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Paul Alberghine

Program Specialist (Health and Nutrition)
Office of Capacity Building and Development
Foreign Agricultural Service, USDA

Paul Alberghine is the Program Specialist (Health and Nutrition) in USDA's School Feeding and Humanitarian Branch working on the Micronutrient-Fortified Food Aid Products Pilot (MFFAPP) Program administered under the McGovern-Dole Food for Education Program. Under MFFAPP, participants have access to resources to develop and field test new or improved micronutrient-fortified food aid products.

Mr. Alberghine holds a Bachelor of Arts and Master of Education degree from Loyola University Maryland. He has studied and worked overseas in Southeast Asia and Eastern Europe. He discovered a passion for child nutrition while working as Senior Program Manager at the Child Nutrition Foundation in 2000. After six years working on domestic school feeding issues he joined the Global Child Nutrition Foundation (GCNF) in 2006 as Program Director. While in this position Mr. Alberghine was the planning lead for GCNF's annual Global Forum, an international symposium dedicated to helping developing countries operate sustainable school feeding programs.

Mr. Alberghine is a native of Toronto, Canada and now resides in Forest Glen, Maryland with his wife Melissa.

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Julia María Asturias
National Officer, Guatemala
US Agency for International Development - Guatemala

Ms. Asturias is a well-seasoned USAID Foreign Service National Officer with more than 20 years of experience in food-aid programs. Furthermore, Ms. Asturias has a broad nutrition and management background as a Senior Food for Peace Officer for USAID Guatemala.



Ned R. Bergman
Branch Chief,
Farm Service Agency, USDA

Ned Bergman has been Chief of the Examination Branch since 1997. He is responsible for the management of the federal warehouse examination program. Warehouse examinations are conducted for the purposes of the U.S. Warehouse Act and the Commodity Credit Corporation. Commodity groups included in the examination process are grain, cotton, peanuts, sugar, and processed commodity products.

Mr. Bergman has worked for USDA for 32 years. Prior to his current position, he was Chief of the United States Warehouse Act License Branch from 1990 – 1997, and a Warehouse Examiner and Supervisor in the Kansas City area from 1979 – 1990.

He has worked extensively with the examination and inspection of commodity warehouses at both domestic and export locations.

Mr. Bergman is a native of the Lamoni, Iowa area and has a degree in Business Administration and Economics from Graceland University, Lamoni, IA. He is involved with the management of the family farm located in Harrison County, MO, and currently resides in Independence, Missouri.



Hanane Bouzambou
Food Technologist, Food Safety and Quality Unit
World Food Programme

Mrs. Hanane Bouzambou received her Food Technology Engineer's diploma from Polytech University, Food Technology Engineer Diploma (France). She joined the Food Safety and Quality Unit of the World Food Programme of the United Nations (WFP) 2 years ago.

She designed a Food Safety and Quality Management System (FSQMS) adapted to WFP's contexts. She also participates to the implementation of the FSQMS measures such as the assessment of food suppliers and inspection companies and to the development of supporting tools in Eastern and Southern Africa and some countries of Asia and Middle East.

Along with the FSQMS implementation, Mrs. Bouzambou also worked on the configuration of quality management software, which will enable an efficient and proactive management of quality and a more accurate reporting of quality parameters and potential issues.

Hanane is also WFP's auditor of the Ready-to-Use Supplementary (RUSF) food producers. She also designed studies looking at the stability of RUSF products in field and laboratory conditions at very high temperatures.



Birendra Kumar De

Commodity Management Specialist

Technical and Operational Performance Support (TOPS) Project

BK has more than 20 years of emergency relief and development program experience in the field of commodity management, logistics, warehousing and distribution. BK started with CARE in India in 1982, monitoring commodity logistics for three large Title II food distribution programs. He worked with CARE in three states in India in this capacity until 1995 when he moved from into emergency response. He worked on CARE-managed emergency responses in nine countries in Africa, Asia, and Europe. He has also worked for Save the Children UK and the World Food Program.

BK lived and worked in refugee camps and field offices before moving to CARE USA headquarters in Atlanta, Georgia in 2007. In CARE's Atlanta HQ, BK played a key role in setting up CARE's Supply Chain Management Unit to improve the agency's global supply chain management capacity. Currently, he is assisting the Save the Children-led Food for Peace TOPS Program in developing a global Title II commodity management training program.

