H. Holland Laboratory, conducting routine laboratory operations in support of the investigation of mechanisms controlling stem cell self-maintenance and progenitor production. He also worked for the United States Department of Agriculture serving as Lead Firefighter/Forestry Technician United States Forest Service in Eureka, California.

A returned Peace Corps volunteer, Mr. Blanchard served as Rural Health Extensionist in The Gambia where he instructed basic health and sanitation courses for Divisional Health Team members and secondary school students throughout the Upper River Division.

A native of Connecticut, Mr. Blanchard received his Master of Public Health in Global Health Policy and Programs from George Washington University, School of Public Health and Health Services in Washington, DC. He received his Bachelor of Arts in Biology from the University of Colorado in Boulder, Colorado.

Mr. Blanchard speaks French and Mandinka.

Zandra H. Duprey, DVM, MPH
Veterinary Epidemiologist/ Public
Health Advisor
Avian and Pandemic Influenza
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Dr. Zandra H. Duprey serves as Veterinary Epidemiologist/ Public Health Advisor to the Avian and Pandemic Influenza Preparedness and Response Unit, USAID/GH/HIDN. Dr Duprey provides expert guidance to Agency senior management and other policymakers, field mission and regional office directors and Washington-based program leaders on issues related to management of highly pathogenic avian influenza (HPAI) outbreaks, post-outbreak recovery and restructuring of poultry sectors for sustainable management of endemic.

She gathers information, identifies opportunities to share and leverage resources and enlists support for USAID's HPAI response effort through liaison with counterpart infectious disease experts in USG agencies (HHS\CDC, USDA\APHIS, others), UN livestock production and health agencies (FAO, WHO, OIE), State agriculture offices, US and international universities, and international animal and human infectious disease research centers.

She represents the Agency in USG interagency meetings and in coordination meetings with international organizations involved in HPAI control and management. She keeps leaders of the US poultry and related industries sectors informed on Agency efforts to control HPAI outbreaks and to coordinates HPAI prevention planning and emergency response.

Before joining the Health and Child Survival Fellows Program, Dr. Duprey served as Preventative Medicine Fellow at the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), Office of Workforce and Career Development. From 2003 – 2005 she served as Epidemic Intelligence Service Officer at CDC, National Center for Environmental Health. During her tenure at CDC, Dr. Duprey was an active reserve officer with the USPHS Commissioned Corps.

Her international experience includes work as Surveillance Consultant to the Polio Eradication Program in India conducting active surveillance activities throughout the State of Orissa. She participated in the Minority International Research Traineeship Program at Chiang Mai University, Faculty of Veterinary Medicine in Chiang Mai, Thailand where she participated in an epidemiological assessment of parasitic prevalence in horses and cattle in several northwest provinces. She also participated in

the Minority International Research Traineeship Program at the University of Zimbabwe, Faculty of Veterinary Science in Harare, Zimbabwe. She participated in ambulatory livestock medicine and investigated the prevalence of urogenital diseases in dogs.

A native of Michigan, Dr. Duprey received her Doctor of Veterinary Medicine from Michigan State University in East Lansing. She received her Master of Public Health in International Health and Infectious Disease from Emory University Rollins School of Public Health, Atlanta, Georgia.

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



Dr. Maha Farouk Hag-Alshiekh is the MSI Intern serving as Health and Child Survival Advisor to the Child Survival and Health Grants Program. Dr. Hag-Alshiekh is gaining USAID and Global Health experience by assisting in the management of projects and activities that support the Child Survival and Health Grants Program. In this assignment she will assist with the coordination of technical support, communication, and overall backstopping of maternal and child health grantee programs. She will lead a technical review of two or three grantee work plans; participate in a technical working group and attend briefings and meetings related to new field developments and research.

Dr. Hag-Alshiekh is an MPH candidate at the University of Minnesota, Department of Epidemiology. Her Master's thesis is "Adverse birth outcomes among foreign-born women in the US: Differences by race and national origin."

Dr. Hag-Alshiekh has over 5 years experience in the public health sector. Her international experience involves work in Sudan, United Arab Emirates, Egypt, Iraq and the United Kingdom. She is fluent in Arabic.

Dr. Hag-Alshiekh served as Resident Physician, Khartoum Teaching Hospital, Khartoum, Sudan, where she worked with senior attending physicians in general medicine, general surgery, obstetrics/gynecology, and pediatrics departments. She also served as Program Coordinator, Ombadda's Primary Health Care Facility, Khartoum, Sudan. In this position she led the coordination of the "Fight Malaria In Your Area" neighborhood campaign to promote sustainable and effective strategies to manage and prevent malaria-related morbidity and mortality. She also served as Family Planning Counselor, Al-Rwais Hospital, Abu Dhabi, U.A.E, 1996. In this position her responsibilities included assessing women's immediate health concerns and educating women on reproductive health and

family planning matters. She completed two internships as Health Advisor at Al-Kamleen Primary Health Center and Al-Sororab Primary Health Center, Sudan.

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



Dr. Lillie serves as HIV-AIDS Monitoring, Evaluation and Reporting Fellow in the Strategic Planning, Evaluation and Reporting Division (Office of HIV/AIDS) providing broad HIV/AIDS-related expertise and guidance in program evaluation and monitoring. She strengthens USAID's ability to monitor program implementation, document results, and assess program impact of USAID's strategic objective to reduce HIV transmission and mitigate the impact of the disease on nations, communities and families and also assists USAID to design/implement Strategic Information Systems and report program results in the 14 priority countries under the President's Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief.

Dr. Lillie assists Cooperating Agencies, PVOs, NGOs, other U.S. government agencies, multi-lateral and other international and domestic donors, in the design and implementation of cost-effective and relevant evaluation and monitoring systems. She assists agencies to design program activities that will have a

sustainable impact on the reduction of HIV/AIDS transmission and the mitigation of the epidemic's effects.

Dr. Lillie participates in the development and implementation of training programs, workshops, and other participatory activities that will broaden knowledge and practice of effective monitoring and evaluation of HIV/AIDS programs and related activities.

She provides technical assistance to USAID missions and regional bureaus in the design and implementation of national or program-level monitoring and evaluation systems and also in the design/implementation of program evaluations. She also participates as a member of the Monitoring, Evaluation & Reporting (MER) Team, under the direction of the MER Team Leader, and as a member of the SPER Division in planning, implementing and reporting on activities at the Team, Division, Office and Agency levels.

