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## WELCOME FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Dear Friends and Colleagues,

We are excited to have the CORE Group Fall Global Health Practitioner Conference in Washington, DC for two days of stimulating presentations and plenaries, research perspectives, new information circuits and discussions surrounding the theme "Community Health Transitions: Leading for Impact." We will gain different perspectives on community health transitions that occur on multiple levels, challenge existing frameworks and approaches, identify gaps and challenges on multiple levels, and hear from donors on funding mechanisms to address community health transitions, in development and humanitarian contexts.

We are fortunate to have **Emanuele Capobianco**, Deputy Executive Director of WHO's Partnership for Maternal, Newborn and Child Health (PMNCH) as the keynote speaker, as CORE Group amplifies its engagement and strategic partnership with PMNCH at the global and country-level. Plenaries will feature global stakeholders, including Áine Fay (Concern Worldwide U.S.), Aakanksha Pande (World Bank), Justin Pendarvis (OFDA, USASID), Leisel Talley (CDC), Stefan Peterson (UNICEF), Wilson Were (WHO), Rasa Izadnegahdar (Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation), Malia Boggs (USAID), and Mariam Claeson, (Global Financing Facility for Every Woman Every Child, World Bank). We are assured to critically discuss new community health priorities of key donor and policy-focused partners, and our member organizations. This is an action-focused conference, laying the foundation for post-conference priorities and collaborative response for greater impact.

We are also excited to honor **Karen LeBan**, former Executive Director of CORE Group, with the Dory Storms Child Survival Recognition Award, for her contributions, commitment, and leadership. Additionally, please be sure to take advantage of the networking opportunities, working group innovation sessions, and the informal discussions that foster our partnership.

This conference represents months of planning to thoughtfully address our theme "Community Health Transitions: Leading for Impact." Many thanks to everyone who helped make this event possible, including our volunteer planning committee members: Joy Noel Baumgartner (Duke Global Health Institute), Jen Burns (Catholic Relief Services), Dennis Cherian (World Vision), Bethann Witcher Cottrell (CARE), Debora B. Freitas Lopez (Chemonics), Lenette Golding (Alive & Thrive, FHI 360), Dyness Kasungami-Matoba (USAID's Maternal and Child Survival Program, JSI), Corinne Mazzeo (USAID's Maternal and Child Survival Program, Save the Children), Jennifer Nielsen (Helen Keller International), Alfonso Rosales (World Vision), and Janine Schooley (PCI). We also thank our session presenters; our contributing partners and sponsors; innumerable volunteers; our Working Group Chairs; CORE Group staff; and our conference organizer and facilitator Wendy Voet.

We look forward to your valuable contributions and collaboration moving forward.

In partnership,

Lisa M. Hilmi

**CORE Group Executive Director** 

## **CONFERENCE OBJECTIVES**

By the end of this conference, participants will have:

- Challenged existing community health frameworks and discussed ideas for the design of and transition to new methodologies to improve future development and humanitarian efforts.
- 2. Leveraged resources of multiple stakeholders to generate collective evidence and documentation around community-centered approaches and civil society engagement that can be used to influence policy frameworks, strategies and program implementation; disseminated new tools, guidelines and reports while generating new knowledge sharing opportunities.
- 3. Identified and discussed **new community health priorities of key donor** and **policy-focused organizations**; discussed gaps in the global community health platform for an action-oriented post-conference agenda.
- **4. Developed new partnerships** for learning, collaboration, and increased resources to programs that apply community-centered approaches; **amplified existing partnerships** and enhanced collaborative models.

## PARTNER WITH CORE GROUP

CORE Group is a **leader in community health**, working to end preventable maternal, newborn, and child deaths around the world. We have a comparative advantage through **collaborative action** to **promote and safeguard health in communities** and create new models for reaching the most marginalized populations.

As a **neutral, trusted platform** for a coalition of more than 100 members, we work together with the broader global health community to foster **collaboration and learning**, strengthen **technical capacity**, develop **innovative tools and resources**, and advocate for effective community-focused health approaches.

## We are a technical hub for community health approaches:

Reproductive, Maternal, Newborn, Child & Adolescent Health

Infectious & Non-communicable Diseases

Nutrition

Agriculture & Health

Social & Behavior Change

Monitoring & Evaluation

**Equity & Social Accountability** 

Civil Society Engagement

**Program Quality** 

Sustainability & Scale

## BENEFIT FROM CORE GROUP'S STRATEGIC ADVANTAGE:

### STRENGTHENING PROGRAMMATIC IMPACT

CORE Group mobilizes global health actors and stakeholders around evidence-based practices to translate science into effective community-based programming approaches; implement consistent, high impact interventions; and develop common monitoring and evaluation systems. Working together, we ensure that approaches are grounded in evidence-based practice, avoid duplication, and strengthen collective impact at scale.

## **KNOWLEDGE MANAGEMENT**

CORE Group is a recognized leader in knowledge management, providing a wide variety of opportunities for members and partners to better capture and use lessons learned in program implementation, build skills in knowledge management techniques, and collectively discuss and improve the interface between field-based implementation and donor and global directions.

### **COLLABORATIVE RESPONSE**

CORE Group improves collaboration capacity through timely and unified responses to health crises, such as infectious disease outbreaks, by aligning NGOs and governments on key messages, strategies, and approaches. By mobilizing our membership and their strong in-country relationships, we engage key stakeholders in dialogue and collaborative, evidence-based action for programmatic efficacy. In these responses, we prioritize addressing gaps in community health and empowering civil society to ensure a smooth transition from emergency to sustainable development.

Let's explore the possibilities! Contact John McPhail, Senior Director of Partnership & Business Development:

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## WORKING GROUPS

CORE Group's Working Groups push the field of community health forward by focusing on specific technical and cross-cutting issues. As the *Community Health Network* works to fulfill our vision of health and well-being for underserved communities in low- and middle-income countries, Working Groups help articulate that vision from a practical standpoint, identify barriers, and figure out how to move past them.

Working Groups contribute to:

- Developing state-of-the-art tools, practices, and strategies to benefit field programs
- Exchanging information related to best practices, resources, and opportunities
- · Linking with academics, advocates, and private resources and expertise
- Fostering their own professional development
- Building organizational partnerships and capacity
- Articulating the community health perspective in global policy dialogues and alliances

Working Groups are teams of individuals from multiple organizations interested in contributing to further development and understanding of a technical or cross-cutting topic. The groups are self-organizing, self-governing, and adaptive entities that transcend organizational boundaries. Working Groups develop and implement collaborative activities aimed at improving international health and development. Working Groups are established and maintained based on the interest of CORE Group Membership.

### **GET INVOLVED**

We encourage everyone to join a Working Group session Thursday afternoon (see page 19 for more information).

Also be sure to sign up for Working Group listservs (see next page). By joining a Working Group listserv, you will receive related communications and updates, and you will be able to write directly to the group to share information and announcements, as well as solicit input on related areas of interest.

WORKING GROUP	CO-CHAIRS	
CHILD HEALTH	ТВА	
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REPRODUCTIVE, MATERNAL, NEWBORN, AND ADOLESCENT HEALTH	Maternal and Newborn Health: Corinne Mazzeo, USAID's Maternal and Child Survival Program, Save the Children Cindy Uttley, Samaritan's Purse	Sexual and Reproductive Health and Adolescents: Mychelle Farmer, Jhpiego Regina Benevides, E2A Project, Pathfinder International
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## CONNECT WITH CORE GROUP'S INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY HEALTH NETWORK

## Are you getting the most out of CORE Group?

Receive important announcements from CORE Group, our 100+ Members, and the broader global health community; engage in discussions; and share your own news, resources, events, and more.

\*Attention Members: Look out for a Membership Survey in your inbox this November!

### **NETWORK.COREGROUP.ORG**

Join the online home of the International Community Health Network at network.coregroup.org, where you will find upcoming events, new tools and resources, discussion groups, and more.

### LISTSERVS

Use the following listservs to stay up-to-date on these important topics and contribute your own thoughts and announcements to the groups.

Not subscribed yet? Send a blank email to the addresses below, adding "-subscribe" after the group name. Example: cgcommunity-subscribe@lists.coregroup.org

## **CORE Group Community**

Global community health announcements relevant to all: cgcommunity@lists.coregroup.org

### **Working Groups**

Child Health	cch@lists.coregroup.org
Community-centered Health Systems Strengthening	hss@lists.coregroup.org
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Nutrition	nutrition@lists.coregroup.org
Reproductive, Maternal, Newborn & Adolescent Health	rmnah@lists.coregroup.org
Social & Behavior Change	sbc@lists.coregroup.org

## **Interest Groups**

Humanitarian- Development Task Force	humanitarian@lists.coregroup.org
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Non-communicable Diseases	ncd@lists.coregroup.org
Tuberculosis	tb@lists.coregroup.org

## **NEWSLETTERS**

## **Member Highlights eNewsletter**

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CORE Group is a partner on USAID's Maternal and Child Survival Program (MCSP), a project that aims to end preventable child and maternal deaths in 25 high-priority countries. Within MCSP, CORE Group is an active member of the cross-cutting Community Health and Civil Society Engagement team, using our expertise in helping non-governmental organizations collaborate with government partners and other NGOs to improve health for communities and families. CORE Group also diffuses MCSP information to our members and creates a forum for MCSP to solicit targeted input and feedback from an array of community health practitioners.

CORE Group has been instrumental in developing MCSP's Civil Society Engagement Strategy. A recently published literature review, authored by CORE Group staff, showcases the potential of civil society engagement to strengthen national health systems. CORE Group has also developed a Social Accountability Tools document that will be continously updated to identify new guides and tools for effective social accountability strategies.

Building on CORE Group's role to mobilize members and partners around evidence-based practices, CORE Group led the development of a pilot strategy for community volunteers to improve newborn health by reaching marginalized populations in a pastoralist border area in Ethiopia through an NGO immunization platform. The pilot work and evaluation study were conducted in the Somali region through June 2016 in partnership with the Consortium of Christian Relief & Development Associations in Ethiopia. In August 2016, a workshop was held in Addis Ababa to disseminate results of the project's final assessment, which show encouraging results for the feasibility of using established immunization platforms to promote newborn health messages. A final report will be distributed shortly.

Learn more at www.mcsprogram.org.

## THE TOPS PROGRAM







CORE Group is a partner on The Technical and Operational Performance Support Program (TOPS), a USAID/Food for Peace (FFP)-funded program that builds the capacity of FFP grantees and improves the quality of implementation through fostering collaboration, innovation, and knowledge sharing around food security and nutrition best practices.

CORE Group brings expertise in cultivating collaborative learning environments through facilitation, planning and leading participatory learning events, and furthering capacity and skills building in order to nurture an open community of practice, the Food Security and Nutrition (FSN) Network.

The main features of the FSN Network include:

- **Knowledge Sharing Meetings**, multi-day meetings held around the world that prioritize knowledge exchange through discussion and activity to stimulate cross-organizational collaboration and learning.
- Task Forces in key areas including Agriculture & Natural Resource Management, Social & Behavioral Change, Monitoring
   & Evaluation, Nutrition, Knowledge Management, Resilience, Gender, and Commodity Management.
- **FSNNetwork.org**, the online home for the community of practice, with online discussions, over 700 resources, upcoming events, FFP updates and relevant news, and materials from past meetings and webinars.
- FSN Network News, a bi-weekly e-newsletter that engages and informs over 2,400 subscribers.

Learn more at www.fsnnetwork.org.



The CORE Group Polio Project (CGPP) is a multi-country, multi-partner initiative providing financial backing and on-the-ground technical guidance and support to strengthen host country efforts to eradicate polio. CGPP contributes to polio eradication by working through more than 10,000 community health workers who support campaigns, conduct community-based AFP surveillance, promote routine immunization, track the vaccination status of under fives, newborns, and pregnant women, and mobilize communities to actively participate in vaccination services. The project conducts independent campaign monitoring, cross-border eradication activities, and advocacy, as well as supporting campaign and routine logistics, and AFP surveillance.

This is done as a coalition of national and international NGOs whose dedication, experience, and professionalism demonstrate the value and contribution of civil society to polio eradication and community health throughout the developing world.

The CORE Group Polio Project uses a secretariat model to coordinate the work of its 48 partners in seven countries. The secretariat is a central country office headed by a director or team leader that coordinates and supervises the work of partner NGOs in each country, represents civil society engagement in polio eradication to ministries of health, WHO, UNICEF, CDC, Rotary, and donors, and communicates national and global policies to the member NGOs. Fundamentally, the secretariats ensure that partner NGOs complement rather than duplicate the work of other agencies and that NGO partners know and follow national and global polio eradication policies. The secretariats also give civil society a voice and representation on national and regional polio eradication planning committees.

Learn more at www.coregroup.org/polio.

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## 2016 DORY STORMS AWARD WINNER: KAREN LEBAN



Karen LeBan served as Executive Director of CORE Group from 2002 - 2015, and we are delighted to honor her with this award.

CORE Group Board Member Janine Schooley wrote the following tribute to Karen.

I cannot think of anyone more deserving of the Dory Storms Child Survival Recognition Award than our own Karen LeBan. Karen has been a recognized leader in the field of child survival and global health since 1999 and, knowing Karen, she was likely a leader, albeit more behind the scenes, well before then.

Karen began her career as a USAID Development Intern in Bolivia, moving from there to several positions in the field and at headquarters with Save the Children. In 1999, Karen became PVO Liaison with BASICS, the Basic Support for Institutionalizing Child Survival Initiative. In 2002 she became Executive Director of CORE Group which also brought her onto two important Steering

Committees: the US Committee for Child Survival (2003-2010) and the US Coalition for Child Survival (2002-2010). Her contributions to these complex, multi-sectoral, multi-organizational committees were not those of a flame throwing ideologue, but rather one of quiet strength, wisdom and a never wavering devotion to the community-based, integrated health and development programming that is so essential for the health and well-being of mothers, children and families around the globe.