BK has a Masters in International Logistics from Georgia Institute of Technology, Atlanta.

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David Delgado
Senior Food Security Advisor
US Agency for International Development - Guatemala

Mr. Delgado is a retired USAID Foreign Service Officer with more than 40 years of international development experience in agricultural production, food security, watershed management, integrated rural development, export promotion, private sector development, economic growth and conflict mitigation.

Mr. Delgado held senior management positions with USAID in Africa, Asia, the Middle East and Latin America. He is the senior Food Security Advisor to USAID/Guatemala. Mr. Delgado holds degrees from the University of Tennessee and Cornell University.



Dina Esposito

Director, Office of Food for Peace
Bureau for Democracy, Conflict, and Humanitarian Assistance
U.S. Agency for International Development

Dina Esposito is the Director of the Office of Food for Peace, in the Bureau for Democracy, Conflict, and Humanitarian Assistance at USAID. In this capacity she oversees the Agency's food assistance programming, spanning 54 countries worldwide and valued at approximately \$2.1 billion annually. USAID's Office of Food for Peace responds to acute food insecurity by providing in-kind food aid, locally and regionally procured food aid, food vouchers, and cash transfers to millions of people affected by conflict and natural disasters annually. In addition, it also supports interventions in critical areas such as nutrition, health, agriculture, and livelihoods to address the underlying causes of poverty and hunger among the poorest of the poor with development food aid.

Prior to joining USAID in December 2010, Ms. Esposito managed and advised on democracy, governance, and conflict mitigation programs for PACT, a U.S. nongovernmental organization, serving in both Ethiopia and PACT's regional office in Kenya. From 2000 to 2006, she was a consultant; she worked with USAID, nongovernmental organizations, a Washington D.C.-based think tank, and the International Organization for Migration, where she focused on post-conflict reconstruction and conflict mitigation, planning, policies, and programs.

From 1992 to 1999, Ms. Esposito worked in USAID's Bureau for Humanitarian Response in the Office of U.S. Foreign Disaster Assistance, the Office of Transition Initiatives, and the Office of Program, Planning, and Evaluation. She also served in the Africa Bureau's Office of Central and West African Affairs.

Before joining USAID, Ms. Esposito served as a Presidential Management Fellow in the Department of State's Bureau for Population, Refugees, and Migration. She is a graduate of Williams College and holds a Master's Degree from Johns Hopkins University, School for Advance International Studies.

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David Evans
US President and Global Executive Officer
Food for the Hungry

David Evans is US President and Global Executive Officer for Food for the Hungry (FH) and is based in FH's Washington, DC office. In his current role, he serves on a four-person global executive leadership team that oversees and directs the worldwide operations of Food for the Hungry. His specific areas of responsibility include all international programs implemented by FH, grant funding from the US and other Northern governments, private resource development in the US and abroad, and US strategic partnerships. David has over 27 years of experience in international relief and development organization leadership, management, implementation and training in the United States, Africa, Latin America and Asia. During that period, he lived and worked for ten years in Burkina Faso, Chad, Mali and Bolivia. In addition to his responsibilities in FH, David is currently Chair of the Alliance for Global Food Security and serves on the Boards of Integral, Millennium Water Alliance, and the US Congressional Hunger Center's Leland Policy Advisory. His educational background includes an MS in Agricultural Economics from Penn State University and a BA in International Studies from Indiana University of Pennsylvania. He is married with two teenage children.



Anthony Fisher
Packaged Commodity Team Lead
Transportation Division
U.S. Agency for International Development

Anthony Fisher leads USAID's Packaged Commodity Team, which is responsible for supervising the procurement of transportation services for Agency impelled food assistance commodities in bagged and tinned form.

Prior to joining USAID in 2005, Mr. Fisher worked as a chartering agent and freight forwarder representing a number of PVO's and foreign government recipients under USAID, USDA, State and DoD funded programs. In late 2010, Mr. Fisher was recalled to active military service with the US Navy and completed a 13 month deployment to US Central Command Headquarters.