Before joining the Health and Child Survival Fellows Program, Dr. Lillie worked as a Consultant to the Population Council. She analyzed quantitative and qualitative data and co-wrote final report on joint FHI/Population Council baseline study on Abstinence, Being Faithful, Using Condoms (ABC). She also served as Research Assistant at Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health, with the Lighthouse Project, where she

analyzed Injecting Drug User qualitative data using ATLAS-ti. She also served as Associate Technical Officer with Family Health International (FHI), IMPACT (HIV/AIDS), Behavior Change and Communication (BCC) Department. She analyzed quantitative and qualitative data and co-wrote final report from joint FHI/Population Council baseline study on BCC/ABC. She developed, organized, and co-facilitated two participatory monitoring and evaluation workshops in Kenya for IMPACT BCC Naivasha partners.

Dr. Lillie served intern with Population Services International (PSI), for Latin American analyzing three knowledge, attitude, and practice surveys from Men having Sex with Men and Commercial Sex Workers on condoms, HIV/AIDS, and social marketing in specific Central American countries and writing the report to disseminate and use for strategic planning. She also served as intern with TvT Associates/The Synergy Project, where she researched and wrote a series of country summaries, designated as "rapid scale up" and "intensive focus" under USAID's expanded response to the HIV/AIDS pandemic, to be posted on Synergy's website.

A native of Ohio, Dr. Lillie received her PhD from Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health; Health, Behavior, and Society Department. She received her Masters in Health Science (MHS), Johns Hopkins School of Public Health, Department of International Health, Behavioral and Community Intervention Track. She received her Bachelor of Arts in English from Ohio University, *Cum Laude*.

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



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Ms. Kiesha N. McCurtis serves as Health and Child Survival Intern with the Global Campaign for Microbicides housed at PATH. Her internship is sponsored by the Office of Professional Development and Management Support. Through her internship, Ms. McCurtis is gaining practical on-the-job-training and experience with the Global Campaign for Microbicides, a broad-based international effort to build support among policymakers, opinion leaders, and the general public for increased investment into microbicides and other user-controlled prevention methods.

Ms. McCurtis works with the North American coordinator to design the Advanced Advocates Training Course, collect raw materials, and write modules. She will write presentation modules, fact sheets, and other outreach materials intended for advocates to adapt in Global North and Global South settings. The scope of the materials development segment of the assignment will depend on the interests of the intern – anything from clinical trials in Africa to microbicides in the African-American

community. She will also write “research briefs” that translate on-going microbicide research (acceptability and clinical) for an advocacy audience.

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

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

Ms. McCurtis received her Master of Public Health from Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health in May 2006. She was a recipient of the 2005 MPH Scholarship Award from the Health and Child Survival Fellows Program. She received her Bachelor of Science in Anthropology, with a minor in Global and International Studies from the University of California/Davis. She spent a year studying at the University of Granada, Granada, Spain, as part of a 1 year education abroad program.

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



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Ms. Ndeye Marietou Satin, MPH serves as Maternal and Child Health (MCH) Technical Advisor at USAID/Nigeria. Ms. Satin works as part of a team responsible for USAID/Nigeria’s Reproductive Health and Child Survival strategic objective. Under the direct supervision of the USDH Strategic Objective 13 Team Leader, Ms. Satin provides technical input into the management of the Mission’s health services portfolio. She provides analysis and advises the Mission on MCH policy and reform programs. She, also monitors the implementation, performance and results of USAID/Nigeria’s MCH activities.

Ms. Satin’s has rotated her Fellowship to Nigeria from her previous assignment as HIV/AIDS Monitoring, Evaluation and Reporting Fellow in the Strategic Planning, Evaluation and Reporting Division (Office of HIV/AIDS). In this assignment she provided broad HIV/AIDS-related expertise and guidance in program evaluation and monitoring. She worked to

strengthen USAID's ability to monitor program implementation, document results, and assess program impact of USAID's strategic objective to reduce HIV transmission and mitigate the impact of the disease on nations, communities and families and also assisted USAID to design/implement Strategic Information Systems and report program results in the 14 priority countries under the President's Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief.

Before joining the Health and Child Survival Fellows Program Ms. N. Marietou Satin served as Associate Technical Officer at the Institute for HIV/AIDS, Family Health International (FHI.) Previously she was Project Manager of International Rescue Committee's (IRC) Child Survival Program in the Democratic Republic of Congo. She has had several international consultancies. She served as post war nutrition assessment with Food for the Hungry (FHI in North Eastern Afganistan), Reproductive Health Consultant with the International Rescue Committee (Democratic Republic of Congo). She served as consultant in Emergency Assistance with FHI, Technical Advisor with CARE and Catholic Relief Services – all in Madagascar.

Ms. Satin received her MPH from Tulane University School of Public Health and Tropical Medicine focusing on child health and reproductive health.

Health and Child Survival Fellows

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

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

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

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

Upon completion of the intensive review process for applications in response to the CSHGP FY06RFA, Ms. Agravat began getting busy in preparation for the CSHGP Mini-University in June, held on the campus of Johns Hopkins University in Baltimore, MD. In preparation for this event, Ms. Agravat worked closely with a team from the Child Survival Technical Support Plus project at ORC Macro to design appropriate technical sessions for participants as well as coordinating reviewer of the Detailed Implementation Plans (DIPs) submitted by PVO/NGOs beginning the first year of their projects.

In April, Ms. Agravat attended the Annual CORE Spring Meeting, this year held in Easton, MD. The theme of the meeting was Quality and CORE members and non-members discussed the many faces and facets of quality within health programs. Presenters discussed different tools and methodologies utilized in programs which stimulated active participation by those in attendance. Ms. Agravat sat in on CORE Working Group meetings for Malaria and TB and discussed upcoming activities with Working Group members.

After attending the CORE meeting, Ms. Agravat immediately departed on a TDY to Senegal to visit CSHGP-funded programs implemented by Africare and the Christian Children's Fund (CCF). The Africare program is located in the *hot* Tambacounda region in Eastern Senegal. The program is working in a difficult region, one not under the Mission's geographic priorities, and has recently seen their operational district split into two. The project is innovative in its approach to working with Mothers' groups and local

government leaders and has built up a strong presence at community level. Africare will be working with Pfizer to further scale up the success shown in-country on community case management of ARI and Malaria.