While Karen achieved much in her career prior to coming to CORE Group, it is her steady, thoughtful, committed, intelligent, devoted and insightful leadership as Executive Director of CORE Group for 14 years (2002-2015) that is most worthy of this particular recognition. In reviewing Karen's legacy at CORE Group, it is impossible to separate out her personal contributions from the contributions of CORE Group itself, so fully has Karen infused the organization with her vision, her belief system, and her heartfelt approach to community-driven global health. It is obvious that her fingerprints are on just about everything that the CORE Group has done, developed, published, learned, shared, taught and discovered over the years. Her steadfast commitment to community engagement, to listening and learning from those we serve, are well reflected in the products of CORE - from C-IMCI to Designing for Behavior Change, from PD-Hearth to Care Groups – Karen's belief in collaborative work has led to the widespread utilization of so many approaches and models that are evidence-based, practical, life-affirming and life-saving.

Karen personifies what is at the heart of CORE Group, which is the spirit of collaboration, of learning and sharing, of the whole being greater than the sum of its parts. She has shaped a culture of collaboration that we have all benefitted from, not just as individual participants in CORE Group activities, but as organizations, small and large, that have gained much from Karen's open and approachable style of interaction and the collaborative atmosphere that starts with Karen and flows throughout the organization and membership. It is in large part due to Karen's ability to engage across a wide variety of actors that CORE Group members are valued for collaborative work and long-standing ties to communities and why CORE Group has been recognized for its role in polio eradication in India, among so many other achievements. Karen exemplifies CORE members' ability to serve as a necessary bridge between a mother undergoing a risk-laden pregnancy and a government functionary drafting new national health sector policies, or between a Care Group in a village and a global conference room in Geneva.

In addition to the innovative tools, the collaborative environment, and the technical expertise Karen, through CORE, has brought us over these last 14 years, she has been a tremendous operational leader of the organization as well, navigating with grace, hard work, and nonstop dedication what has often been a very challenging course. Karen is a consummate mentor to staff and colleagues, a supportive supervisor and trusted colleague like no other. Her "tenacity with optimism" in the face of adversity has been a hallmark of her leadership. And through it all, Karen has served as a faithful steward of CORE Group resources, as the stalwart protector of the organization's integrity and the thought leader for growing its influence and significance.

Karen has helped us fulfill the promise of Alma Alta through her hard work, her nurturing, and her quiet but firm voice of wisdom. She commands our loyalty, our respect and our recognition in a way that is not commanding at all, but rather gentle and ultimately more powerful.

The Dory Storms Award is presented annually to a person(s) who demonstrated courage, leadership, and commitment to helping NGOs have an impact on and effectively implement programs that end child deaths. Learn more and see a list of past winners at www.coregroup.org/dorystorms.

## **KEYNOTE SPEAKER: EMANUELE CAPOBIANCO**



## Emanuele Capobianco Deputy Executive-Director, Partnership for Maternal, Newborn & Child Health

Emanuele Capobianco is the Partnership for Maternal, Newborn and Child Health Deputy Executive-Director and joins the Partnership from the Global Fund where he worked as Senior Policy Advisor in the Office of the Executive Director, leading the development of the 2017-2022 Global Fund Strategy and providing strategic and technical advice on critical policy issues like Global Fund's engagement in fragile settings and in health system strengthening.

Before moving to Geneva in November 2014, Emanuele was the Chief of Health and Nutrition in UNICEF Mozambique, where he worked for four years to advance health outcomes for Mozambican children and women.

Previously he was at the World Bank as Senior Health Specialist, managing a large portfolio of grants, particularly in South Asia and Eastern Africa. He also worked in Somalia to support the EPI, Polio and Tuberculosis programs; and at the WHO Regional Office for the Eastern Mediterranean promoting the STOP TB partnership in the Middle East.

Emanuele holds a Medical Degree from Pavia University, a Master in Public Health from Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health, and a MSc in Humanitarian Assistance from Rome University.

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Dr. Capobianco will deliver his keynote address, "Adapting to a World in Transition," during the opening session on Thursday, October 13.

The address will be recorded and made available at www.coregroup.org following the conference.

## **AGENDA AT-A-GLANCE: THURSDAY, OCTOBER 13**

8:00am-8:30am	Breakfast & Registration
8:30am-9:45am	OPENING & KEYNOTE   Page 15
Academy Hall	Welcome: Judy Lewis, CORE Group Board of Directors Chair
, , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , ,	Presentation of 2016 Dory Storms Child Survival Recognition Award to Karen LeBan
	Keynote: Adapting to a World in Transition
	Emanuele Capobianco, Deputy Executive Director, Partnership for Maternal, Newborn & Child Health
9:45am-10:45am	SIXTY-SECOND SCIENCE   Page 15
Academy Hall	Short-form Research Presentations with Question & Answer
,	Coffee & Networking   Expo Tables Open
	CONCURRENT SESSIONS   Page 16
Academy Hall	Global Health Youth Policy
readenly rian	Cate Lane, Bureau for Global Health, USAID; Mike McCabe, USAID; Regina Benevides, Pathfinder
Vista Room	Transitions in Monitoring and Evaluation of Social and Behavior Change: Measuring the Hard-to-Measure with
Vista Nooiii	Complexity Awareness
	Grace Awantang, Johns Hopkins Center for Communication Programs; Lenette Golding, Alive & Thrive, FHI 360; Joseph
	Petraglia, Pathfinder; Laurie Krieger, Manoff Group; Susan Igas, Institute of Reproductive Health, Georgetown University; Stephen Rahaim, Palladium (Moderator)
Balcony Room B	New Tools to Support Advocacy for Investing in Nutrition as the Foundation for Development
,	Kavita Sethurama, FANTA, FHI 360; Jack Clift, Results for Development; Mary D'Alimonte, Results for Development; Jennifer
	Nielsen, Helen Keller International (Moderator)
Balcony Room D	From A to Zika: Services and Support for Women in the Face of Zika
	Mark Hathaway, USAID's Maternal and Child Survival Program, Jhpiego; Alfonso Rosales, World Vision; Corinne Mazzeo, USAID's Maternal and Child Survival Program, Save the Children (Moderator)
Balcony Room E	Mental Health and Humanitarian Response
,	Ashley Leichner, International Medical Corps; Robin Contino, Catholic Relief Services; Dennis Cherian, World Vision
12:30pm-2:00pm	LUNCH   EXPO TABLES OPEN
12:45pm-1:45pm	OPTIONAL LUNCHTIME SESSIONS   Page 18
Academy Hall	Lunch Table   CORE Group 20th Anniversary Planning Meeting
Academy Hall	Lunch Table   CORE Group Young Professionals Network
Vista Room	Design for Adaptive Practice: a Community of Practice Approach
	Luis Ortiz Echevarría, Management Sciences for Health; Kirsten Bording Collins, AdaptivePurpose LLC
Balcony Room B	Strengthening Anemia Programming: A Hands-on Introduction to the Landscape Analysis Guidance and the
	District Assessment Tool
Dalaani Daani D	Teemar Fisseha, SPRING, JSI; Jennifer Burns, Catholic Relief Services
Balcony Room D	Life Saving Reproductive Health Services in Humanitarian Settings: Family Planning & Post Abortion Care
2:00pm-3:30pm	Janet Meyers, Save the Children  WORKING GROUP SESSIONS: PLANNING AND INNOVATION FOR FY2017   Page 19
	Community-centered Health Systems Strengthening Working Group
Academy Hall Vista Room	
	Social & Behavior Change Working Group
Balcony Room B	Nutrition Working Group
Balcony Room D	Monitoring & Evaluation Working Group
Balcony Room E	Reproductive, Maternal, Newborn & Adolescent Health Working Group
3:30pm-4:00pm	Coffee & Networking   Expo Tables Open
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4:00pm-5:30pm	The Humanitarian Davidonment News The Pole of Community Health in Building Many Effective Description
4:00pm-5:30pm Academy Hall	The Humanitarian-Development Nexus: The Role of Community Health in Building More Effective Responses  Áine Fay, Concern Worldwide U.S.: Aakanksha Pande, World Bank: Justin Pendaryis, OEDA, USAID: Leisel Talley, Centers for
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## AGENDA AT-A-GLANCE: FRIDAY, OCTOBER 14

7:45am-8:15am	Breakfast & Registration
8:15am-10:15am	PLENARY   Page 21
Academy Hall	Child Health Policy and Programming Transitions
	Malia Boggs, Bureau for Global Health, USAID; Mariam Claeson, Global Financing Facility for Every Woman Every Child, World
	Bank; Sarah Dalglish, Independent; Rasa Izadnegahdar, Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation; Stefan Peterson, UNICEF; Mary E.
	Taylor, Independent; Wilson Were, WHO; David Oot, Save the Children (Moderator)
	WORKING GROUP CHAIR RECOGNITION
10:15am-11:15am	NEW INFORMATION CIRCUIT   Page 21
Academy Hall	Introductory Remarks from Pierre Paul, Partners in Health
	Rotating table presentations on new and innovative programs and initiatives
11:15am-11:30am	Coffee & Networking   Expo Tables Open
11:30am-1:00pm	CONCURRENT SESSIONS   Page 25
Academy Hall	Urbanization and Health: Oxymoron or Opportunity?
	Charles (Chuck) Setchell, OFDA, USAID; Janine Schooley, PCI; Megan Christensen, Concern Worldwide U.S.
Vista Room	Gender Integration Approaches for Zika and Other Vector-borne Diseases
	Niyati Shah, Bureau for Global Health, USAID; Norbert De Anda, Population Services International; Elana Landes Fiekowsky,
	USAID's Maternal and Child Survival Program, Jhpiego; Debora B. Freitas López, Chemonics International
Balcony Room D	The Triple Burden of Malnutrition and Inappropriate Feeding of Junk Foods to Children Under 2
	Justine Kavle, USAID's Maternal and Child Survival Program, PATH; Elizabeth Zehner, Helen Keller International; Inge Kauer,
	Access to Nutrition Foundation; Chessa Lutter, Pan American Health Organization (Moderator)
Balcony Room E	Mental Health Integration into HIV, MCH, and Other Platforms
1.00 2.00	Joy Noel Baumgartner, Duke Global Health Institute; Melissa Sharer, JSI; Regina Benevides, Pathfinder International
1:00pm-2:00pm	LUNCH   EXPO TABLES OPEN
Balcony Lounge	Working Group Chair Meeting
2:00pm-5:00pm Academy Hall	HALF-DAY WORKSHOPS   Page 27 Risky Business: Risk Management in Philanthropy
Academy nam	Maya Winkelstein and Laurie Michaels, Open Road Alliance; James Joseph, Arnold & Porter
Vista Room	
VISTA NOUIII	Social Analysis and Action: An Approach for Social Norm Change Bethann Witcher Cottrell and Feven (Tassew) Mekuria, CARE
Balcony Room D	Link Nutrition Causal Analysis Tool
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## **OPENING & KEYNOTE | 8:30AM | ACADEMY HALL**

### Welcome

Judy Lewis, CORE Group Board of Directors Chair

Presentation of 2016 Dory Storms Child Survival Recognition Award to Karen LeBan

## **Introduction of Keynote**

Lisa Hilmi, CORE Group Executive Director

## **Keynote: Adapting to a World in Transition**

Emanuele Capobianco, Deputy Executive Director, Partnership for Maternal, Newborn & Child Health (PMNCH)

## SIXTY-SECOND SCIENCE | 9:45AM | ACADEMY HALL

## Maternal, Newborn and Child Health

- Faith Leaders Advocate for Improved Spacing of Pregnancy/Family Planning and Stronger Maternal and Child Health Outcomes, Susan Otchere, World Vision
- Armenia "Go Baby Go:" A Quasi-experimental Intervention-Control Study, Rhonda Holloway, World Vision
- Recognition of and Care-seeking for Newborn Complications in Jayawijaya District, Papua Province, Indonesia: A Qualitative Study, Rhonda Holloway, World Vision
- Acceptability, Feasibility, and Impact of Adherence Partners to Support Prenatal Micronutrient Supplementation, Stephanie Martin, Cornell University
- Initiative to Halve Post-partum Hemorrhage (PPH) mortality, Anders Seim, Health & Development International (HDI)

### Nutrition

- CRS Assessments on the Role of Indigenous African Plant Foods in Resiliency and Dietary Diversity in Malawi, Uganda, and Zambia, Alexandra M. Towns, Catholic Relief Services
- Barrier Analyses on Maternal Health and Nutrition Behaviors in the Syrian Refugee Crisis: Findings from Lebanon, Jordan, and Turkey, Shiromi Perera, International Medical Corps
- Cost of the Diet Assessment in Azraq Refugee Camp: Opportunities and Challenges in Adapting and Utilizing this Tool for a Closed Refugee Camp Setting, Suzanne Brinkmann, International Medical Corps
- Assessment of Adolescent Girl Nutrition, Dietary Practices, and Roles in Zimbabwe, Amelia Reese Masterson, International Medical Corps
- The Nutrition Transition in Nicaragua, Dan Fenyvesi, Fulbright Scholar Program

## Community Health Approaches, Vector-borne illness and Violence Prevention

- Dashboards for Performance Management of Community Health Workers (CHWs), Jill Shah, Medic Mobile
- Zika Virus Knowledge Among the Population of Four Municipalities in Honduras: A Cross-sectional Survey in Honduras, Alfonso Rosales, World Vision
- CHW Health Service Delivery in Rural Zimbabwe: Client Perspectives about CHWs and Implications for Programs, Rukundo Kambarami, Cornell University
- Reducing Volence Against Women, Jhumka Gupta, George Mason University
- Health Infrastructure: The Science Behind Staff, Stuff, Space and Systems, Pierre Paul, Partners in Health

## **CONCURRENT SESSIONS | 11:00AM**

## **Global Health Youth Policy**

11:00am - 12:30pm | Academy Hall

Cate Lane, Bureau for Global Health, USAID; Mike McCabe, USAID; Regina Benevides, Pathfinder

This session will provide CORE Group members with an opportunity to explore adolescent health priorities through a development framework. As we transition from the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) to the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), we are also transitioning to a broader vision of adolescent health and well-being. This session will present examples of multi-sectoral approaches that include positive youth development and economic empowerment for youth. Special considerations for first time parents will also be addressed. Participants in this session should come prepared to review and discuss effective interventions at the community and national levels that will promote health transitions for adolescents and youth.