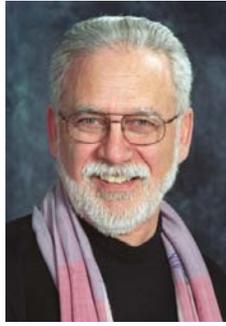
Mr. Fisher holds a BS in Marine Transportation from the US Merchant Marine Academy and a MA in National Security and Strategic Studies from the US Naval War College.



Timothy Robert Frankenberger, PhD
President and Co-founder
TANGO International

Tim Frankenberger is the President and co-founder of TANGO International (12 years) and has over 30 years of experience in international development activities. He previously was the Senior Food Security Advisor and Livelihood Security Coordinator at CARE for six years. Prior to this he was a farming systems research specialist at the University of Arizona for eight years. He has published numerous articles on household food security and is considered an expert on livelihood approaches.

He received a BS in Anthropology from Iowa State University and an MA in Anthropology with a minor in Agricultural Economics from the University of Kentucky. Tim also carried out his doctoral studies at the University of Kentucky in Anthropology with a minor in Agricultural Economics.



Mark Fritzler

Director,

Technical and Operational Performance Support (TOPS) Project
Save the Children

Mark Fritzler is Director of the Technical and Operational Performance Support (TOPS) Project, a five-year, \$20 million USAID/Office of Food for Peace-funded Leader with Associate Cooperative Agreement. TOPS is implemented by a five-member consortium—Save the Children (Leader), Mercy Corps, Tango International, The CORE Group, and Food for the Hungry. TOPS is designed to increase the efficiency and effectiveness of Title II food aid programs through identifying, testing, adapting, and sharing improved methodologies and best practices.

Mark joined Save the Children (SC) in July 2003 as Country Director in Iraq. Subsequently, he served as Country Director in Mozambique and Indonesia. Before becoming Indonesia Country Director, Mark was Chief of Party for the SC US-led SC Alliance Tsunami Response Program in Aceh, Indonesia. During his nearly three decades in international relief and development work, he has worked in Arica, Asia, and the Middle East. He also worked with JHPIEGO and CARE International.

Mark has a BA in Political Science from the University of Oregon. He is based in SC Washington, DC office.

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Paul B. Green

Agricultural Economist and Marketing Consultant

Paul B. Green is an agricultural economist and consultant based in Washington DC, where he specializes in international and domestic marketing of agricultural and food products with an emphasis on food regulations, agriculture biotechnology and food aid/food security policies. Paul represents and advises trade associations and several of the largest U.S. agribusiness firms including the North American Millers' Association (NAMA), the trade association of the US dry grain-milling industry. He has represented the US grain processors in international markets and global food assistance arenas for over 25 years.

For 10 years Paul has chaired the North American Export Grain Association (NAEGA) Biotechnology Committee. This committee advises the NAEGA Board on technical and policy issues related to commercial trade of transgenic crops. As committee chair, he represents the US grain trade in venues around the world. On NAEGA's behalf, he has also represented the world's private sector grain trade at multilateral meetings of the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety and the Codex Alimentarius meetings on international food safety. He frequently speaks on behalf of the International Grain Trade Coalition, a coalition of importers and exporters of grains and oilseeds for use as food and/or feed.

Paul holds a Master's Degree in Agricultural Economics with a specialization in trade and development economics from the University of Hawaii. He got his Bachelor's Degree at the University of Victoria, in British Columbia, Canada in Economics and Pacific Rim Studies.



Caren Grown, PhD
Senior Gender Advisor
Bureau of Policy, Planning and Learning
US Agency for International Development

Caren Grown is Senior Gender Advisor in the Bureau of Policy, Planning and Learning, where she leads USAID's efforts to integrate gender equality and female empowerment throughout the agency's policies and programs.

Dr. Grown is on leave as Economist-In-Residence at American University, where she also co-directed the Program on Gender Analysis in Economics. Formerly, she was Senior Scholar and Co-Director of the Gender Equality and Economy Program at The Levy Economics Institute at Bard College and Director of the Poverty Reduction and Economic Governance team at the International Center for Research on Women (ICRW).

She is the author of several books on gender issues in trade, public finance, and development, and her articles have appeared in *World Development*, *Journal of International Development*, *Feminist Economics*, *Health Policy and Planning*, and *The Lancet*.