The CCF project based in the Mbour region of Senegal will be ending 8 years of implementation of a CSHGP program in September. This project has also shown strong success in strengthening community structures. The initial pilot of the community ARI program was also done in this project area under CCF's close supervision. CCF is also playing a crucial role in the scale-up effort in their program area.

After an informative TDY to Senegal, Ms. Agravat returned to Washington just in time to delve into DIPs and work on final preparations for the Mini-University. The Mini-U was held June 5th-9th and went off with great success and strong HQ and field participation by grantees. For the summer, Ms. Agravat will be busy working with her CSHGP colleagues in the learning more about the interesting changes within the Agency and exploring how this may (or may not) affect their upcoming RFA and reporting guidelines.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Ms. Molly A. Brady serves as Avian Influenza Advisor to the Regional Development Mission for Asia in Bangkok, Thailand.

In this capacity, Ms. Brady assists USAID missions, host governments and NGOs in developing and assessing technical and

strategic program approaches for preventing, detecting, and containing outbreaks of avian or pandemic influenza by identifying and accessing appropriate resources, including the technical and operational coordination of cooperating agencies.

Ms. Brady serves as an avian influenza and other emerging diseases expert on USAID and US Government project design and evaluation efforts, and as a technical advisor to the Office of Public Health, Regional Development Mission / Asia on avian influenza and other emerging diseases. She provides technical and operational backstopping for country and regional level activities and initiatives. She provides technical backstopping in one or more cross-cutting functions related to implementation of avian influenza activities, for example, monitoring and evaluation, epidemiology and the collection and analysis of data, health care delivery systems, community-based programs, and behavior change and communication. She coordinates and facilitates interagency activities and dialogue.

Ms. Brady also tracks and prioritizes actions and events related to Avian Influenza of importance to the Agency. She maintains a data base of avian influenza activities and events. She drafts briefers and reports on avian influenza activities and plans by USAID, US Government agencies and international organizations.

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

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

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

Dr. Barnhart serves as the co-chair of the President's Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief (PEPFAR) Technical Working Group on PMTCT and Pediatric HIV which is focused on providing technical guidance to PEPFAR in these areas. Over the last quarter the group finalized and submitted its 2006 workplan as well as a year-end review of data to evaluate progress that has been made in scaling up PMTCT programs in focus countries. Dr. Barnhart has also been working with other members of the technical working group to develop a coordinated interagency technical assistance plan for PMTCT and pediatric HIV. In the upcoming months, Dr. Barnhart is planning to provide assistance to Namibia, Tanzania, Lesotho, Swaziland, and Ukraine.

Dr. Barnhart serves as the USAID representative on the interagency PEPFAR core team for Russia. During this quarter, Dr. Barnhart worked with other members of the core team to assist the in-country team in reviewing some HIV-related proposals.

From March 27th-31st, Dr. Barnhart traveled to Nigeria with a colleague from the CDC to perform an evaluation of USG-funded PMTCT activities and to provide recommendations for how to improve the programs in the coming years. Dr. Barnhart performed assessments at several sites in Kaduna state, and other members of the evaluation team traveled to other states. The team developed a consensus set of recommendations related to accelerating scale-up of services to primary and secondary sites and improving quality of the services.

Dr. Barnhart has been involved in a collaborative project between USAID, the pharmaceutical company Boehringer Ingelheim, and PATH which seeks to increase access to the infant dose of the antiretroviral drug Virammune through developing more practical packaging options of the oral suspension used for PMTCT. Over the next quarter PATH will work with other partners to document and disseminate results of pilot tests of an approach involving sending the dose home in a syringe and a foil pouch.

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

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

under the Mission's Strategic Objective (SO) #14: Improved health and reduced fertility in targeted areas of India.

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

Mr. Barrett provides technical input for the design and implementation of behavioral, mapping, and health care provider surveys which support the HIV-AIDS bilateral project of AVERT (Maharashtra). Mr. Barrett also provides technical and managerial support to the Mission's partnership in the Polio Eradication Initiative – supporting acute flaccid paralysis surveillance, social mobilization, and communication activities. Mr. Barrett is the mission's technical representative at Inter-Country Coordinating meetings and reviews for polio eradication and vaccine preventable diseases. He recently participated in the National Review of the Multi-Year Plan for Routine Immunization. He provides technical and managerial assistance to the Mission's contribution to WHO and IndiaCLEN for surveillance system development. He is working with other donors and Ministry of Health colleagues to coordinate the mission's malaria control investments with the Malaria Research Center which include support for research for burden of malaria, malaria in pregnancy, drug resistance, and provider practices. Mr. Barrett is an active IndiaCLEN Governing Body and Institutional Review Board member and provides technical skills to the organization's activities. He helps to define research priorities and develop plans for applied Indo-US research in child survival and infectious disease.

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

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

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

Dr. Berzon advises specific PEPFAR (President's Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief) and

bilateral countries on the design and implementation of Strategic Information Systems so that countries can better target their AIDS prevention, care and treatment efforts. The countries to which he is assigned include South Africa, Swaziland, Lesotho, Kenya and Russia.

Rick is a member of each country's core team. In that capacity, in April, he visited South Africa and Lesotho, spending approximately two weeks in those countries. During his visit, Dr. Berzon provided technical assistance (TA) to implementing partners (IPs) on the ground. The focus of the TA included a review with selected IPs and with the USAID and CDC missions of prevention, care and treatment program-level indicators, data for which are needed for each country's HIV/AIDS operational plan; and a review of FY2006 target projections, estimates of which were discussed with IPs across PMTCT (prevention of mother-to-child HIV transmission), counseling and testing, palliative care, and antiretroviral service outlet programs.

Dr. Berzon serves as a member of the Targeted Evaluations (TE) Subcommittee, which is responsible for contributing to the PEPFAR research agenda and advising on protocol development for evaluative studies conducted within PEPFAR countries. These types of studies provide rapid results and identify best practices for outreach to and care for those infected and affected by HIV/AIDS. Rick traveled to Nigeria in April to assist with finalization of the tools (i.e., case report forms) and methods that are now being used to capture antiretroviral costing data and to assist with site selection within that country.

The results of the study, which will be conducted in four countries in Africa and one in Asia, will address the costs of comprehensive HIV treatment in Emergency Plan focus countries and permit more accurate resource planning within PEPFAR-supported programs. Rick is USAID lead advisor for protocol development and management for two other TE studies; one for palliative care and the other for orphans and vulnerable children. Dr. Berzon is also a member of the PEPFAR PMTCT and Pediatric HIV TWG (Technical Working Group); and with the Adult Treatment TWG.