By the end of this session, participants will have:

- Applied the principles of positive youth development to sustainable adolescent health programming.
- Learned to explain the relationship of youth economic empowerment and the achievement of SDG goals and targets, as it relates to healthy transitions for adolescents.
- Identified at least two socio-cultural interventions that can support healthy transitions for young, first-time parents.

## Transitions in Monitoring and Evaluation of Social and Behavior Change (SBC): Measuring the Hard-to-Measure with Complexity Awareness

11:00am - 12:30pm | Vista Room

Grace Awantang, Johns Hopkins Center for Communication Programs; Lenette Golding, Alive & Thrive, FHI 360; Joseph Petraglia, Pathfinder; Laurie Krieger, Manoff Group; Susan Igas, Institute for Reproductive Health, Georgetown University; Stephen Rahaim, Palladium (Moderator)

The use of inappropriate research approaches has left many unanswered questions such as, "What makes SBC interventions work?" "For whom?" "Why?" and "For how long? In what context?" Fortunately, there are many approaches that can provide a fuller and more realistic picture of the SBC process, shed light on different issues, and increase the strength and rigor of evaluation findings. This session will describe and demonstrate how different approaches should and should not be used in practice according to the level of complexity.

By the end of this session, participants will have:

- Described experimental, quasi-experimental, qualitative, mixed-methods, complexity-aware approaches.
- Developed research questions and matched these questions with appropriate research approaches and methods, based on a provided scenario.
- Discussed how and when various approaches and methods are appropriate to use according to the level of complexity.

## New Tools to Support Advocacy for Investing in Nutrition as the Foundation for Development 11:00am – 12:30pm | Balcony Room B

Kavita Sethurama, FANTA, FHI 360; Jack Clift, Results for Development; Mary D'Alimonte, Results for Development; Jennifer Nielsen, Helen Keller International (Moderator)

Mounting research shows the enormous economic, health, and welfare returns to investments in nutrition, yet global and country investments are still far lower than they should be. Analysts from the World Bank and Results for Development (R4D) have costed out donor and country contributions to scale up proven interventions and presented them in a clear, actionable format. In addition, FANTA has developed the PROFILES tool, which consists of a set of computer-based models that calculate consequences if malnutrition does not improve over a defined time period (e.g., 10 years) and the benefits of improved nutrition over the same time period. The two newest PROFILES models estimate the number of children's lives that could be saved and the number of children prevented from becoming overweight/obese related to improved breastfeeding practices. Presenters will describe these important tools and how they can be applied.

By the end of this session, participants will have:

- Understood the key messages of Investing in Nutrition-The Foundation for Development report and discussed how the framework is linked to the global Scaling Up Nutrition movement, the REACH initiative, and other ongoing works.
- Learned about (1) Scaling Up Nutrition cost estimate methodologies (Common Results Framework or CRF Planning tool), (2) resources available through the SUN website, and (3) FANTA's nutrition advocacy process using the newly-revised PROFILES tool.
- Discussed how key tools and approaches presented can be applied in nutritional advocacy efforts at country, regional, and global levels.

## From A to Zika: Services and Support for Women in the Face of Zika

## 11:00am - 12:30pm | Balcony Room D

Mark Hathaway, USAID's Maternal and Child Survival Program, Jhpiego; Alfonso Rosales, World Vision; Corinne Mazzeo, USAID's Maternal and Child Survival Program, Save the Children (Moderator)

The ongoing Zika virus outbreak poses significant risks for pregnant women and their unborn children, and challenges for health systems as they work to respond to the outbreak and provide women, their partners, and affected families the services and support they need. In this session, we will discuss the latest information about Zika as it relates to reproductive, maternal, newborn, and adolescent health (RMNAH), with a particular focus on the situation in the Latin American and Caribbean (LAC) region. We will also explore challenges and opportunities in integrating Zika response activities into existing RMNAH and community health platforms.

By the end of this session, participants will have:

- Gained an understanding of the latest information on the Zika outbreak, the implications for women's and children's health, and key prevention options.
- Considered gaps and opportunities related to knowledge and behaviors among populations vulnerable to Zika, and how this information can inform program design.
- Discuss challenges and opportunities related to integrating Zika response efforts into existing RMNAH platforms.

### Mental Health and Humanitarian Response

### 11:00am - 12:30pm | Balcony Room E

Ashley Leichner, International Medical Corps; Robin Contino, Catholic Relief Services; Dennis Cherian, World Vision

This session will consider the critical components of mental health and psychosocial support programming within humanitarian response. We will begin with an overview of the Mental Health and Psycho Social Support (MHPSS) needs in emergencies and discuss the basic principles and guidelines, which support the initial response for MHPSS (e.g. IASC Guidelines on Mental Health and Psychosocial Support in Emergency Settings). Next, we will ask participants to break into groups so that we can discuss common challenges and opportunities for applying MHPSS approaches within general humanitarian response, including links with a variety of sectors (e.g. WASH, Shelter, Health). Our panelists will share case examples of recent emergency MHPSS programs in Uganda, Kenya, the Middle East, and more!

By the end of the session, participants will have:

- Discussed key guidelines that are used in the field (such as IASC Guidelines on MHPSS in Emergency Settings) to guide MHPSS considerations, interventions, and activities.
- Identified ways that MHPSS guidelines can be incorporated into routine humanitarian responses.
- Learned from panelists about their experience in supporting programs, conducting assessments, coordinating with other actors, and preparing for recovery and development programming.

## **LUNCHTIME SESSIONS | 12:45PM**

## **Lunch Table: CORE Group 20th Anniversary Planning Meeting**

12:45pm – 1:45pm | Academy Hall

Michelle Shapiro and Erin Murray, CORE Group

June 2017 marks 20 years since CORE Group began! We plan to celebrate throughout the year, and we would like your feedback as we continue the planning process.

## **Lunch Table: CORE Group Young Professionals Network**

12:45pm – 1:45pm | Academy Hall

Pauline Lee, Chemonics; Denise Phelps, Independent; Adrienne Todela, CORE Group

Find out more about CORE Group's new Young Professionals Network, geared toward global health professionals 21 to 35 years old. We will discuss upcoming events and opportunities, and how to get more involved.

## Design for Adaptive Practice: A Community of Practice (CoP) Approach

12:45pm – 1:45pm | Vista Room

Luis Ortiz Echevarría, Management Sciences for Health; Kirsten Bording Collins, AdaptivePurpose, LLC

Recognizing the need and interest in adaptive approaches to planning and evaluation, a group of diverse practitioners from different organizations formed a CoP in early 2016. The purpose of the CoP is to share knowledge and experience with complexity-aware, adaptive approaches across diverse disciplines. Using a CoP as the platform for planning, learning, and sharing, a community meeting was held in June 2016, where stakeholders were invited to participate in a quasi-mapping activity on the landscape of adaptive practice. Over 30 individuals came together to discuss how various actors are connected to each other—through shared theoretical foundations or through active collaboration—in regard to adaptive practice. This lunch session will describe the community meeting mapping exercise and discussion. What was discussed? What went well? What could be improved? We will show a short time-lapsed video of the mapping exercise followed by a few takeaways from our interpretation of the exercise and maps. Given that the CoP is new, this lunch session is both an opportunity to learn from what has worked well in initiating a CoP on this topic and also brainstorm ways to further nurture discussion in a trending topic such as adaptive practice.

By the end of this session, participants will have:

- Described an experience using a CoP approach in cultivating discussions about adaptive practice in development programs.
- Discussed how to nurture, grow, and sustain a CoP on adaptive practice with stakeholders from a variety of backgrounds and disciplines.

## Strengthening Anemia Programming: A Hands-on Introduction to the Landscape Analysis Guidance and the District Assessment Tool

12:45pm - 1:45pm | Balcony Room B

Teemar Fisseha, SPRING, JSI; Jennifer Burns, Catholic Relief Services

The USAID-funded SPRING project has developed two new anemia-related resources: Landscape Analysis Guidance that provides detailed information to policy makers and program implementers on how to gather, understand, and use anemia-related data; and a District Assessment Tool for Anemia (DATA) that assists program managers in strengthening anemia programming at the district level. During this lunchtime session, SPRING will introduce the Landscape Analysis Guidance and DATA to participants, highlighting their role in promoting multi-sectoral and data-driven efforts to improve anemia programming.

By the end of this session, participants will have:

- Learned about two new powerful anemia-related resources (Landscape Analysis Guidance and DATA).
- Discussed SPRING's work in promoting partnerships and data-driven decision making related to anemia programming.

## Life Saving Reproductive Health Services in Humanitarian Settings: Family Planning and Post Abortion Care 12:45pm – 1:45pm | Balcony Room D

Janet Meyers, Save the Children

Sixty percent of preventable maternal deaths and 53% of newborn and under-five deaths now take place in zones of conflict and displacement. The Minimum Initial Service Package for RH in emergencies (MISP) is an interagency accepted lifesaving set of priority actions. Save the Children will talk about its approach to increase access to quality family planning, particularly long-acting methods, and post abortion care services in a number of conflict affected countries.

## WORKING GROUP SESSIONS: PLANNING AND INNOVATIONS FOR FY2017 | 2:00PM

## **Community-Centered Health Systems Strengthening**

2:00pm - 3:30pm | Academy Hall

Co-Chairs: Alfonso Rosales, World Vision; Megan Christensen, Concern Worldwide

Come energized, ready to participate, and willing to contribute to the 2016-17 workplan and its deliverables! Alfonso Rosales and Megan Christensen will lead the Community Centered Health System Working Group in a review of the annual workplan—developed following the Spring CORE meeting; and facilitate a discussion on the progress achieved to date as well as make amendments to the workplan, including prioritization of activities. We also plan to engage colleagues from MCSP to provide updates on the status of the MCSP-WHO Community Implementation Principles paper as well as share new guides on community health programming and social accountability. Finally, we will review thematic areas for which members have local success stories, learning and evidence that can be pitched at international conferences and other forums to increase visibility and advocacy for community health systems.

## **Social and Behavior Change**

2:00pm - 3:30pm | Vista Room

Co-Chairs: Lenette Golding, Alive & Thrive, FHI 360; Joseph Petraglia, Pathfinder International; Debora B. Freitas López, Chemonics International

The Social and Behavior Change Working Group will explore a variety of technical topics and discuss current priorities and strategic directions for the working group.

### Nutrition

## 2:00pm - 3:30pm | Balcony B

Co-Chairs: Jen Burns, Catholic Relief Services; Justine Kavle, USAID's Maternal and Child Survival Program, PATH

The Nutrition Working Group will review its annual work plan and discuss how to move forward with initiatives focused on the triple burden of malnutrition; integration of Community Case Management and Community-based Management of Acute Malnutrition; nutrition-sensitive integration; anemia; Essential Nutrition Actions; and technical webinars. In addition, on behalf of the TOPS/Food Security and Nutrition Network, Joan Jennings will present an integrated agriculture and nutrition tool and facilitate a discussion on using it in programming. Lastly, we'll have updates on new co-chairs.

### **Monitoring & Evaluation**

2:00pm - 3:30pm | Balcony D

Co-Chairs: Claire Boswell, The TOPS Program, Food for the Hungry; Dora Curry, CARE

The CORE Group Monitoring and Evaluation Working group will work on three major projects during its working time at this year's Fall Conference: 1) Determining a "right-sized" list of key field-level M&E competencies as a first step in developing a resource for M&E capacity building for frontline/community health workers; 2) Reviewing, revising, and preparing to repilot CORE's qualitative data use manual; and 3) roll-out of new modules of the RHFA.

## Reproductive, Maternal, Newborn, & Adolescent Health

2:00pm - 3:30pm | Balcony E

Co-Chairs: Regina Benevides, Pathfinder International; Mychelle Farmer, Jhpiego; Corinne Mazzeo, USAID's Maternal and Child Survival Program, Save the Children; Cindy Uttley, Samaritan's Purse

The Reproductive, Maternal, Newborn, and Adolescent Health Working Group will focus on the following during our Fall 2016 meeting time:

- Revisit the 2016-2017 workplan, including:
  - Review progress made since the Spring Conference and the "relaunch" of the RMNAH working group.
  - Discuss any modifications to the workplan that may be needed (removing or adding activities based on needs identified by the group), including initial plans for the Spring 2017 Conference.
  - Identify group members to lead/collaborate on key activities.
  - Discuss timelines for key activities.
- Discuss working group "operations," including frequency of calls and other communication, to ensure we are meeting members' needs and expectations.