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Emily Hogue, PhD
Technical Team Lead
Monitoring and Evaluation
Bureau for Food Security
US Agency for International Development

Emily Hogue is the Technical Team Lead for Monitoring and Evaluation in the Bureau for Food Security (BFS). Prior to working in BFS, she served as the Desk Officer for El Salvador, Guatemala, and Honduras in the Central America and Mexico Office of the Bureau for Latin America and the Caribbean.

Before joining USAID, Emily completed a Ph.D. in Comparative Sociology with a specialization in Anthropology at Florida International University. Her research has focused on the impacts of agriculture and economic development programs in Peruvian indigenous communities. Additionally, she has conducted original research on topics such as women's involvement in economic growth strategies in southern Chile, faith-based development and social change, and ethnic identities and development in the Andes.

She worked as a researcher for the University of Chicago, studying low-income families' utilization of social services. As a development practitioner, Emily worked as a consultant on disaster management for Habitat for Humanity Caribbean and on economic growth for World Vision Chile.

Emily also holds an MA in Sociology and a BA in Spanish and English.



Allan Jury
Director,
US Relations Office, UN World Food Programme

Allan Jury has been Director of the World Food Programme's (WFP) US relations office in Washington DC since September 1, 2008. He is responsible for managing WFP's relations with its major partners in the United States, including the World Bank headquarters.

Mr. Jury previously served as WFP's Director of External Relations (2004-2008), where he was responsible for representing the programme and developing organizational policy on UN reform, interagency affairs, and relations with non-governmental organizations (NGOs).

He joined the World Food Programme in March 2001 as Chief of the Policy Service, a post he held until June 2004. Mr. Jury, a national of the United States of America, came to WFP following a 25 year career with the U.S. Department of State.



David Kauck, PhD
Associate Vice President
Livelihoods Department
Save the Children

David Kauck is Associate Vice President for Save the Children's Livelihoods Department. David has over 20 years of international experience in rural livelihoods, food security, and agriculture development programming. David spent 18 years at CARE/USA in senior positions, starting as chief of party for a Latin American regional project working with multiple partners on agriculture and natural resource management. He subsequently served for 10 years as Regional Program Coordinator supporting 14 African country offices in all aspects of strategic and operational planning and quality program delivery.

From 2008-2009, David directed CARE's public policy work on food security, food aid management, agriculture and livelihoods. In this capacity he served on the Center for Strategic and International Studies Task Force on the Global Food Crisis, testified before Congress, and was a founding member of the NGO working group that guided the Roadmap to End Global Hunger, in which Save the Children participated. Most recently, David has been with the International Center for Research on Women (ICRW), where among other things he played a key role in driving the inclusion of gender objectives and indicators in the Obama Administration's Feed the Future strategy.

David holds a BA in Sociology from the University of Cincinnati and an MA and PhD in Sociology from the University of Washington. He was a Fulbright-Hayes Fellow in Central America, where he did his doctoral research on agricultural development and social change. David is fluent in Spanish and French, and speaks good Portuguese.

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David Kirkland
Chief, Licensing Branch
Warehouse Examination and Licensing Division
Farm Service Agency, USDA

David Kirkland has been Chief of the Licensing Branch since 2008. He is responsible for the management of the licensing of warehouses in the U.S. under the United States Warehouse Act (USWA).

Mr. Kirkland has worked for USDA for 36 years. Prior to his current position, he was a Commodity Program Analyst in the Commodity Management Division from 1997 – 2008; Chief of the Sales Contracts Review Branch from 1989 – 1997; an Agricultural Marketing Specialist in various divisions from 1983 – 1989; and a Junior Board member of the Board of Appeals and Review, Federal Grain Inspection Service from 1979 - 1983.

Mr. Kirkland is a native of the Borger, Texas area and has a Bachelor of Science in Plant Science from West Texas State University, Canyon, TX.

Jeffrey D. Klein
President and CEO
The Global FoodBanking Network

Jeffrey D. Klein has been the President and CEO of The Global FoodBanking Network (GFN), an international organization of food banks working in 22 current and prospective countries, since January of 2011. GFN (www.foodbanking.org), whose mission is to alleviate world hunger, supports food banks and food bank networks where they exist and works collaboratively with government, the private sector, and civil society to create them in communities where they are needed.