Also in April, Rick attended a week-long Health Management Information Systems (HMIS) conference in Maputo, Mozambique. The purpose of the meeting was to provide a forum for a PEPFAR country-by-country review and analysis of systems used to manage health data. A valuable lesson learned is the degree to which coordination among systems is needed, not only between countries, but also within them.

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

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

implementation and monitoring of global micronutrient activities.

Malia serves as the principal coordinator and liaison for the Global Alliance for Improved Nutrition (GAIN), a not-for-profit foundation that strives to eliminate vitamin and mineral deficiencies through the fortification of staple foods and condiments. This quarter, she

laid the ground work for a new five-year \$12.5 million grant to GAIN and worked successfully to resolve issues preventing the transfer of Fiscal Year 2004 and 2005 funds to GAIN through the World Bank. She also presented GAIN's key accomplishments during the Division's annual portfolio review meeting in January.

Malia continues to manage USAID's grant to UNICEF for the elimination of Iodine Deficiency Disorders (IDD) in Africa, Asia and Latin America. During the past quarter, she met with UNICEF to review the status of IDD elimination programs globally, discuss annual country progress reports, propose strategic actions to facilitate programmatic success, and determine priority countries to fund this year. In recognition of her efforts to work with UNICEF, USAID's regional bureaus, and missions to ensure technically sound and sustainable IDD elimination programs, the Bureau for Global Health presented her with an "Above and Beyond" award.

Malia is also a member of the team working to roll-out the implementation of zinc and ORT treatment for childhood diarrhea. As part of the CTO team, she assists with the day-to-day management of POUZN/AED, USAID's Point-of-use Water Disinfection and Zinc Treatment Project. POUZN was recently awarded under two separate contracts to AED and to Abt Associates/Population Services International in order to expand the long-term, sustainable, commercial availability of zinc and point-of-use water disinfection to reduce mortality and morbidity from diarrhea.

Finally, during this quarter, Malia participated in the review of several Child Survival and Health Grants Applications. This entailed scoring and providing technical as well as programmatic feedback on proposals from India and Malawi. Additionally, she did her civic duty by serving as a juror on a criminal trial in the District of Columbia. Ultimately, the jury found the defendant guilty of second degree murder and four other charges.

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

Ms. Judy Canahuati is a Johns Hopkins Health and Child Survival Fellow serving as Maternal and Child Health, Nutrition and HIV/AIDS Technical Advisor PL 480-Title II - Office of

Food for Peace in the Bureau for Democracy, Conflict and Humanitarian Assistance. In this position, as well as working with country back-stop officers on Development Assistance and Emergency proposals and on technical issues related to the areas of MCHN and HIV/AIDS, she serves on USAID and CORE Working Groups focusing on HIV, Nutrition and Food Security as well as on those working with the World Food Program (WFP), with the Office of the Global AIDS Coordinator for the President's Emergency Plan for Africa and other for a for sharing on nutrition and HIV-related issues.

The Policy and Performance Management (PPM) division of the Democracy, Conflict and Humanitarian Assistance (DCHA) Bureau has been working on an Emergency Ready-to-Eat food for several years. The prototype for this food has been in existence for approximately a year. During this quarter, Ms. Canahuati worked together with USDA and FFP's Program Operations Division to post a request for information (RFI) to identify potential producers of the food and follow-up with interested suppliers. Responses were

received in May and next steps are being considered.

During this quarter Ms. Canahuati participated in a number of coordinating and working group meetings both within Food for Peace and with other offices and agencies. Within the FFP office these meetings have included discussions on Food for Peace reorganization, on guidance for unsolicited FFP program proposals, on MCH programs with Title II country backstops and on commodity issues. She has also continued to provide support to the International Food Relief Partnership (IFRP) a Title II program on a pilot to distribute F100 therapeutic milk, a new IFRP commodity. In addition, she provided draft position papers for several World Food Program (WFP) Executive Board meeting agenda items on HIV and maternal child health. Outside of the Food for Peace office, she has been involved in a number of meetings related to the reorganization of USAID with health, education and humanitarian assistance working groups.

She also had meetings with DSM, the producers of Vitamin and Mineral supplements, with Sustain, with a newly reconstituted USAID Nutrition Working Group, with International Center for Research on Women (ICRW) about food security operations research in Uganda, with Renewal on operations research on food security in western Kenya, with REDSO on training on Essential Nutrition Actions in East Africa and attended several USAID Education and Health Sector Council meetings as FFP representative.

At the beginning of the quarter, Ms. Canahuati was in Kenya, together with Office of HIV/AIDS nutritionist, Dr. Tim Quick (former JHU fellow) visiting several sites that had a PEPFAR procurement of locally produced supplementary and therapeutic food. In addition, Ms. Canahuati visited Dadaab refugee camp along with Kenya health officer and observed a UNICEF training on prevention of mother to child transmission in Dadaab town (photo below). At the refugee camp and in a visit to Nakuru to look at issues related to urban food security, she observed projects using “multi-story gardens” to produce fresh vegetables in very small spaces (photo below). During the quarter, Ms. Canahuati attended the annual CORE spring meeting for MCH updates as well as the Project Concern International Forum on Food Security and HIV in Zambia. The forum brought together PVO, NGO and government representatives working on the ground to improve the food and nutritional security of HIV infected and affected. This excellent forum provided an opportunity to share experiences. During the forum, Ms. Canahuati facilitated a panel discussion at that meeting on adaptations in farming for those affected by HIV.

She also participated in an innovative, practical demonstration of the difficulties in preparing modified milk and formula for HIV-exposed infants in resource constrained settings (see photo on page 40) While she was in Zambia she also visited several HIV including PEPFAR funded programs at Chikinkata and Monze Hospitals, RAPIDS a Zambia supported HIV program that includes food aid from Title II and a C-SAFE/OFDA pilot site on nutritional surveillance (see photo on page 41).

She continued to work intensively with USAID Office of HIV/AIDS (OHA) and the Office of the Global AIDS Coordinator (OGAC) on the development of a food and nutrition strategy that was presented to Congress in May, 2006 and is currently posted on the PEPFAR website. In her role as a member of the Food and Nutrition Technical Working Group, she participated in training for Extranet and training for the preparation of country operating plans (COPS).