## PLENARY | 4:00PM | ACADEMY HALL

## The Humanitarian-Development Nexus: The Role of Community Health in Building More Effective Responses 4:00pm - 5:30pm | Academy Hall

Áine Fay, Concern Worldwide U.S.; Aakanksha Pande, World Bank; Justin Pendarvis, OFDA, USAID; Leisel Talley, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention; Alfonso Rosales, World Vision (Moderator)

It has become increasingly challenging to fulfill needs of communities in fragile states using traditional strategies that focus on either humanitarian or development programs. There is a lack of harmonized approaches to bridge humanitarian and development responses, thereby limiting and preventing agencies from effectively meeting the needs of vulnerable people. The World Humanitarian Summit, held in Istanbul in May 2016, started to address these key challenges. This plenary session is aimed at continuing that discussion among a community of health practitioners to identify deliberate and focused actions for more effective and coordinated responses that build community resiliency, create an environment which catalyzes more fluid transitions, and promote mixed-method responses to rapidly evolving operating climates.

By the end of this session, participants will have:

- Engaged in a dialogue with humanitarian/emergency response stakeholders as well as development actors in order to promote and build a more harmonized community of practice.
- Discussed what needs exist from the humanitarian/emergency response and development perspectives and identified gaps that exist in current programming.
- Considered a hybrid model that responds to needs of populations living in fragile states, with a specific focus on resiliency and community health.
- Identified next steps by translating dialogue to modes of action that will lead to more responsive funding and synergetic approaches between the humanitarian /emergency and development sectors.

## Keep the conversations going at our **Social Networking Reception**

Thursday, October 13 | 5:30 - 7:30pm FHI 360, Academy Hall Foyer, 8th Floor

## PLENARY | 8:15AM | ACADEMY HALL

## **Child Health Policy and Programming Transitions**

## 8:15am - 10:15am | Academy Hall

Malia Boggs, Bureau for Global Health, USAID; Mariam Claeson, Global Financing Facility for Every Women Every Child, World Bank; Sarah Dalglish, Independent; Rasa Izadnegahdar, Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation; Stefan Peterson, UNICEF; Mary E. Taylor, Independent; Wilson Were, WHO; David Oot, Save the Children (Moderator)

With the transition from the MDGs to SDGs, the child health community is in the process of identifying, reframing, and repositioning the issues that will enable the attainment of the SDG target to reduce preventable child deaths to the target of at least less than 25 per 1000 live births by 2030. Two reviews have been conducted to inform the reframing and repositioning of child health:

- 1. The Mapping of Global Leadership in Child Health conducted by USAID's Maternal and Child Survival Program.
- 2. The strategic review of Integrated Management of Childhood Illness (IMCI) by WHO and UNICEF.

The panel will start with two presentations of key finding of the reviews, followed by discussion involving questions from the audience and targeted questions by the session moderator to the panelists.

By the end of this session, participants will have:

- Shared results of the child health global leadership mapping and the strategic review of IMCI.
- Discussed implications of the findings and recommendations from the two reports.
- Contributed to discussion of global agenda on (a) how to elevate, coordinate, and collaborate on child health; (b) how to advocate for better funding for child health.

## **Working Group Chair Recognition**

## **NEW INFORMATION CIRCUIT | 10:15AM | ACADEMY HALL**

## **Introductory Remarks**

Pierre Paul, Partners in Health

## TABLE 1 | Innovative SBC Method for Community Health Worker Training and Mothers' Empowerment for Behavior Change

Hosted by: Laura C. Altobelli, Future Generations

A Community Health Worker (CHW) training method innovation based on sharing memories of personal experiences from the first 1000 days, called "Sharing Histories," engages, transforms, and empowers CHWs to take ownership of cultural practices and build a new collective understanding. Participants will discuss corroborating psychological research on the functions of memory, and evidence of attributable effects on child stunting reduction in rural Peru.

## TABLE 2 | Drone Technology for Advancing Community Health

Hosted by: Paul Robinson, International Medical Corps

Drones, or unmanned aerial vehicles (UAVs), are rapidly making an appearance in our community health skyline. From mapping and surveillance of stricken communities in the aftermath of a disaster to supplying CHWs with drugs for integrated community case management programming, the UAVs are poised to become the next generation tools—in both the humanitarian and development settings. At this table, participants will learn about the potentials of this innovative technology, and the initial efforts already underway to use them widely. They will be inspired to undertake community health programming in their own organizations and projects using the UAV technology. There will be video clips, slides, handouts, and contact information to share.

## **TABLE 3 | The Intentional Photo**

Hosted by: Richard Lord, Richard Lord Studio

The Intentional Photo provides pointers on how you and your program staff can take pictures that communicate a message. It is aimed at the amateur photographer whose images have important meaning to convey.

## TABLE 4 | Data Can Help Us: Analysis of Participation in Multi-sectoral Programs that Reduce Stunting Hosted by: Joan Jennings, The TOPS Program, Save the Children

Participants will review and discuss three examples of data analysis of participation at final evaluation of multi-sectoral food security programs that achieve reductions in stunting and discuss what this information contributed to future program design. Examples include regression analysis in Honduras FY2000 and Bangladesh FY2010, along with an example of stratification of severity of stunting and cross-tabulation in Mozambique FY2001.

## TABLE 5 | Understanding the Association Between Referrals and Vulnerability and Food Security in Lesotho Hosted by: Claire Gillum, Clinton Sears; Zach Andersson, FHI 360

The goal of the Livelihoods and Food Security Technical Assistance II (LIFT) project is to build the continuum of care for people living with HIV and other vulnerable households. We do this by developing referral systems to connect clients accessing clinical HIV and nutrition services to a range of care and support, focusing on links to economic strengthening, livelihoods, and food security (ES/L/FS) opportunities that can improve their overall health and social outcomes. In March 2016, the LIFT project began collection of outcomes data from clients in Lesotho who had received a referral as part of LIFT-supported referral networks in Mohale's Hoek and Thaba-Tseka Districts. We will present on preliminary activity results, particularly exploring shifts in household-level vulnerability and food security in light of the ongoing El Niño drought, and to engage participants in discussion around how the findings may contribute to our broader understanding of how referrals may enhance resilience of vulnerable populations.

## TABLE 6 | The Role of Knowledge Management in Preventing Zika

Hosted by: Lisa Mwaikambo, Johns Hopkins Center for Communication Programs

To fight Zika, coordinating agencies must prioritize effective knowledge management (KM). KM can: Provide the systems and processes for quickly updating health and emergency guidelines; Disseminate the updated guidelines effectively by leveraging appropriate technologies; Facilitate the coordination of activities among agencies; Help ensure the harmonization of SBCC messages; and Identify knowledge needs and gaps of providers and frontline responders. KM can strengthen the abilities of health program staff at all levels to do their jobs effectively. We applied the lessons we learned from the Ebola outbreak and quickly adapted the Ebola Communication Network for the Zika response. During this session, we will demo the usefulness of the Zika Communication Network for its various target audiences as well as share how it is being leveraged as a broader coordination vehicle among USAID-funded and non-USAID-funded partners.

## TABLE 7 | Supporting Local Partners Through Lean Evaluation Strategies and Tools

Hosted by: Jennifer Headley, Duke Global Health Institute

Looking to help local partners with lean strategies to gather stronger impact data? Come learn about a new suite of evaluation tools developed by the Duke Global Health Institute Evidence Lab. The tools provide lean strategies for estimating out-of-pocket health expenditure, a decision tree to help determine appropriate types of economic analyses and questions, low-resource strategies for strengthening patient-level data, guidelines in leveraging existing data sources prior to expansion, and monitoring organizational reach and influence. The suite of tools may be used to help support a range of local partners—NGOs, social enterprises, CSOs, FBOs, and M&E staff.

## TABLE 8 | ePartogram: Designing a Mobile Decision Support Tool to Improve Labor Management

Hosted by: Lindsay Litwin, Jhpiego

Despite being a global standard for the management of labor, use of the paper partogram in developing countries is low and inconsistent. Challenges to consistent use are related to learning and remembering how to fill it in appropriately, and—once filled in—knowing how to interpret the clinical implications of the observations. Birth attendants may find it cumbersome, time-consuming, and simply fail to see its clinical value. To address the key challenges in partogram use and appropriate management of labor and delivery, Jhpiego, in collaboration with D-tree International, has developed an electronic, tablet-based tool which aims to be easier to use and provides the decision-support missing from the paper version, through reminders and alarms. The tool stores data both locally and on a server, which allows supervisors, referral facilities, and experts real-time access to patient care information. In this session, we will demonstrate the application,

showing the features and functionality of the electronic partogram, as well as discuss lessons learned and potential challenges around practical implementation of an electronic tool during labor and delivery.

## TABLE 9 | Microfinance, Community Health Workers and Insurance Agents, Oh My!

Hosted by: Cassie Chandler, Freedom from Hunger

How do you encourage those who most need it to access appropriate pre- and post-natal care? And how can you reach large numbers of women, both efficiently and cost effectively? Well, follow this yellow brick road... Through the Healthy Mothers, Healthy Babies (HMHB) initiative, Freedom from Hunger worked with Philippine Microfinance Institution CARD and their vast platform of micro-loan groups—in which millions of women attend weekly meetings—to deliver maternal health education via trained CARD staff. Financial services institutions such as CARD are often trusted actors that live and work in the community. Why not use the scale and structure of a microfinance institution to reach more women and their families with health interventions? Join this table to discuss different players, partners, and opportunities to improve and scale community health.

## TABLE 10 | CenteringPregnancy: Group Prenatal Care in the US and Around the World

Hosted by: Sarah Covington Kolb, Greenville Health System

CenteringPregnancy (CP) is a model of group prenatal care currently implemented in over 500 healthcare practices throughout the United States. The model bundles medical care with health education and social support to more effectively address the complex socio-economic determinants that impact women's health during pregnancy and childbirth. In this New Information Circuit, we will discuss CP international work to date and the potential for use of this group model to improve prenatal healthcare in an international context. We believe that the Essential Elements of the model offer flexibility that allows the model to fit in most national and cultural contexts. One successful adaptation of the model has been piloted in East Africa. Other proofs of concept have been conducted in Brazil and several developed countries. We are eager to further discuss this model with a focus on steps needed to expand our current experience.

## TABLE 11 | Policy for the People: Translating Global Guidance Documents into Community Level Tools

Hosted by: Lauren Van Enk, Institute for Reproductive Health, Georgetown University

The World Health Organization is considered the foremost resource on family planning global guidance. Their evidence-based cornerstone documents are used by Ministries of Health, donors, and program managers around the world. However, this guidance often has a heavily clinical and academic perspective which is difficult to convey at the community level. The Institute for Reproductive Health (IRH) has successfully adapted several of these global guidance tools for practical use by community health workers in public and faith-based family planning programs. Experiences from Uganda and Rwanda will be shared to provide concrete examples of how the cornerstone documents like the Family Planning Training Resource Package and the Decision Making Tool for family planning clients and providers have been applied in various settings. Participants will have a chance for in-depth discussion about how to adapt and apply the tools to enable design and implementation of effective community-based family planning programs.

## TABLE 12 | The Potential of Community-Based Primary Health Care to Save the Lives of Mothers and Children Hosted by: Henry Perry, Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health

A Lives Saved Tool (LiST) analysis has been completed that estimates how many maternal deaths, stillbirths, neonatal deaths, and deaths of children 1-59 months of age could be saved if currently available evidence-based interventions that can be delivered by community-level workers could be scaled up in priority countries. The table presentation will describe the study and the findings.

## TABLE 13 | Advocacy and Action: Integrating Women's Health and Non-Communicable Diseases

Hosted by: Nalini Saligram, Arogya World

The Task Force on NCDs and Women's Health will present new tools that highlight the growing burden of non-communicable diseases, particularly for women living in low/middle income countries. Participants will learn how the tools can facilitate program planning and can promote transition to an integrated approach for health services offered to women and girls.

## TABLE 14 | New Safe Motherhood Resources from Hesperian

Hosted by: Sarah Shannon, Hesperian Health Guides

Hesperian Health Guides has released a collection of new resources for the promotion of safe pregnancy and childbirth: Working Together to Stop Obstetric Fistula is a free mini eBook. This resource will help health promoters discuss the risks for developing fistula, how to prevent obstetric emergencies, and find treatment. The Childbirth Picture Book is a simple and complete visual guide to the basics of conception, pregnancy, childbirth, and breastfeeding in English, Spanish, French and Arabic. Hesperian also just released a French edition of A Book for Midwives, a comprehensive resource for practicing midwives and midwifery training programs. Updated to reflect new WHO/UNICEF guidelines for mothers and newborns, this guide covers the essentials of care before, during, and after birth, and provides the information needed to reduce dangers in childbirth, useful in a rural village or urban clinic as a teaching tool and a reference guide. Together or on their own, these new resources provide accessible information to help health workers improve pregnancy and birth outcomes and to promote safe motherhood.

## TABLE 15 | Panicked by Nutrition in Emergencies? A Guide to the IYCF-E and CMAM Toolkits

Hosted by: Jesse Hartness, Save the Children

There has been an expressed need for and interest in the development of easy-to-use emergency response toolkits by actors in the public health arena globally. In response to this demand, Save the Children developed and translated two Toolkits: the IYCF-E Toolkit and the CMAM Toolkit. Both Toolkits are publically available, ready resources for first responders to an emergency as well as for use in emergency preparedness and scale up of both IYCF and CMAM services and programs. Both are quick and easy-to-use starting points that consolidate IYCF-E and CMAM best practice and guidance with standardized operational tools that will allow Nutrition Advisors, Coordinators, and Program Managers to rapidly access needed inputs and begin implementation as soon as possible, without needing to spend a lot of time searching for certain tools. Both resources were developed using USAID OFDA and USAID Technical and Operational Performance Support (TOPS) program funding.