Mr. Klein spent the first 30 years of his career financing, investing in, and selling private and public companies in the United States, Latin America, and Asia. Mr. Klein was a Managing Director for 14 years with Equity Group Investments (EGI), Sam Zell's private investment firm, where he was instrumental in developing and implementing growth strategies in a broad range of industries, and prepared various portfolio companies for stock exchange listings in the United States, Mexico, and Brazil. His work included the food industry in various ways, from investments and Board involvement in a number of restaurant companies, to business advising and capital raising for grocery companies in the US and Brazil.

Prior to joining EGI, Mr. Klein was a senior banker with Citibank and Mellon Bank. He is a former board member of several public companies (McCormick & Schmick's Seafood Restaurants, Inc. and Chart House Enterprises), as well as a number of private companies. He is on the Board of Barri Financial Group (financial services) and is an advisor to Progreso, LLC (a grocery retailer and distributor), both of which focus on Hispanic consumers in the US.

Mr. Klein has been involved in domestic and international non-profit work for many years, serving on the Board of Governors of microfinance leader Opportunity International where he participated in numerous insight trips and educational conferences and hosted international personnel, fundraisers, and awareness campaigns. Mr. Klein and his family have traveled extensively overseas, including multiple volunteer service trips.

Mr. Klein holds a BSBA in Finance from Georgetown University. A native of Cleveland, he currently resides in Chicago with his wife. Mr. Klein also has three children.

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John Lamm
Food for Peace Officer
Emergency Food Security Program
US Agency for International Development

John Lamm is a Food for Peace Officer with the Emergency Food Security Program (EFSP) at USAID. He previously worked on the Local and Regional Procurement Pilot Project in USDA's Food Assistance Division and before that worked for Amex International under the Food for Peace support contract. He graduated with an MSc in Geographies of Globalization at the University College of London in 2006.



Nancy Lindborg

Assistant Administrator

Bureau for Democracy, Conflict and Humanitarian Assistance
US Agency for International Development

Assistant Administrator Nancy Lindborg brings a wealth of development and humanitarian aid insight to the Bureau for Democracy, Conflict and Humanitarian Assistance (DCHA). Nancy has spent the last 14 years as president of Mercy Corps, a non-governmental organization (NGO) that helps people in the world's toughest places turn the crises of natural disaster, poverty, and conflict into opportunities for progress. Under her guidance and strategic vision, Mercy Corps has grown into a respected international relief and development organization and is known for addressing challenges with responsive, innovative programming.

Nancy also served as co-president on the Board of Directors for the US Global Leadership Campaign. She was co-chair of the National Committee on North Korea where she led efforts to advance, promote, and facilitate engagement between citizens of the United States and the Democratic People's Republic of Korea. She is a member of the Council on Foreign Relations and was a member of the USAID Advisory Committee on Voluntary Foreign Aid.

From 2000 to 2005, she was chair of the Sphere Management Committee, an international initiative to improve the effectiveness and accountability of NGOs. From 1998 to 2002, Lindborg was the co-chair of the InterAction Disaster Response Committee—InterAction is the largest alliance of US-based international NGOs focused on the world's poor and most vulnerable people.

Before joining Mercy Corps in 1996, she managed economic development programs as a regional director in post-Soviet Central Asia and worked in the private sector as a public policy consultant in Chicago and San Francisco. She holds a BA and MA in English Literature from Stanford University and an MA in Public Administration from the John F. Kennedy School of Government at Harvard University.

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Paul Macek
Senior Director
Food Security & Livelihoods
World Vision

Paul Macek is the Senior Director of Food Security & Livelihoods at World Vision. Paul joined World Vision US in August 2009 after serving for 14 years with Catholic Relief Services in various capacities including Country Representative (Uganda and Zambia); Deputy Regional Director for Southern Africa; Regional Emergency Representative in Southern Africa; and Program Manager in Benin and South Sudan in Africa.

Paul graduated from the University of Wisconsin (Madison, WI) with a BA in History and Political Science and holds an MA in International Affairs from American University (Washington, DC) with a focus on development studies and political economy.



Dipika Matthias
Project Director, Ultra Rice
PATH

Dipika Matthias is the director of the Ultra Rice project at PATH. She manages a global team across several countries and a wide range of disciplines, including technology development and transfer, operations research, commercialization, and advocacy. In this role, she leverages her depth of experience as a program officer in the Commercialization Unit of PATH in Seattle; Dipika previously led a variety of activities related primarily to developing sustainable markets for novel immunization technologies in the developing world.