In May, FFP received 17 proposals for multi-year assistance programs. As MCH and HIV advisor, Ms. Canahuati has been intensively involved in reading these proposals and at the end of the quarter had begun to prepare comments for issues letters that will be provided to the PVOs that submitted proposals, prior to funding decisions. The reviews will begin early in the next quarter.



UNICEF training on prevention of mother to child transmission, Dadaab town, Kenya.



Multistory gardens in Refugee Camp, Dadaab, Kenya.

Misun Choi, MPH
MEASURE Advisor
USAID/GH/HIDN/HS

Ms. Misun Choi serves as MEASURE Advisor in the Health Systems Division at USAID. As MEASURE Advisor she assists with the development, implementation and

dissemination of Health and Nutrition activities of the MEASURE project. In her capacity as MEASURE Advisor, Ms. Choi advises USAID on policy and program issues related to MEASURE, particularly as they relate to the collection, utilization, analysis and dissemination of data that are applicable to the health sectors of developing countries.

Ms. Choi assists with the development, implementation and dissemination of health, household and facility survey schedules (including areas such as, but not limited to, child health, nutrition, deliveries and maternal health, infectious diseases, health systems, health expenditure and utilization) for the Demographic and Health Surveys and other instruments developed under MEASURE. She serves as primary technical advisor from the Office of Health, Infectious Diseases, and Nutrition on areas pertaining to the development, use, and dissemination of MEASURE products, particularly those of MEASURE DHS and MEASURE Evaluation.

Ms. Choi completed her HCSFP Fellowship on May 25, 2006. She has taken the position of Monitoring & Evaluation Analyst with the USAID-funded Analysis, Information Management and Communication (AIM) activity.

ThuVan T. Dinh, MPH
Monitoring and Evaluation Advisor
USAID/GH/OHA/SPER

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

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

During this quarter, Ms. Dinh assisted in the development of part of the Strategic Information presentation that was presented at the USAID HIV/AIDS Technical Retreat. She also assisted in the data analysis and writing of the joint U.S. Government PEPFAR FY2005 Annual Progress Report for Non-Focus Countries that was submitted to the Office of the Global AIDS Coordinator (OGAC) at the U.S. Department of State. She participated in the OGAC two-day Strategic Information Advisors Retreat. She also attended a CSIS meeting for the presentation of the *Interim Report on CSIS HIV/AIDS Mission to Viet Nam*.

Ms. Dinh is currently working on a joint project between two technical working groups – Monitoring & Evaluation Capacity Building and Indicators & Reporting – to develop three headquarters and five regional workshops on a basic orientation to strategic information; PEPFAR indicators and reporting; data quality assurance; and building capacity for monitoring and evaluation to be held throughout this spring/summer for PEPFAR focus countries and non-focus countries.

In March, Ms. Dinh traveled on T/DY to Phnom Penh, Cambodia with the joint USG SI Team for the purpose of providing strategic information technical assistance for PEPFAR country reporting and to assist in the Cambodian Country Team's review of partners' capacity to collect indicator data and report results in Cambodia. The USG SI Team also met with international and national partners to discuss monitoring and evaluation activities and reporting broadly and participated in a couple of site visits with local partners.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

***Kama G. Garrison, MPH
USAID/GH/HIDN/HS
Pharmaceutical Management Advisor***

Ms. Kama Garrison serves as Pharmaceutical Management Advisor in the Health Systems (HS) Division. She provides the Health Systems Division with

technical and managerial assistance Ms. Kama Garrison serves as Pharmaceutical Management Advisor in the Health Systems (HS) Division. She provides the Health Systems Division with technical and managerial assistance in the implementation of the Rational Pharmaceutical Management (RPM) Plus Program and the United States Pharmacopoeia Drug Quality and Information (USPDQI) Program. Ms. Garrison contributes to strengthening Health, Infectious Disease, and Nutrition (HIDN) approaches and strategies and enhancing health system performance in the delivery of PHN priority interventions in reproductive, maternal, neonatal and child health, HIV/AIDS and infectious diseases by improving overall drug management, product quality assurance and pharmaceutical information activities. She supports efforts to combat the development of drug resistance and increase the awareness of this growing problem in light of the many global initiatives supplying vastly increased amounts of drugs to developing countries with weak health systems and scarce human resource capacity to manage and use them effectively. Ms. Garrison provides technical support to the antimicrobial resistance component of the USAID Infectious Disease Strategy.

Ms. Garrison identifies drug management research and operational issues related to health commodity management and infectious disease control requiring attention, and develop appropriate mechanisms for assuring drug quality and information dissemination for enhanced quality of care, including preventing the emergence and spread of drug resistance as well as the formulation of Agency efforts to promote global collaboration. She exercises technical leadership, and provides appropriate and effective assistance to field programs. She maintains and enhances Health Systems (HS) Division contacts with a broad range of stakeholders, including Strategic Objective teams, field missions, regional bureaus, contractors, multilateral and bilateral donor organizations, foundations, global initiatives providing health commodities, the pharmaceutical industry, and USG agencies, among others.

Ms. Garrison participates in the development and monitoring of assigned elements of Cooperating Agency (CA) work plans, including the overarching health commodity components affecting the performance of the health system or specific activities designed more directly to help achieve HIDN Strategic Objectives. She oversees implementation of selected CA commodity management health system improvement efforts as well as Strategic Objective directed work. These include areas such as increasing access to appropriate drugs of assured quality in the private sector and approaches to help

institutionalize transparent and accountable procurement practices within health systems. She coordinates RPM Plus and USPDQI field support to selected USAID geographic regions (Asia, Near East, Europe and Eurasia, West and Central Africa, East and Southern Africa, Latin America and the Caribbean) by working directly with cooperating agencies and missions. She also oversees implementation of selected research activities being undertaken by the cooperating agencies (e.g., intervention research on drug use practices in the community or development of low cost, low tech tools to screen for and detect sub-potent drug products).

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

Ms. Cherry Gumapas arrived in Maputo on May 4, 2005. She serves as HIV/AIDS Behavior Change and Communications Specialist with the HIV/AIDS Team at USAID/Maputo. She provides technical

leadership to assist USAID/Mozambique to carry out specific responsibilities for planning, implementing, monitoring and overseeing activities under the President's Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief (PEPFAR) and the Country Strategic Plan (CSP) related to HIV/AIDS awareness, behavior change communications (BCC), condom social marketing, abstinence and faithfulness behavior change, including youth, and special prevention efforts targeting high risk groups.