## TABLE 16 | Using Mobile Phones to Create "Smart Clients"

Hosted by: Allison Mobley, Johns Hopkins Center for Communication Programs

To inform, empower, and promote smart clients to actively participate before, during, and after a family planning counseling visit, the Health Communication Capacity Collaborative (HC3) has developed the "Smart Client" innovative tool. While drama is a common approach used in behavior change communication, it is usually delivered via television, radio, or community theatre. The "Smart Client" tool delivers drama using interactive voice response (IVR) via mobile phones. The approach provides key information and decision triggers via a series of short dramatic episodes about a fictional couple making choices regarding family planning. The tool also delivers additional tips, discussion prompts, and information related to the core messages. Quizzes reinforce key messages and engage users. Come learn how this social and behavior change communication tool has been developed in Nigeria and Cote d'Ivoire and how it can be adapted for other programs.

## TABLE 17 | Testing Feasibility and Usefulness of New Routine Reproductive, Maternal, Newborn and Child Health Indicators

Hosted by: Vikas Dwivedi, USAID's Maternal and Child Survival Program, John Snow Inc. (JSI)

Global efforts are needed to improve reproductive, maternal, newborn and child health (RMNCH) in low resource settings, including development and use of standardized indicators to measure quality and coverage of evidence-based interventions to reduce maternal, newborn, and child mortality. This includes measuring the quality of health facility-based and community-based interventions through national health management information systems (HMIS) and other routine sources and population- based household surveys and health facility assessments. The Maternal and Child Survival Program (MCSP) plans to conduct small-scale testing of routine RMNCH indicators included in some of the new WHO global guidance documents, as well as a few others, in 3-4 countries embedded in ongoing quality improvement work. In this session we will share our current plans, including the assessment design and different measurement domains, and corresponding metrics and data collection tools. Lessons from these small-scale assessments are intended to help generate the evidence for inclusion of new indicators into appropriate information systems, including, national HMIS and complement information being generated from other indicator testing efforts.

## TABLE 18 | Community Health Committees and Health Facility Management Committees: Roles and Responsibilities

Hosted by: Karen LeBan, Independent

What are the key roles and responsibilities of Community Health Management Committees? Do they differ from Health Facility Management Committees? Come and share your experience! A task force of CORE Group and World Vision assembled a draft Community Health Committee Functionality Tool called the "Assessment and Improvement Matrix." World Vision tested the AIM Tool with Sub-county Health Officers, Community Health Assistants, and members of Community Health Committees and Health Facility Management Committees in August 2016 in one sub-county of Siaya County, Kenya. A checklist of the CHCs/HFCs roles was developed based on the literature and then assessed according to MOH guidance. Participants then validated the tool based on their experience and then discussed what worked well and what could be improved. The Roles Matrix along with the entire AIM tool was well received, stimulating interesting discussion. The tools are being edited based on the field test. Copies of the Roles Matrix will be available and drafts of the AIM Tool will be on display. We are looking for organizations who are interested in validating the tool in other countries.

## **CONCURRENT SESSIONS | 11:30AM**

## **Urbanization and Health: Oxymoron or Opportunity?**

11:30am - 1:00pm | Academy Hall

Charles (Chuck) Setchell, OFDA, USAID; Janine Schooley, PCI; Megan Christensen, Concern Worldwide U.S.

This panel session will feature three panelists' presentations with time for Question & Answer. The three presentations will feature: OFDA and the "Neighborhood Approach" to addressing urbanization risk; PCI's experience with this approach (Clinton Global Initiative Commitment to Action, Barrio Mio in Guatemala and Barrio Mio coming to Tijuana, Mexico) and the link to health; Concern Worldwide's toolkit for the replication for an effective urban health model. Participants will then break into small group discussions to answer the following questions: What has been your experience with urban programming; what are the key challenges in terms of community mobilization and SBC for positive health outcomes; and what are the key opportunities in terms of program design, including community mobilization and SBC? The session will conclude with reports from tables.

By the end of this session, participants will have:

- Improved knowledge about urbanization, urban community health trends, opportunities, and challenges.
- Been exposed to key models that have been effective in addressing community health in urban environments.
- Discussed key programmatic challenges related to health and urbanization and explored positive and negative factors through a community mobilization and SBC lens.

## Gender Integration Approaches for Zika and Other Vector-borne Diseases

## 11:30am – 1:00pm | Vista Room

Niyati Shah, Bureau for Global Health, USAID; Norbert De Anda, Population Services International; Elana Landes Fiekowsky, USAID's Maternal and Child Survival Program, Jhpiego; Debora B. Freitas López, Chemonics International (Moderator)

This interactive panel session will focus on the importance of gender integration in addressing Zika and other vector-borne diseases. The panelists will share their experiences working at the nexus of gender and Zika and other vector-borne diseases, including key challenges and successes. In particular, panelists will discuss how gender considerations can provide insight into transmission patterns and strategies for outbreak prevention and control, including how to address the disproportionate health burden increase on girls and women, promoting respectful care, and engaging men/fathers/partners. Panelists will also address the importance of considering gender to increase cooperation with public health interventions and the uptake of protection measures and other social and behavior changes.

By the end of this session, participants will have:

• Understood the importance of addressing gender as it applies to Zika and other vector-borne diseases to help increase the adoption of disease prevention and control methods.

Identified various ways to integrate gender throughout the program cycle, including assessment/analysis, design, implementation, monitoring, and evaluation, to ensure that social, cultural, and gender norms are addressed and the most marginalized are being reached.

## The Triple Burden of Malnutrition and Inappropriate Feeding of Junk Foods to Children Under 2 Years of Age: What is Happening and What Can be Done about It?

### 11:30am - 1:00pm | Balcony Room D

Justine Kavle, USAID's Maternal and Child Survival Program, PATH; Elizabeth Zehner, Helen Keller International; Inge Kauer, Access to Nutrition Foundation; Chessa Lutter, Pan American Health Organzation (Moderator)

Panelists will share research on the alarming prevalence of the consumption of nutrient-poor commercial foods by children 6-23 months of age, factors that contribute to these feeding practices, programmatic and policy implications for the triple burden (stunting, overweight, and micronutrient deficiencies) in low and middle income countries, and examples of effective regulations from Latin America.

By the end of this session, participants will have:

- Learned about the findings of Helen Keller International's Gates-funded Assessment and Research on Child Feeding (ARCH) project: cross-sectional, health facility-based surveys assessing consumption of commercial products (both nutritious complementary foods and unhealthy snack foods) by infants and young children and mothers' exposure to promotions of these products in the most populous cities of Cambodia, Nepal, Senegal and Tanzania.
- Understood mothers' perceptions and other factors influencing the feeding of inappropriate products to children.
- Discussed evidence of junk food consumption, policies, and programmatic considerations for infant and young child feeding programs in low and middle income countries as compiled by a multi-country research study by USAID's Maternal and Child Survival Program (MCSP).

## Mental Health Integration into HIV, MCH, and Other Platforms

## 11:30am - 1:00pm | Balcony Room E

Joy Noel Baumgartner, Duke Global Health Institute; Melissa Sharer, John Snow, Inc (JSI); Regina Benevides, Pathfinder International

This session will explore programmatic opportunities for integrating mental health services into HIV, Maternal & Child Health, and Adolescent Sexual & Reproductive Health platforms, among others. Panelists will begin with an overview of the burden of mental disorders in low- and middle-income countries, and existing global guidelines and evidence-based interventions for mental health care including WHO's mhGAP Intervention Guide. We will also discuss how treating common mental disorders can potentially affect other health and well-being outcomes that are prioritized by a variety of health service platforms. Panelists will discuss examples of integrated programs in Tanzania, Zambia, Ethiopia, and Zimbabwe, highlighting the unique challenges of incorporating mental health into existing health platforms (e.g. donor funding, crosstraining, stigma). We will also lead a facilitated discussion on the global frameworks and trends in mental health needs and how organizations can strategically integrate mental health into other programs/platforms with a particular focus on adolescent/young adult populations (organizational policy/commitments; leveraging resources; making the case for investment as part of holistic care, etc.).

By the end of this session, participants will have:

- Understood how addressing the mental health needs of populations can not only improve mental health outcomes but also other health outcomes (e.g. ART adherence, adolescent well-being, etc.).
- Gained insight into ways to include mental health in more holistic health programming.
- Learned specific challenges of integrated strategies, especially in contexts where there is not dedicated funding for global mental health activities.

## HALF-DAY WORKSHOPS | 2:00PM

## Risky Business: Risk Management in Philanthropy

2:00pm - 5:00pm | Academy Hall

Maya Winkelstein and Laurie Michaels, Open Road Alliance; James Joseph, Arnold & Porter

Funders are often described—and describe themselves—as being able to take risks that neither the private sector nor the government can, will, or should take. However, no industry standard currently exists for defining, assessing, and managing risk in philanthropy. Few grantmakers assess risk during the application process and even fewer have processes in place to manage risk after a grant is made. This poses a significant challenge because if you can't define and manage risk, then you can never actually take it. To address this gap in practice, Open Road Alliance convened a national taskforce over a six month period to create a toolkit to help funders—and nonprofits—better define risk, identify their appetite for risk, and implement sound risk management policies and procedures. In this session, Open Road Alliance will share a draft version of the toolkit for feedback, testing, and discussion.

By the end of this workshop, participants will have:

- Answered what parts of these tools would be a blessing or a burden for nonprofits to implement and comply with.
- Adapted the toolkit for nonprofit, funder, or other use.
- Tested several of these tools and provided feedback on what tools are useful, how they could be more useful, and what additional tools would be necessary for non-profit use.

## Social Analysis and Action: An Approach for Social Norm Change

2:00pm - 5:00pm | Vista Room

Bethann Witcher Cottrell and Feven (Tassew) Mekuria, CARE

During the Social Analysis and Action (SAA) session, we will conduct two participatory activities from the manual to familiarize participants with the approach, allowing for reflection and questions after the activity. The presenters will also cover the framework for SAA, SAA minimum standards, and the theories which undergird the approach. We will examine different methods used for measuring impact. Finally, we will conclude with an in-depth discussion on the challenges we encounter with the sensitive work of addressing social norms, power, and gender.

By the end of this workshop, participants will have:

- Learned the SAA approach to social norms, gender, and power that impact individuals, households, and communities.
- Applied specific tools from the SAA manual.
- Understood potential ways of incorporating the SAA model in their own work.

## **Link Nutrition Causal Analysis (NCA) Tool**

2:00pm - 5:00pm | Balcony Room D

Blanche Mattern, Action Contre la Faim; Jennifer Burns, Catholic Relief Services

The Link NCA tool uses mixed methods (combining qualitative and a descriptive quantitative component) to understand the mechanisms leading to under-nutrition in a given area. This tool is designed to improve nutrition security programming by providing operational recommendations for nutrition specific and sensitive interventions. This session will present an overview of the methodology and help to understand the key factors to determine if a Link NCA is relevant or not, and how to use the result for programming. After a short presentation, the participants will go through practical exercises.

By the end of this workshop, participants will have:

- Received an overview of the Link NCA methodology and added-value of this tool.
- Discovered the importance of the preparatory phase to be conducted to decide if a Link NCA is relevant and feasible, or not in a specific context.
- Learned how to link findings from the Link NCA to nutrition security programming



## Grace Awantang, Monitoring & Evaluation Advisor, Health Communication Capacity Collaborative, Johns Hopkins Center for Communication Programs

Grace Awantang serves as Monitoring & Evaluation Advisor for the Johns Hopkins Center for Communication Programs (CCP)'s Health Communication Capacity Collaborative (HC3) project. Born in the Democratic Republic of Congo to two US Foreign Service employees, Grace's interest in international development and public health has led her around the world with more recent stops in Bangladesh, Madagascar, and Nigeria. Grace led the development

of organizational M&E systems in Haiti's non-governmental sector. At CCP, her research has focused on using survey methods to identify priorities for social and behavioral change communication (SBCC) programs in the areas of malaria, family planning, and maternal health. She and her colleagues have introduced outcome harvesting to HC3 teams in both Ethiopia and Bangladesh over the last few months after finding other evaluation methods were not as well suited to capturing organizational capacity changes among HC3-partner organizations.



## Joy Noel Baumgartner, Assistant Professor & Director of the DGHI Evidence Lab, Duke Global Health Institute

Joy Noel Baumgartner is an Assistant Professor of Global Health at the Duke Global Health Institute (DGHI). She is a public health practitioner and health services researcher with 20 years of experience working in low and middle income countries (LMICs) to strengthen the delivery of HIV, reproductive health, maternal child health, and mental health services. Joy Noel is also Director of the DGHI Evidence Lab, which conducts rigorous evaluation research in

LMICs with local partners to inform evidence-based programs and interventions. Current projects include integrating HIV and mental health care in Zambia, developing and testing a model of integrated adolescent healthcare linked to schools in Tanzania, and supporting private sector healthcare entrepreneurs to collect stronger M&E data in order to highlight the impact of their innovations in East Africa and India. Joy Noel has a master's degree in Social Work from the University of Wisconsin at Madison and a PhD in Maternal & Child Health from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, and she completed an NIMH postdoctoral fellowship in Psychiatric Epidemiology at Columbia University.



## Regina Benevides, Senior Youth Technical Advisor, Evidence to Action, Pathfinder International

Regina Benevides has 35 years of experience in public health and working with government in Adolescent and Youth Sexual and Reproductive Health, HIV/AIDS, gender, and community-based programs. Currently serving as Senior Youth Technical Advisor at USAID's Evidence to Action project, Regina was Chief of Party for the USAID/Mozambique Family Planning Project and served as Director of Operations, and as Senior Technical Advisor for the Geração Biz Program, a national AYSRH program. She worked for the Ministry of Health in Brazil coordinating the National

Program of Humanization of health services and she has extensive experience as an institutional analyst in organizational and team work. She has over 30 years of teaching experience as a professor of psychology in Brazil and has published many academic books, articles, and policy papers. Besides having her private practice in clinical psychology, she was the director of the Mental Health Service at a university and has supervised various Brazilian public Mental Health Services. She has also worked as a clinical psychotherapist with PTSD patients. Regina has a PhD degree in Public Health and in Clinical Psychology, and an MSc in Educational Psychology.