Ms. Gumapas serves as technical advisor for partners implementing Abstinence, Be Faithful and Other Prevention activities related to and promoting HIV/AIDS awareness and behavior change. Some of these partners include the Johns Hopkins Center for Communications Program/Mozambique National AIDS Council, PSI, Samaritan's Purse, World Relief, Food for the Hungry and Project Hope.

During this quarter, Cherry organized the final submission of all HIV Prevention Plus-Up activity requests for FY06, served on a technical Evaluation Committee that selected a new PEPFAR Abstinence and Be Faithful activity, and represented the US Mission's Prevention Working Group to members from the International Organization of Medicine during its general review of PEPFAR activities worldwide.

In February, she completed a site monitoring visit to PEPFAR Abstinence and Being Faithful Youth HIV prevention activities in Sofala and Manica provinces in central Mozambique. World Relief, Food for the Hungry and a Mozambican FBO, Kubatsirana, are implementing youth focused AB programs in schools, churches and communities in this high prevalence area known as the Beira Corridor.

In addition, Cherry completed training in audit reviews and anti-corruption mainstreaming.

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

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

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

This quarter began with the preparation of the 2006 Health-Related Research and Development Activities Report to Congress. Heather supported this process by working with the technical teams for eight health issues to integrate their reports and strategic plans into a unified document. Congress received the final document in time for budget planning, and commended the agency on the quality of the report and the research strategy.

While attending the Pediatric Academic Society Annual Meeting in May, Heather participated in the Pediatric Research Working Group on Neonatal Infectious Disease. A product of the sessions will be the development of White Papers recommending future areas of research in neonatal infectious disease and health system infrastructure to improve the diagnosis and treatment of newborns in developing settings.

In June, Heather joined the WHO Expert Consultation on Prevention and Control of Iron Deficiency in Children from Various Environments. The outcomes of this meeting will influence the future research and programmatic investments by the Global Health Bureau in micronutrients.

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

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

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

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

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

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



Newborn at maternity ward in Niema CSCOM, Sikasso Region

Lisa M. Kramer, MPH
HIV/AIDS, TB & Infectious Diseases
Advisor
USAID/Jakarta

Ms. Lisa Kramer serves as HIV/AIDS, and Infectious Diseases Advisor at USAID/Indonesia. She works as a member of the HIV/AIDS and Infectious Diseases Team, including HIV/AIDS, avian influenza (AI),

malaria, tuberculosis and other infectious diseases. As a member of the team she provides policy, strategic, technical, programming, and budgetary guidance to USAID/Indonesia, government counterparts and implementing partners. Ms. Kramer serves as the technical advisor for a large cooperative agreement with Family Health

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

Over the past quarter, Ms. Kramer has designed the strategy and implementation plan for FY06 avian influenza supplemental funding. In early March, she facilitated a visit from USAID/W's AI Unit and participated in regional AI coordination meetings in Bangkok. She worked with the AI Unit to set up regular monitoring and evaluation and financial reporting systems for AI programs. As part of the team visit, Ms. Kramer organized and moderated an AI donor meeting.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

During this past quarter, Nazo has invested a significant amount of time reviewing applications submitted to CSHGP in response to the FY2006 RFA. She partnered with colleagues to primarily focus on the Expanded Impact category applications, and analyzed and distilled lessons learned from the review process for strategic considerations for scaling up within the context of CSHGP.

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

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

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

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

Nazo worked with MCH/USAID and CSTS colleagues to plan activities to assess and strengthen the quality of MNC programming of PVO projects. This planning has included the review of a minimum package of MNC interventions and indicators and reaching agreement on the plan of action for this year. Nazo has also participated in meetings with a small group of GH and Africa Bureau colleagues to plan a small strategic meeting

with partners focusing on advancing Safe Birth in Africa. In preparation for the meeting, she analyzed relevant data from DHS from various African countries and compiled several slides focusing on the levels and trends in data from strategic countries.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

support and/or enhance USAID HIV/AIDS global activities.

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

Recent technical assistance visits:

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

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

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

Patricia J. Mengech, MPH
Africa Regional Program Advisor
USAID/GH/RCS

Patricia Mengech serves as Africa Regional Specialist to the Bureau for Global Health's (GH) Office of Regional and Country Support (RCS). One of GH's six offices, RCS is

responsible for representing USAID missions in Washington and supporting their needs. This includes ensuring mission views are factored into GH decisions that impact the field; providing missions with technical, management, and logistical assistance; providing strategic information and resources to missions; coordinating technical support to the field with GH offices and regional bureaus; and providing staff coverage for missions during absences and peak work periods.

Towards the end of the quarter, Patricia's country backstopping responsibilities shifted. The ten country/regional Missions she currently backstops are Benin, Burundi, Djibouti, DRC, Kenya, Madagascar, Malawi, Rwanda, Somalia, USAID/East Africa (formerly REDSO/ESA). In addition, Patricia is the RCS liaison for the Population and Reproductive Health (PRH) Office, and focuses on corruption prevention, accountability and transparency for the office.

In March Patricia traveled to Conakry, Guinea, as a member of a cross-sectoral team composed of USAID/Washington Global Health, Agriculture/Natural Resource Management, Education and Democracy and Governance staff. Guinea is classified by USAID as a "Fragile State Vulnerable To Crisis" (such countries will be referred to as "Rebuilding Countries" under the new strategic framework for foreign assistance developed under the Agency's new Administrator, Randall Tobias) Factors that contribute to Guinea's "fragility" include its authoritarian regime, the limited political will for change and improved governance, widespread poverty with limited economic opportunities, lack of essential service provision, endemic corruption, weak institutional capacity and leadership, weak civil society participation, an ailing president, with no clear path for

succession and military takeover possible, and the country's dependence on extractive industries. Furthermore, the fragile peace in Sierra Leone and Liberia and the continued troubles in Cote d'Ivoire threaten to destabilize Guinea.

In its new country strategy, the Mission has a single strategic objective "Advanced Democratic Governance" towards which all sectoral and cross-sectoral activities contribute. The cross-sectoral TDY team worked with the mission to determine how best to operationalize this new country strategy. The TDY team provided feedback and recommendations on technical activities (vertical and integrated) already identified by the Mission, worked with the Mission on a results framework, developed activity tables for the different sectors that integrate objectives, activities and indicators towards both governance and sectoral results, suggested a procurement structure with possible implementing mechanisms, and drafted a procurement document for the Mission.

Under the direction of new Administrator Randall Tobias, the Agency is directing its development activities in "Rebuilding Countries" (formerly discussed as fragile states) to address the explicit goal of "*Helping to build and sustain democratic, well-governed states that will respond to the needs of their people and conduct themselves responsibly in the international community*". This quarter, Patricia continued to work with the GH Bureau's Rebuilding Country (Fragile State) working group to explore how health development assistance can address key risk factors associated with state fragility and to determine how health programs can be implemented to make the greatest possible contribution to a country's stability, resilience, and recovery. Working with the AIM project, Patricia developed a web page for the GH Bureau which provides GH staff, including Country Coordinators and Mission PHN staff, with key resources on:

1. The U.S. Government's, and specifically USAID's, strategic direction and policies regarding development assistance in rebuilding countries
2. Current initiatives and activities in this area, including upcoming meetings and training opportunities
3. Key issues currently sparking debate in the development community around this topic
4. Best practices and tools for health programming in rebuilding countries

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

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

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

Dr. Paine provides technical and managerial assistance in the achievement of USAID/Brazil's health strategic objective for TB control. She serves as the principal advisor to the Mission's Health Team Leader in the area of TB. She assists the Health

Team Leader in the supervision of USAID/Brazil's TB prevention and TB control programs. She also assists the Health Team Leader to articulate the activities, problems, and progress of USAID/Brazil's TB control programs to the Mission's Senior Management and the U.S. Embassy staff.

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

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

***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 Indonesia to conduct an external evaluation of the bilateral FHI/Aksi Stop AIDS Project and provide recommendations for a follow-on

mechanism. He also went on TDY to Vietnam twice during this period: first as part of a country Core Team visit to meet with Government, INGO, local NGO and PLWHA on the accession of Vietnam to status as a Presidential Initiative country; and then as part of the team which finalized the country strategy and the submission of the FY05 Country Operating Plan. He also traveled to Cambodia to work on the Concept Paper for the 2006-2010 Country PHN strategy. He worked on and attended the State of the Art Training in Delhi for regional PHN staff. He also met with other bilaterals and multilaterals including UNAIDS, WHO and the World Bank, as well as with USAID and Embassy TDY staff from the ANE region.

Mr. Pick completed his HCSFP fellowship in June 2006. He is now working for IAP World Services as the USAID IDU/MARP Prevention Advisor for Global Health/Office of HIV-AIDS.

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

Dr. John Quinley serves as the Health and Child Survival Advisor to USAID/Nepal. Dr. Quinley provides technical and administrative oversight to the USAID/Nepal supported public

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

In the last quarter Dr. Quinley was able to witness the dramatic transformation of Nepali society from a direct rule monarchy to a parliamentary democracy following a 19 day national strike and protest program, with sometimes violent demonstrations and government curfews that closed the USAID office on most days. During a number of days of enforced work at home he carried out a detailed analysis of survey results from Nepal's Female Community Health Volunteer program that were officially issued in June and which have important policy implications for the future. The civil conflict eventually led to an ordered departure of most official US personnel (including Dr. Quinley). During the unexpected trip to Washington DC that followed he was able to visit a number of USAID Washington personnel that are critical to various programs in Nepal. Back in Nepal the USAID Avian Influenza programs have been funded providing an important gap filler and complement to a much large World Bank project that is under preparation. Nepal was able to launch its public sector zinc for childhood diarrhea program and a much delayed plan for private sector zinc has been formulated which USAID will support. Dr. Quinley provides oversight for both of these programs.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Dr. Rochelle Rainey serves as Water Supply, Sanitation and Environmental Health Technical Advisor to USAID/GH/HIDN. She provides USAID with programmatic and technical expertise in water supply and sanitation, particularly point-of-use water treatment, as these relate to public health and serves as the lead USAID technical resource on these issues.

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

Dr. Rainey served as a reviewer for the World Bank Development Marketplace, a competition for new technologies and models for providing services in water, sanitation and energy.

In March, she participated in several meetings and site visits in Philippines. The subject was integrated population-health-environment programming, looking for entry points and synergies between groups that traditionally operate in only one of these areas. For example, offering family planning training, services and products through conservation groups in order to reach non-traditional target audiences.

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

In early April, Dr. Rainey attended the WAWI HQ meeting to discuss progress and organizational issues. USAID has agreed to fund WAWI for one more year, and it is important to document the synergies resulting from the partnership.

In May Dr. Rainey made a joint trip with CDC to Haiti to conduct a two day workshop on point of use water treatment and safe storage, sanitation and hygiene, covering technologies, products, and behavior change materials. Invited participants included all USAID partners working in health, and government representatives.

In Washington DC, Dr. Rainey reviewed drafts and participated in meetings to refine the first draft of the US government water strategy that was then sent to the Department of State for input from other stakeholders. The final draft of the USG water strategy required from the Paul Simon Water for the Poor Act of 2005 was due on June 1. She is also the point of contact for USAID support for research leading to a low cost, rapid field test for microbiological contamination of drinking water.

In the weeks leading up to the June Network to Promote Household water Treatment and safe storage, Dr. Rainey has been busy as the co-chair of the implementation working group to find out what tools exist, what progress has been made on the tasks from the workplan since the 2005 meeting, and what issues remain in implementation that are appropriately addressed by the Network.

Ongoing activities include co-chairing of the Implementation Working Group of the Network to Promote Household Water Treatment and Safe Storage. She is tasked with producing a tool for formative research that can be used to assess acceptability of different household water treatment options. This tool will be presented at a Network meeting in June. As a member of the Environmental Health team, she continues to be involved in general office tasks and meetings.

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

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

This past quarter his activities focused on these major issues: 1) The reorganization of the E&E Country Teams under the revised program for RCS being developed by Global Health. This will allow maximum interchange between Global Health and the Regional Bureau; 2) Provision of technical support to the Mission in Armenia through an extended tour of duty. The major activities conducted included an assessment of the new primary care and health system reform project managed by Emerging Market Group (EMG), participation in country planning for the Avian Influenza country wide plan which is a paramount issue of concern in the Caucuses and support to the Mission on administrative and policy issues; and, 3) Focus on the development of a Regional activity to integrate generic activities related to health system strengthening, support regional networking and prepare for new health system assessment and review tool introduction into the region. Continued effort also focused on interim support for regional HIV/AIDS activities and regional Avian Influenza activities.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

staff to manage the contents of the internet and intranet web sites.