## Malia Boggs, Senior Technical Advisor for Child Health, Bureau for Global Health, USAID

Malia works in the Bureau for Global Health's Child Health and Immunization Division and serves as alternate AOR for the \$500 million Maternal and Child Survival Program (MCSP). She is also responsible for overseeing the child health component of the Sustaining Health Outcomes through the Private Sector Plus (SHOPS) Project, and has been leading the Division's efforts over the past eleven years to ensure ORS and zinc are used as the standard of care for childhood diarrhea. Malia joined USAID in 2005 on a Johns Hopkins Health and Child Survival Fellowship

with the Bureau's Nutrition Division. Prior to joining USAID, Malia worked as Newborn Health & Behavior Change Specialist with Save the Children's Saving Newborn Lives initiative. She has spent the past 20 years working in international health, including a total of five years overseas in Zambia and Fiji, with organizations such as Save the Children, Johns Hopkins University, U.S. Peace Corps, and UNICEF. She received a Master of Public Health degree from Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health.



## Jennifer Burns, Senior Technical Advisor for Nutrition, Catholic Relief Services

Jennifer is a Senior Technical Advisor for Nutrition at Catholic Relief Services. With a background in Infant and Young Child Feeding (IYCF), she has experience in building the capacity of field staff and local partners to implement community-based approaches to preventing and treating malnutrition. She holds a Master of Science in Public Health in Human Nutrition from Johns Hopkins University.



## Dennis Cherian, Senior Director of Health, International Program Group, World Vision, @WorldVisionUSA

Dennis Cherian (BHMS, MHA, MS Psychological Counseling) is the Senior Director of Health for World Vision, with over 25 years of leadership and technical experience in health and development programs in Asia, Africa, Latin America, and the Middle East. Dennis started his career as a physician working for a mission hospital in rural India and subsequently joined World Vision India managing USAID-funded health programs. Dennis is on the Board of

Directors for CORE Group and Christian Connections of International Health. He is also an Advisory Member on the mHealth Working Group and active on the mPowering Frontline Health Workers network.



## Megan Christensen, Health Advisor, Concern Worldwide U.S.

Megan Christensen, Health Advisor for Concern Worldwide U.S., provides technical support to Concern's health programs in Sierra Leone, Kenya, Niger, Zambia, and Uganda, and recently supported the development of a primary healthcare program in Syria. During her seven years with Concern, Megan has designed and managed various maternal, newborn and child health projects, including Concern's portfolio of USAID-funded child survival projects—implemented in both rural and urban settings. She also oversees two operational research initiatives in

collaboration with Johns Hopkins University. Megan holds a Master of Public Health-Global Public Health from George Washington University and has prior maternal and child health research experience in Kenya and clinical research experience in a level-one trauma center in Minneapolis, Minnesota.



## Mariam Claeson, Director, Global Finance Facility for Every Women Every Child, World Bank

Mariam Claeson, MD, MPH, is the director of the Global Finance Facility for Every Woman Every Child at the World Bank since October 2016. She was previously the director for the Maternal Newborn and Child Health team at the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation, which she joined in July 2012. She served as Regional Program Coordinator for AIDS in the South Asia Region of the World Bank (2005- 2012), living three years in India, and before that she was the Lead Public Health Specialist in the Health, Nutrition and Population, Human Development Network of

the World Bank (1998-2004). Prior to joining the World Bank, Dr. Claeson worked for the Global Program for the Control of Diarrheal Diseases, World Health Organization (1987-1995). She has worked in clinical practice at the rural district level (Tanzania, Bangladesh, and Bhutan); in national immunization and diarrheal disease control (Ethiopia, 1984-1986); and for the World Bank in health sector development programs in middle- and low-income countries, including Egypt, Jordan, Uzbekistan, China, and the Philippines, and in national HIV/AIDS programs, including Afghanistan and India.



## Jack Clift, Senior Program Officer, Results for Development

Dr. Jack Clift is a Senior Program Officer at the Results for Development Institute (R4D). Jack works across projects in R4D's Global Health portfolio, and is currently leading R4D's nutrition financing work in Ethiopia and India. Prior to joining R4D, Jack was a Consultant at the Boston Consulting Group (BCG), working on a range of projects across the private and non-profit sectors, with a focus on strategy work for global biopharmaceutical firms. Previously, Jack spent 6 years at the RAND Corporation, an international non-profit research organization, conducting research in

health, education, labor, population, economics of ageing, behavioral finance, and the impact of global sporting mega-events, among others. Jack has also interned for a Member of Congress and for a Member of the European Parliament. Jack received his PhD in Policy Analysis from the Pardee RAND Graduate School, his MPP from the UCLA Luskin School of Public Affairs, and his BA in Literae Humaniores from the University of Oxford, UK.



## Kirsten Bording Collins, Managing Director, AdaptivePurpose, LLC, @AdaptivePurpose

Kirsten Bording Collins is the Founder and Director of AdaptivePurpose, LLC, a mission-driven consulting practice focused on the application of adaptive and complexity-aware approaches to strategy, planning, management, and evaluation. Kirsten has a master's in International Administration from the Korbel School of International Studies and over 15 years of experience in the NGO sector and international development and affairs field, working in project management, planning, and research and evaluation. She has worked across several sectors including

democracy and governance, social and economic development, the environment and human rights. She provides training, facilitation, and consulting services in strategic planning, capacity-building, and organizational development and evaluation, incorporating a systemic perspective and complexity-aware and cross-sectoral approach.



## Robin Contino, Technical Advisor in Psychosocial Support & Wellbeing, Global Humanitarian Response Team, Catholic Relief Services

Robin Contino is a licensed Clinical Social Worker with a passion and expertise in wellbeing and resiliency. Robin lived in Asia for nearly 14 years splitting her time between a clinical practice in mental health and program management. Robin came to Catholic Relief Services (CRS) from the U.S. Peace Corps where she swiftly moved from a Special Services Officer responding to emergencies and psychosocial support (PSS) needs of volunteers to Country

Representative in Sri Lanka following the Indian Ocean tsunami. Robin has worked at CRS since 2006, serving as Country Manager in Nepal for four years; Coordinator for the Haiti Earthquake Response; and Program Manager for Health Systems Strengthening and Technical Advisor in Psychosocial Support & Wellbeing. Robin supports community-based healing following natural disaster and in times of protracted conflict to facilitate dignity, safety, and access within emergency programming.



## Bethann Witcher Cottrell, Senior Nutrition Advisor, CARE

Bethann Witcher Cottrell has more than twenty years' experience in community-based domestic and international public health working in more than 30 countries. She received her PhD in International Nutrition from Michigan State University. Living in Ecuador for 8 years, Bethann developed a women-in-development program for MAP International, which included maternal-child health, leadership development, and income generation. As a Nutrition Specialist at Texas A&M University, and long-term consultant with the DeKalb County Board of Health, Refugee

Women's Network and Piedmont Hospital, she worked with diverse populations in program design, curriculum development, and training of peer volunteers confronting multiple health issues in their communities. As Program Director for Global Health Action, Bethann developed, implemented and evaluated leadership programs for international health professionals. Dr. Cottrell was the Director of Child Health and Nutrition unit of CARE USA, 2007-2011, managing a \$20 million portfolio that included private funding, USAID Child Survival grants and the CORE Group Polio Project. In 2011 she transitioned to a more technical role and is currently the Senior Nutrition Advisor for CARE International, living in Atlanta.



## Mary D'Alimonte, Program Officer, Results for Development

Mary D'Alimonte works on projects within the Results for Development (R4D) health portfolio, including partnerships with the Children's Investment Fund Foundation to support expenditure tracking and costing of nutrition programs in focus countries. Prior to joining R4D, Mary worked at the Yale Global Health Leadership Institute where her research focused on access to primary healthcare in Ethiopia, specifically on the use of health extension workers for health promotion, disease prevention, and service delivery. Mary has extensive field and research experience on

nutrition and food security, including an internship at the BRAC School of Public Health in Bangladesh, and her own primary research on infant and young child feeding practices in Mumbai, India. She has lived and worked in Bangladesh, India, and Ethiopia. Mary holds a BS in Human Biology from the University of Toronto, and a Master of Public Health in Social and Behavioral Sciences and Global Health from the Yale School of Public Health.



### Sarah Dalglish, Independent

Sarah Dalglish (MA, PhD) is an independent consultant currently working with the World Health Organization (WHO) on future strategies to meet global child health goals. As Study Coordinator of the IMNCI Strategic Review, Sarah worked with stakeholders at leading child health organizations to combine implementation data from over 90 countries with state of the art technical knowledge on delivering interventions, to produce high-level recommendations on future directions in child health. In her academic work, Sarah seeks to elucidate underlying

processes of power and politics causing unequal health outcomes, especially in policy and programs for women's and children's health. Sarah lives in Paris and enjoys French novels, West African drapery, and cuisines from around the world.



## Norbert De Anda, LAC Regional Technical Advisor, Population Services International

Norbert De Anda currently serves as the Latin American and Caribbean (LAC) Regional Technical Advisor for Zika for Population Services International (PSI). He provides technical support to PSI and its network partners in the design and implementation of sexual and reproductive health programs in the region. Norbert's experience in gender-based health programming includes designing and supporting HIV treatment adherence programs, violence prevention, and child survival and maternal health initiatives in Latin America and Africa. With more than 15 years working

in health programs in the LAC Region, he previously served with PSI as Technical Advisor in Reproductive Health in Guatemala and Country Representative in Nicaragua. Norbert earned his MPH from Tulane University's School of Public Health and Tropical Medicine and his BA in Public Service/Health Policy from the University of California, Davis.



## Áine Fay, President, Concern Worldwide U.S.

A 33-year veteran of international humanitarian aid and development work, Áine Fay is the President of Concern Worldwide U.S. Trained as a nurse, Áine joined Concern in 1983 as a volunteer in Bangladesh where she provided health, nutrition, and education services as well as skills training to the most vulnerable women and children. She has lived and worked in some of the world's most difficult environments, including Ethiopia, Uganda, South Sudan, Haiti, and Afghanistan. During her time as Country Director in Pakistan, Áine led the response to the devastating

floods that struck in 2010 and again in 2011. In Pakistan and Ethiopia, Áine chaired several humanitarian forums to ensure effective service delivery through improved coordination between civil society, government, and the UN. Áine also spearheaded Concern's emergency response programs in Indonesia, Ethiopia, South Sudan, and Haiti. In addition to her responsibilities as President of Concern Worlwide U.S., Áine serves on the InterAction humanitarian advisory board and the Inter-Agency Standing Committee Working Group.



## Elana Landes Fiekowsky, Monitoring & Evaluation Advisor, USAID's Maternal and Child Survival Program (MCSP), Jhpiego

Elana Fiekowsky is a Monitoring & Evaluation Advisor with Jhpiego who specializes in malaria and gender work. She seeks to identify and measure how integrating women into project design, implementation, and dissemination can improve project outcomes. Elana is currently applying the lessons and research she has learned from malaria programs to Zika programming, specifically in Haiti. Before coming to Jhpiego, Elana worked on a global USAID-

funded malaria project. She has also lived in both South East Asia and Madagascar where she set up project monitoring systems and evaluated program effectiveness. Elana graduated from Emory University and has an MPA from the Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy at Tufts University.



## Teemar Fisseha, Research, Monitoring and Evaluation Officer, SPRING, John Snow, Inc. (JSI)

Teemar works to strengthen country-led multisectoral efforts for anemia programming, and has been very involved in the development of the Landscape Analysis Guidance and DATA. Before joining SPRING, Teemar served as the Senior Research Associate during the end-line evaluations of two projects, Community Health Information System in Ethiopia and Supply Chain for Community Case Management (CCM) in Malawi/Rwanda/Ethiopia.



## Debora B. Freitas López, Director, Global Health Division, Chemonics International, @debofreitas, @Chemonics

Debora B. Freitas López, MS, has led or taken part in the development, implementation, management, and monitoring and evaluation of multi-level initiatives for social and behavioral changes (SBC) in health and in other sectors, such as agriculture, climate change, and education. Through her work and consultancies, she has provided support in establishing sound SBC initiatives for specific social issues and strengthened the capacity of stakeholders,

decision-makers, policy-makers, among others, so that they were better prepared to address challenges in their respective nations. As Director in the Global Health Division of Chemonics International, she serves as the SBC point person, providing leadership and technical expertise and support to current and future projects to ensure technical integrity. She has served on various local and national boards, including currently as the co-chair for the SBC Working Group for CORE Group and most recently as a member of the American Public Health Association's Publications Board. Ms. Freitas López holds an MS in Health Evaluation Sciences/Epidemiology and a BS/BA in Chemistry/Physics from the University of Virginia.



### Lenette Golding, Program Director, Alive & Thrive, FHI 360

Dr. Lenette Golding has over 20 years' programmatic and research experience in health and development. Concentrating on Social and Behavior Change (SBC), she has worked to improve health outcomes for rural poor households, with a strong emphasis on gender equity and women's empowerment. Lenette is an active leader in the CORE Group's SBC Working Group and is an assistant Adjunct Professor for Global Health at Emory University. She also sits on the review board of several health behavior peer journals and is presently helping edit a special

edition of Frontiers in Public Health on "Participatory Community Approaches for Social and Behavior Change." She has a PhD in Mass Communication from the University of Georgia, an MPH from Emory University, and is a former Peace Corps Volunteer in Jamaica.



## Mark Hathaway, Senior Technical Advisor for Family Planning, USAID's Maternal and Child Survival Program (MCSP), Jhpiego

Mark J. Hathaway, MD, MPH, is a board certified OB/GYN who was on Washington Hospital Center's (WHC), OB/GYN faculty from 1997-2013. There he developed and led the Section of Community Outreach, the Family Planning Section, the Ryan Residency Program, and the Family Planning Fellowship. He currently serves as Director of Family Planning Services at Unity Health Care, Inc., and Senior Technical Advisor for Reproductive Health at Jhpiego. Dr.

Hathaway has served on several national-level work groups and committees, including the Institute of Medicine Standing Committee on Family Planning and the National Contraceptive Metrics Workgroup. He holds appointments at Georgetown University as Assistant Professor of OB/GYN and at George Washington University (GWU) as Associate Clinical Professor of Health Care Sciences. He served on the Board of Directors of the National Family Planning & Reproductive Health Association (NFPRHA) and currently on the board of the Association of Reproductive Health Professionals (ARHP). Dr. Hathaway received his undergraduate degree in biology from the College of St. Thomas in St. Paul, MN and then served in the Peace Corps as an Agricultural Extensionist Volunteer and Program Coordinator in Paraguay, South America for close to four years. After receiving his medical degree from the University of Kentucky, he completed an OB/GYN residency at the Washington Hospital Center in 1997. He earned a Master of Public Health degree from Johns Hopkins University in 2006. Named one of the "Best Doctors in America," Dr. Hathaway teaches, lectures, and advocates for family planning and maternal child health care access issues nationally and internationally on a frequent basis.



## Susan Igras, Senior Technical Advisor, Institute for Reproductive Health, Georgetown University

Susan, MPH, has over 25 years' experience in research-to-practice health programming, evaluation, and results-oriented project management. Her particular program and research interests center on social determinants of health and systems-oriented program scale up. Her technical skills include program evaluation and research, scale-up design, and use of participatory approaches in developing and evaluating community-centered interventions that address social determinants of sexual, reproductive and adolescent health.



## Rasa Izadnegahdar, Senior Program Officer, Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation

Dr. Rasa Izadnegahdar is a pediatrician and public health professional by training and joined the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation in 2013. He is a senior program officer leading the Treatment Innovation and Delivery Initiative of the Pneumonia and Enteric and Diarrheal Disease program strategy teams. Prior to joining the foundation, Rasa was based in Zambia where he oversaw the case enrollment component of a large pneumonia etiology study in Zambia as well as several other projects assessing approaches to the diagnosis and treatment of childhood pneumonia. He

has worked for several non-governmental organizations focused on improving the delivery of care to children in Mali, Burkina Faso, and Cambodia. As a pediatrician, Rasa continues to work as a hospitalist at Seattle Children's Hospital.



## Joan Jennings, Nutrition and Food Technology Senior Specialist, The TOPS Program, Save the Children

An expert in maternal and child health and nutrition, Joan has more than 15 years of experience providing consulting services for many USAID-funded food security and child survival programs and has extensive experience working with nutrition protection and behavior change strategies for improved infant and young child feeding practices. Her skill set also includes quantitative and qualitative evaluation, formative investigation, proposal development, and strategic planning. She has worked in over 20 countries throughout all development programming regions. In

between periods of consulting, she was the team leader for children's health with CARE USA. She initiated her work in development as a Health and Nutrition Manager for Save the Children in Nicaragua. She possesses an MPH from Tulane University and received an internship with the United Nations ACC/Sub-Committee on Nutrition, where she edited a review of the elements of success among large-scale nutrition programs in ten countries.



## James Joseph, Partner, Arnold & Porter

A preeminent lawyer on nonprofit issues, Mr. Joseph is the head of the Tax Group at Arnold & Porter and represents clients on tax planning and litigation matters. He represents tax-exempt organizations (including public charities, private foundations, and international non-governmental organizations) in structuring and implementing complex charitable programs and business ventures. He provides advice to corporations and individual donors on charitable, advocacy-related, and political giving. On tax controversy matters, he has represented corporations, partnerships,

tax-exempt organizations, and individuals in Internal Revenue Service (IRS) audits, proceedings before the IRS Appeals Office, state-level audits and administrative hearings, and litigations in the US Tax Court and in federal district and appellate courts.



## Inge Kauer, Executive Director, Access to Nutrition Foundation

As the Executive Director of the Access to Nutrition Foundation, Inge oversees all aspects of ATNF, including collaboration with external partners and stakeholders. Next to leading the organization, she is also member of the board of ATNF. Inge has spent more than 15 years working with public and private sector organizations on major social issues, including nutrition. She has a background in high-level stakeholder management and communications as well as both leading and building professional organizations. She has a passion for bringing together diverse

stakeholders to facilitate sustainable improvements for all involved. Prior to joining ATNI, Inge was a partner at Boer & Croon, a Dutch-based management consulting firm, where she provided strategic management and communications counsel to diverse government agencies, global corporations and non-profit organizations. She also worked in senior management positions within the Dutch and European, Middle Eastern, and African organizations (EMEA) of Porter Novelli, a global, full-service communications agency, and has advised various companies within the food and beverage industry on socially responsible practices and issues of corporate reputation. As regional director of EMEA, Inge worked with offices around the globe to ensure consistent high-quality client service, regional strategy and business development. Inge is a non-executive board member of various organizations, including the national foundation for De Nieuwe Kerk (The New Church), a leading international cultural centre in Amsterdam. She holds Masters' degrees from the University of Amsterdam in both Dutch Law and in Communications Science and a Bachelor's in Business Administration from Nyenrode University.



## Justine Kavle, Senior Nutrition Advisor/Interim Team Lead for Nutrition, USAID's Maternal and Child Survival Program (MCSP), PATH, @jkavle

Justine Kavle, received her PhD in Human Nutrition and her MPH in International Health from the Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health. She has worked in nutrition for the past 12 years, providing technical expertise on maternal anemia, maternal nutrition, and infant and young child feeding approaches to address stunting and overweight, as well as the integration of nutrition into postpartum family planning and iCCM. Under MCSP/PATH,

she guides implementation of nutrition programs in 12 countries. Under Maternal and Child Health Integrated Program (MCHIP), she was the principal investigator on a study examining infant and young child feeding and factors associated with stunting and overweight in Egypt in collaboration with the American University in Cairo, the National Nutrition Institute of Egypt, University of North Carolina Gillings School of Global Public Health, and the George Washington University Milken Institute School of Public Health. She is dedicated to capacity building of nutritionists globally and integration of nutrition into the reproductive, maternal, newborn, and child health platforms.

## Laurie Krieger, Senior Advisor, Social Science and Health, Manoff Group

Laurie Krieger, a public health anthropologist, received her doctorate in Anthropology, with a minor in Epidemiology, from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. She has worked in global health for 30 years and has conducted and managed many evaluations. Dr. Krieger has taught graduate qualitative methodology courses at two local universities. She has trained public health workers in qualitative research methods in over 20 Asian, African, and Middle Eastern countries, as well as in the United States. For the past 17 years she has served as the Senior Advisor, Social Science and Health for The Manoff Group. Previously she was the Women's and Girls' Health Advisor for the USAID Office of Women in Development. She has also consulted independently and has served as a Senior Program Officer for a U.S. global health NGO. All the research methods she uses are rooted in social science theory and practice.



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Cate Lane is the Youth Advisor with the USAID's Office of Population and Reproductive Health where she provides guidance and technical support to global and mission level activities around evidence-based and best practices in adolescent sexual and reproductive health programs. Prior to joining USAID, Cate held positions with Pathfinder, Futures Group, CEDPA, and Advocates for Youth, always with a focus on adolescents. She holds a Master in Public

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focal point for child and youth Mental Health and Psycho-Social Support (MHPSS) programming and her recent assignments have been in Gaza, Jordan, Philippines, and Nepal. Prior to joining International Medical Corps in 2013, Ashley worked in Uganda as a George Washington University Global Health Service Fellow at The AIDS Support Organization. Ashley received her MPH from George Washington University in Global Health Program Design, Implementation, and Monitoring.



## Chessa Lutter, Senior Advisor, Food and Nutrition, Pan American Health Organzation (PAHO)

Chessa Lutter is an internationally recognized expert in maternal and child nutrition and program evaluation. In her 18 years at PAHO/WHO she has played a key role helping to implement efficient evidence-informed public health policies and programs, integrating sound technical analyses into a broad set of policy and program initiatives. Before joining PAHO, she was a research advisor with Wellstart International, a USAID-funded project, where she had managerial responsibilities for the technical, reporting, and budgetary aspects of an applied research program in

breastfeeding. She has also served as a staff scientist at the US National Academy of Sciences and consulted for the World Bank, UNICEF, Macro International and a number of non-governmental organizations. Dr. Lutter has authored dozens of scholarly articles applying nutrition sciences and epidemiology to improve maternal and child health in developing countries, including in the Lancet, Science, Pediatrics, Bulletin of the World Health Organization, and Maternal and Child Nutrition. She has also authored and/or participated in the development of a variety of documents to improve program design, management, and evaluation and developed several technical documents used globally. She has given radio and television interviews in English and Spanish about maternal and child nutrition. Dr. Lutter holds a BS from the University of California at Berkeley and a MS and PhD from Cornell University.



### Blanche Mattern, Technical Advisor Link NCA, Action Contre la Faim

Blanche Mattern has provided technical support to the Link NCA since February 2015 from ACF France headquarters in Paris. She joined the technical team after completing two Link NCA on the ground in India and in the Philippines. Blanche was trained in emergency response and crisis management, and she has an academic background in South Asian cultures and civilizations, with a focus on the Sri Lankan conflict, and migration and caste discrimination in India. She has applied this experience to the development and application of the Link NCA around the world.

## Corinne Mazzeo, Senior Program Officer, USAID's Maternal and Child Survival Program (MCSP), Save the Children

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### Michael McCabe, Agency Youth Coordinator, USAID

Mike is the USAID Agency Youth Coordinator and brings 28 years of professional experience managing international development programs. In his current role, he is responsible for helping integrate youth engagement and youth development issues across the Agency, overseeing the Youth Policy implementation, and he serves as a senior representative on youth issues in the interagency and external community. His expertise includes capacity development, youth development, technology for development, program design/implementation, training design

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## Feven (Tassew) Mekuria, Senior Advisor for SMRH Global Health Approaches, CARE

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## Janet Meyers, Advisor for Reproductive Health in Emergencies, Save the Children

Janet Meyers is Advisor for Reproductive Health in Emergencies at Save the Children. She has over 25 years of international development and emergency experience in maternal health, family planning, sexual and reproductive health, and public health programming. Previously, she worked at International Medical Corps as Deputy Director of Health Policy and Practice where she oversaw technical support throughout the program cycle to health and SRH programs. Prior to International Medical Corps, Janet worked at CARE International and for a consortium of NGOs

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## Laurie Michaels, Founder, Open Road Alliance

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and Forbes as well as a speaker at forums such as Fail Forward, Clinton Global Initiative, GEO, Council on Foundations, and Global Philanthropy Forum. Dr. Michaels currently serves on the Board of Directors for PATH and Search for Common Ground. She served on the board of the Aspen Community Foundation for 12 years and had been Board Chair for four years ending in 2013.



## Jennifer Nielsen, Senior Nutrition Advisor, Helen Keller International

Jennifer Nielsen received her AB from Harvard in 1982, an MA from the Johns Hopkins School for Advanced International Studies, and a PhD in International Health and Human Nutrition from the Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health. She has worked in international development for the past 20 years, covering a variety of technical areas before specializing in public health. She served for ten years as a Project Development Officer with USAID, posted overseas in Côte d'Ivoire and Egypt, where she contributed to designs of maternal and child health

and education strategies. She has worked for Helen Keller International (HKI) since 2006, providing technical guidance to nutrition and health programs in 13 countries of sub-Saharan Africa and seven countries of South Asia, where the Essential Nutrition & Hygiene Actions framework plays a central role. HKI's nutrition strategies include improving the access of poor households to nutritious foods, promoting the adoption optimal practices especially for adolescents, women, infants and young children, promoting gender equity, and assuring access to adequate public services.



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David Oot currently serves as Senior Advisor, Health and Nutrition at Save the Children US. He previously served as Associate Vice President, and was responsible for managing a diverse portfolio of maternal, newborn, child, and adolescent health and nutrition activities in both humanitarian and development settings, and oversaw the delivery of technical support and assistance to over 40 countries within Save the Children's global network of over 80 countries worldwide. Prior to joining Save the Children in 1997, David served as a Peace Corps Volunteer in India,

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#### Aakanksha Pande, Senior Health Economist, World Bank

Aaka is a Senior Health Economist at World Bank with more than 15 years experience working in low, middle, and high income countries. She has expertise in topics related to the health impact of conflicts (Syria, Yemen), health sector reform, universal health coverage, non-communicable diseases, and quality of care. She brings rigorous methodological expertise in impact evaluation, econometric analyses, health system diagnoses, and development of strategy. Aaka is a strong writer with an established publication record. She has extensive teaching experience

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### Pierre Paul, Deputy Chief Medical Officer, Partners in Health

Dr. Pierre Paul is the Deputy Chief Medical Officer of Partners in Health. He has more than thirteen years of experience providing care and managing complex health care operations in the Caribbean, Western and Southern Africa. He is accomplished in adapting organizational strategies to changing environments while building teams that are focused on clear vision and objectives. Dr. Pierre Paul is highly skilled in establishing and nurturing productive relationships with governments, communities, and non-governmental organizations. Dr. Pierre Paul received his medical degree

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#### Stefan Peterson, Chief of Health Section and Associate Director, Program Division, UNICEF

Stefan Peterson is Chief of Health Section for UNICEF globally, based in New York. He's a Professor of Global Health at Uppsala University and, prior to that, at the Global Health Division of Karolinska Institute. He has also been a visiting professor at Makerere University in Uganda. As a health systems researcher and medical doctor, he has done extensive fieldwork in Tanzania and Uganda, and has worked with different ministries of health, organizations such as WHO, and implemented projects supported by Sida, the Gates Foundation, and the European Union. He was also

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### Joseph Petraglia, Senior Advisor for Behavior Change, Pathfinder International

Dr. Joseph Petraglia is the Senior Advisor for Behavior Change at Pathfinder International. Prior to joining Pathfinder, Joseph served as the Director of Global Health Communication, a visiting scientist for the US Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, and as a professor of rhetoric and cognitive science at the Georgia Institute of Technology. The author of several books and articles, Joseph's research centers on target populations' perspectives on what is "authentic" information: information that can be assimilated into their understanding of themselves and their

aspirations for health. As part of the authentication process, Joseph's work in behavior change emphasizes extensively the use of narrative to both deliver and elicit information, interactivity and dialogue, and participatory approaches. Additional areas of interest include adult learning, the role of complexity in systems strengthening and program implementation, and the role of persuasion in evaluation.