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

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

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

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

Ms. Surdo participates in technical working groups and committees including those on crosscutting issues involving USAID's Office of Population and Office of Health. She participates in international conferences dealing with HIV/AIDS prevention and treatment. She is the co-chair of the President's Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief (PEPFAR) Technical Working Group for Counseling and Testing and a member of the Prevention Steering Committee. She is also working with rapid test manufacturers, CDC and USAID's Supply Chain Management team on establishing objective and standard procedures for validating new HIV rapid tests as they come on the market and ensuring their quality.

Ms. Surdo provides research and programmatic recommendations to cooperating agencies and OHA in the design and methodology of new research areas. She reviews the technical quality of projects by making site visits to the primary site and the field to provide technical assistance, monitor progress, review and analyze results, recommend changes in implementation, arrange for outside reviews as needed.

In March and April, Ms. Surdo conducted trips to Tanzania and Ethiopia on behalf of her PEPFAR Technical Working Group, to assess current counseling and testing services and make recommendation on how to improve access to services and implement routine diagnostic counseling and testing in clinical settings. She also participated in the USAID/Ethiopia evaluation of their FHI/IMPACT program on VCT and palliative care for persons living with HIV and AIDS.

In May Ms. Surdo worked on the development of the PEPFAR extranet, a password-

protected website for USG staff working on PEPFAR to share information and interact on technical issues. She was also designated at the USAID representative on the PEPFAR Core Team for Kenya, where she will provide support for the USG team in the field. In June Ms. Surdo is attending the PEPFAR Annual Meeting in Durban, South Africa.

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

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

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

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

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

Pediatric HIV:

- Played an active role in the US Government Technical Working Group (TWG) on Pediatric HIV and Prevention of Mother to Child Transmission (PMTCT) of HIV. Activities included revising the TWG workplan, drafting country guidelines for developing the pediatric HIV components of Country Operational Plans (COP), which are country proposals to be submitted for funding by The President Emergency Plan. Drafted evaluation criteria for the pediatric HIV part of COPs.
- Prepared for the national assessment for scaling up Pediatric HIV services in Tanzania in coordination with USAID Mission in Tanzania, REDSO and BASICS Project.
- Represented USAID in the WHO's Technical Consultation on the Integration of HIV Interventions with Maternal, Neonatal, and Child Health Programs, Geneva, April 5-7, 2006. This included giving a presentation on challenges and opportunities for scaling up pediatric HIV services.
- Reviewed BASICS projects' activities related to Pediatric HIV and provided feedback to senior BASICS staff. Reviewed BASICS technical paper on Pediatric HIV and provided written feedback.

Immunization:

- Continued the development of USAID on-line training course on immunization. The course is to be available to USAID Health Officers in developing countries to help them plan and implement national immunization programs.
- Participated in developing immunization Technical Resource Materials (TRM) for NGOs. The TMR provides basic technical and managerial knowledge on immunization programs' implementation, monitoring and evaluation, and the specific role of NGOs in national immunization programs.
- Provided technical support to Immunization Basics project including participation in the Quarterly Review Meeting on May 3, 2006.
- Provided input for Benin's mission for developing a scope of work for an EPI consultant to evaluate the immunization routine services.

Community Case Management of Childhood Illness:

- Supported the development of Africa 2010 and BASICS workplan, particularly activities related to improving the quality of services for case management of childhood illness provided by formal and informal private practitioners. Participated in CORE review and priority setting meeting.
- Reviewed and provided written comments on "Zambia Integrated Management of Malaria and Pneumonia Study".
- Conducted final editing and submitted for publication, at Tropical Medicine and International Health, an article on "*Negotiating improved case management of childhood illness with formal and informal private practitioners in Uganda*".
- Review and provided technical comments on the Detailed Implementation Plan (DIP) for the Salvation Army World Service Office for Chikankata Child Survival Project in Zambia for USAID Child Survival and Health Grants Program.

Other Activities:

Participated in the Senegal Country Team meeting on May 9, 2006.

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

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

Maternal and Child Health Division to provide programmatic and technical support to immunization programs and activities and in the technical oversight of HIDN projects working in the area of immunization. In addition, she provides programmatic support to HIDN's infectious disease surveillance activities, including the European Infectious Disease Information Systems (EIDIS) Project and the African Field Epidemiology

Network (AFENET).

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

During this quarter, Ms Weaver traveled to Geneva, Switzerland to take part in the 2006 Global Immunization Meeting held at the headquarters of the World Health Organization. Ms Weaver continued to collaborate with the Field Epidemiology Training Programs in Africa and the African Field Epidemiology Network (AFENET) this quarter to implement an immunization training grants program she has developed for epidemiologists-in-training in Africa. As part of this effort, Ms. Weaver traveled to Atlanta, Georgia in May to facilitate a proposal review meeting with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC).

This quarter, Ms Weaver continued providing technical assistance to HIDN's Infectious Disease Division to develop a new interagency agreement with the CDC. She also provided technical guidance to the Child Survival and Health Grants Program (CSHGP) for the revision of key immunization indicators and took the lead in revising the Immunization Technical Reference Materials (TRM) for the program.

This quarter, Ms Weaver has provided oversight in the development and translation of a Spanish version of *Immunization Essentials: A Practical Field Guide*, a popular publication produced by USAID that provides technically and operationally sound information for immunization program managers in developing countries and field staff of donor agencies. In addition, Ms. Weaver began developing an immunization course for the USAID Global Health E-learning Center.

In July, Ms Weaver plans to travel to Madagascar as a member of an immunization assessment team.

Health and Child Survival Interns

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

Two Health and Child Survival Interns began their internships this past quarter. Dr. Maha F. Hag-Alshiekh and Ms. Kiesha McCurtis. Their introductions are located in the **Introducing New Health and Child Survival Fellows and Interns** section of this report starting on page 4.



While she was in Zambia, Ms. Canahuati visited several HIV including PEPFAR funded programs at Chikinkata and Monze Hospitals, RAPIDS a Zambia supported HIV program that includes food aid from Title II and a C-SAFE/OFDA pilot site on nutritional surveillance.

Former Health and Child Survival Fellows and Interns

Liane Adams, MPH
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Neen Alrutz, MS
Karen Angelici, MPP
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Joan Atkinson, MPH
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Susan May Bacheller, RN, MA
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Debora Barnes, PhD
Bruce Barrett, MD, PhD
Al Bartlett, MD
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David Boyd, MPH
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Stephen Landry, PhD
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