### Stephen Rahaim, Director of Social and Behavior Change, Palladium

Stephen designs, leads, and measures innovative, evidence-based social impact projects. He's passionate about design and skilled in strategy development, stakeholder, government, and community engagement, public-private partnerships, business and service delivery models, and integrated behavior change, communication, and marketing strategies. Stephen has worked across several development sectors including health, agriculture, economic growth, governance and civil society strengthening in South and Southeast Asia, and East, West, and Southern Africa. He is

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#### Alfonso Rosales, Maternal and Child Health Senior Technical Advisor, World Vision

Dr. Alfonso Rosales is Maternal and Child Senior Advisor of WVUS' International Program Division, where he is focused on program design and evaluation research for maternal and child health, with special emphasis on community case management and obstetric emergencies management at the community level. Before joining WVUS in 2012, he worked at various international non-governmental organizations such as ChildFund International, Catholic Relief Services, and International Rescue Committee. Dr. Rosales has worked at field level in several African,

Asian, and Latin American countries, including complex emergency posts, as well as headquarters positions. For the last 20 years, he has focused on Facility and Community IMCI, providing technical assistance to country programs in Honduras, El Salvador, Nicaragua, Philippines, Cambodia, Indonesia, South Sudan, Somalia, and Kenya. In the same topic, he has authored one manual on C-IMCI for Community Health Workers, as well as several publications, and participated in several international conferences. Since 2005, he has also been working in the development of maternal and neonatal interventions for hard-to-reach communities in rural settings and in fragile state contexts. In this topic, he has led the development of tools for improving resolution capacity for identification and community case management of obstetric and neonatal emergencies, as well as referral systems. Dr. Rosales has published and presented several studies on strengthening health systems to provide essential health coverage among hard-to-reach populations of women and children, including fragile state contexts. He served on the Board of Directors of CORE Group, and is currently chair of the Health System Strengthening Working Group. Dr. Rosales graduated in medicine from National University of El Salvador and received his Master's of Public Health and Tropical Medicine from Tulane University in New Orleans.



#### Janine Schooley, Senior Vice President, Programs, Project Concern International

Janine Schooley has spent the last 30+ years in leadership positions with 2 San Diego-based global nonprofit health and development organizations: Wellstart International from 1985-2000 and Project Concern International (PCI) since October 2000. Janine is a specialist in NGO leadership, with emphasis on program design and management of comprehensive programming, including capacity strengthening, gender equity, and behavior/social change aspects of integrated, community-based health and development programs. As PCI's Senior Vice President, Programs, she

ensures quality, integrated programming for maximum sustainable impact in 12 developing countries and the US/Mexico Border Region, as well as oversees PCI's work in innovation; the social and economic empowerment of women; local capacity strengthening; and monitoring, evaluation, and research. Since 2007 she has been a faculty member at the Monterey Institute of International Studies where she teaches a course on behavior change. Janineserved as Secretary of the Board of Directors of CORE Group from 2002-2011 as well as Co-Chair of the HIV/AIDS Working Group. She is again on the Board of CORE Group as of 2014.



### Charles (Chuck) Setchell, Senior Shelter, Settlements, and Hazard Mitigation Advisor, Office of US Foreign Disaster Assistance (OFDA), USAID

Charles has nearly 40 years of experience in managing the process of physical, social, and economic change, both in the US and abroad. This professional experience is rooted in undergraduate (University of California, Davis) and graduate (University of California, Berkeley) degrees in Urban and Environmental Planning, doctoral studies in Urban Planning at MIT, and doctoral research supported by a Fulbright Fellowship and MacArthur Foundation

award. Charles has participated in all major international disasters/crises involving a shelter response since his arrival at OFDA in 1998, designing and implementing Shelter and Settlements projects and Disaster Risk Reduction (DRR) activities in numerous countries. He makes presentations at training courses, meetings, and conferences on a regular basis, and has published on a wide variety of topics.



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Dr. Kavita Sethuraman has more than 20 years of experience working on maternal and child health and nutrition in community-based nutrition programs, policy-level analysis, program design and management, technical assistance, nutrition advocacy, and capacity building in sub-Saharan Africa, Asia, and the South Pacific. Before joining FHI 360, she spent six years working at an international non-governmental organization, undertaking research on the linkages between nutrition and gender in South Asia and West Africa. She conducted primary research in South

India, looking at the association between women's empowerment and child growth. Her technical expertise includes qualitative and quantitative mixed method research, gender analysis, nutrition advocacy, and capacity building. She has a PhD in Nutrition from the Centre for International Health and Development, Institute of Child Health, University College London, UK, and a Master's in Nutrition from the School of Nutrition Science and Policy at Tufts University.



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### Melissa Sharer, Project Director, John Snow, Inc. (JSI)

Melissa Sharer has spent the last 22 years working in health in development, relief, and post- conflict/transitional settings since her start in Peace Corps Armenia in 1994. Her focus has always centered on reproductive health, HIV/ AIDS, mental health, youth, gender, and violence issues. She has provided remote and on-site technical support in over 25 countries in Africa and Asia focused on programs, policy, and operations research. She has authored several publications focused on mental health, HIV, and youth affected by HIV and AIDS. She has master's degrees in both

public health and social work from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill and a PhD in social work from The Catholic University of America (CUA), where her primary focus was on the interplay between mental health, social support, and resilience among youth affected by HIV. At CUA she currently teaches Research and Human Behavior & Psychopathology to MSW students. At John Snow Research and Training Institute, Sharer is Project Director for a youth-focused sports for development program and Senior Advisor for HIV programs.



### Leisel Talley, Team Lead, Humanitarian Health, Emergency Response and Recovery Branch, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

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building among partners and program evaluation. She has worked in Darfur, Cameroon, Ethiopia, Kenya, Haiti, Madagascar, Indonesia, Thailand, Tanzania, South Africa, Uganda, Croatia, Greece, and Zambia with UNICEF, WFP, UNHCR, USAID, and a variety of NGOs. She also teaches at the Rollins School of Public Health.

#### Mary E. Taylor, Independent

Mary E. Taylor, PhD, Johns Hopkins University, has spent over 35 years working in global health with communities, governments, foundations, technical agencies, universities, and NGOs. Her work has focused on support of RMNCH programs and services, health systems strengthening, and community solutions for front line primary care and healthy practices. She has provided technical assistance, facilitated evaluation and improvement, conducted field and global studies, and managed grant support to implementing organizations. She has extensive experience in Nepal, where she helped develop the national scale female community health volunteer and early

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child health intervention programs; in Ethiopia where she helped design and coordinate multiple Health Extension Program grants; and in Ghana and Tanzania where she provided evaluation support to testing models to improve access to medicines. More recently, she spent seven years at the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation as the Senior Program Officer for Community Health Solutions under the MNCH team, managing a portfolio of community-based grants in Ethiopia, Bangladesh, India, Nigeria, Ghana, Tanzania, Uganda, and Cambodia. Since leaving the foundation, she has consulted on several project evaluations (Saving Newborn Lives, MaMoni HSS, USAID's HARP portfolio) and conducted studies or supported documentation primarily related to newborn and child health.



### Wilson Milton Were, Medical Officer, Child Health Services, Department of Maternal, Newborn, Child and Adolescent Health, WHO

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### Maya Winkelstein, Executive Director, Open Road Alliance

Maya Winkelstein is Executive Director of Open Road Alliance where she is responsible for the organization's overall investment strategy including finding new ways to deploy capital to achieve maximum social returns. Winkelstein has worked with Open Road since the organization's inception in 2012. Prior to her role as Executive Director, she worked with Open Road as an Associate Director with the consulting firm, williamsworks. Former clients include Eastern Congo Initiative, Nike Foundation, PATH, Tostan, and TOMS Shoes. Prior to williamsworks, Winkelstein

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Shelia Jackson is the Senior Knowledge Management Specialist with the TOPS Program. She has experience in envisioning, developing, and directing knowledge sharing programs that focus on the role knowledge management plays in helping people to efficiently accomplish daily tasks while adding to the institutional knowledge of their organization. A lifelong learner, Shelia enjoys the collaboration and training processes. She strives to create

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As Manager of Network Operations, Erin is responsible for managing the CORE Group's office operations, membership, and event planning, including conferences and webinars. She has worked in operations and administration for varied non-profit organizations, including a charter school located in DC, an alternative energy association, and an international educational non-profit. She served as a volunteer English teacher for WorldTeach in Costa Rica, and has taught English to various adult communities. Erin enjoys yoga, traveling, reading, and attempting to cook.



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Unjum, Controller for Finance & Administration, joined CORE Group in 2004. Unjum's financial background includes work for International NGOs, private organizations, and the United Nations. Unjum started as a Staff Accountant for CORE Group and rose over the years to Controller due to his expertise in management of CORE Group's budget, financial systems, grants and contracts, and annual revenues. Unjum holds a Master's Degree in Accounting and completed Chartered Accountancy and Chartered Secretary courses.

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**Community Health Transitions: Leading for Impact** 

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### MIRIAM LABBOK

Miriam Harriet Labbok, MD, MPH, IBCLC was a staunch crusader for the health of women and infants and longtime advocate for the health benefits of breastfeeding. From 2006 to 2016, she was Professor of the Practice of maternal and child health at the UNC Gillings School of Global Public Health and founding director of the Gillings School's Carolina Global Breastfeeding Institute (CGBI). Dr. Labbok enjoyed an illustrious career in academics and in national and international government agency service. After earning Doctor of Medicine and Master of Public Health degrees at the Tulane University School of Public Health and Tropical Medicine, in New Orleans, she worked as a medical officer for five years with the U.S. Agency for International Development, in Washington, D.C. From 1981 to 1987, she served on the faculty of the Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Hygiene and Public Health. At Georgetown University, from 1987 to 1996, she was a faculty member in obstetrics and gynecology, director of the breastfeeding and maternal and child health division in the Institute for Reproductive Health, and director of the World Health Organization's Collaborating Center on Breastfeeding. Prior to coming to UNC, she was chief of the nutrition and maternal/infant health division in the global bureau of the U.S. Agency for International Development (1996-

2001) and senior adviser for infant and young child feeding and care at UNICEF (2001-2005). Dr. Labbok was recruited as the founding director of the Gillings School's Carolina Global Breastfeeding Institute. An anonymous donor's generous gift established the center in 2006 with an intent to advance global research about the health benefits of breastfeeding and to educate women and families about the value of breastfeeding for infants and young children. In the months preceding her death, Dr. Labbok experienced an outpouring of gratitude and support, not only from friends and associates but also from organizations whose members prized her many contributions to the field of maternal and child health. In July, she was honored with the International Lactation Consultant Association's Journal of Human Lactation Patricia Martens Award for Excellence in Breastfeeding Research, the Crystal Rose award from Reaching Our Sisters Everywhere, an organization that aims to address breastfeeding disparities among people of color, and the U.S. Breastfeeding Committee's Legacy Award.



### **AUDREY NAYLOR**

Audrey Naylor was a board certified pediatrician with additional training in infant development, maternal and child health and epidemiology. In addition to receiving a degree in Medicine from the University of California Los Angeles School of Medicine, she held a DrPH in Epidemiology (with a major focus on perinatal care) from UCLA School of Public Health. Throughout her lifetime, she maintained a professional interest in maternal, infant, and family health promotion. Audrey was President and CEO of Wellstart International until the time of her death. In 1985, with Ruth Wester, a pediatric nurse practitioner, Audrey co-founded Wellstart International, a nonprofit organization established in San Diego, California to educate health care providers (medical and nursing students as well as perinatal specialty residents), in the "why and how" of optimal infant and young child feeding. Wellstart, with funding from USAID and USDHHS, ultimately trained over 650 faculty members from medical schools in 55 countries in the basics of lactation management. She was instrumental in both international efforts as well as those focused primarily in the United States to promote breastfeeding as the normal way to feed infants and young children and other aspects of optimal infant and young child feeding. Audrey was a founding member of the World Alliance of

Breastfeeding Action (WABA), the United States Breastfeeding Committee (USBC), the Academy of Breastfeeding Medicine (ABM), and the Section on Breastfeeding of the American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP). She was a member of the Steering Committee of WABA and a member of the Board of Directors of BFUSA. She was also an experienced medical school educator and had been a member of several medical school faculties including Ohio State University College of Medicine, the University of Southern California School of Medicine, The University of California San Diego School of Medicine, and The University of Vermont College of Medicine where she maintained a voluntary, part-time Clinical Professor of Pediatrics until her death. She was also a founding board member of Reaching Our Sisters Everywhere (ROSE).

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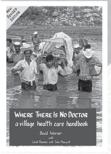


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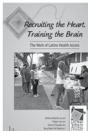


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