Before joining PATH, Dipika was the director of Business Analytics at a subsidiary of Merck, and worked at the World Bank for several years. Dipika has several publications on topics ranging from vaccine delivery to the role of information technology in improving health.

She holds an MBA from Yale and a BS in Electrical Engineering from the University of Vermont. Dipika lives near Seattle with her family and three children.



Tim Mehl
Division Chief,
Farm Service Agency, USDA

Tim Mehl is the Division Chief in charge of the Warehouse License and Examination Division (WLED) in the Farm Service Agency's Commodity Operations, since 1999. He oversees the responsibility of administering the federal licensing of warehouses in the US under the United States Warehouse Act (USWA), administering agreements involving the storage and handling of Commodity Credit Corporation (CCC) commodities with warehouse operators and administering warehouse examinations in support of USWA and CCC storage agreements.

Mr. Mehl joined the United States Department of Agriculture in 1985 and has held various management positions in Commodity Operations. He graduated from the Business School at the University of Missouri in 1973. He worked in the agricultural industry from 1973–1985 for Seaboard Allied Milling Corporation and Cargill Incorporated.



Ruth Meinzen-Dick, PhD
Senior Research Fellow
International Food Policy Research Institute

Ruth Meinzen-Dick is a Senior Research Fellow at the International Food Policy Research Institute (IFPRI), based in Washington DC. She is Coordinator of the CGIAR Program on Collective Action and Property Rights (CAPRI), and coordinator of the IFPRI Gender Task Force.

She received her MSc and PhD degrees in Development Sociology from Cornell University. Much of her work has been interdisciplinary research on water policy, local organizations, property rights, gender analysis, and the impact of agricultural research on poverty.

She has conducted field work in Pakistan, Nepal, Sri Lanka, Zimbabwe, Kenya, Uganda, and India, where she was born and raised. She has over 100 peer reviewed publications, including *Collective Action and Property Rights for Poverty Reduction: Insights from Africa and Asia* and a forthcoming book on *Gender in Agriculture and Food Security: Closing the Knowledge Gap*.



James Monahan

Deputy Administrator of Commodity Operations (DACO),
Farm Service Agency, USDA

As Deputy Administrator for Commodity Operations, Mr. Monahan is responsible for developing policies and regulations for the dairy price support program; the storage, handling and disposition of Commodity Credit Corporation's owned commodities; and for the export and domestic commodity donation programs. Under Mr. Monahan's leadership, DACO produces a uniform regulatory system for the storage of agricultural products and ensures the timely provision of food products procured for domestic and international food assistance programs and market development programs.

Mr. Monahan most recently served as Executive Director of the Ag Council on the Environment where he built coalitions with producers, landowners, and groups to initiate, expand and support water quality projects. During the Clinton Administration, Mr. Monahan served as the State Executive Director for the FSA in Vermont and the Virgin Islands, and later as a special assistant to the FSA administrator. He served as a legislative assistant to Vermont Senator Leahy after serving for 15 years in USDA's Natural Resources Conservation Service. He is a disabled Marine from the Vietnam era and currently serves as a National Board Director for Veterans and Military Families for Progress, a nonprofit organization helping veterans and their families.

Mr. Monahan, a Vermont native, graduated from Johnson State College with a double major in Environmental Science and Economics and Resource Management. He and his wife have three sons and reside in Maryland.



Stephen M. Moody, MS
Senior Advisor for Food Technology
Office of Food for Peace
US Agency for International Development

Stephen M. Moody is the Senior Advisor for Food Technology for the USAID Office of Food for Peace. He provides the agency with advice on formulation, development, processing, and packaging technologies for new and existing food products for humanitarian food assistance programs.

Stephen also assists with the development of technical requirements for the procurement and evaluation of food aid commodities, and serves as the co-chair of the Food Safety and Quality Control Working Group of the Food Aid Consultative Group.

He received a MS in Food Science from Kansas State University in 2000. Stephen is a member of the Institute of Food Technologists and a senior member of the American Society for Quality, holding dual certifications as an ASQ Certified Quality Auditor and ASQ Certified Quality Engineer.

Stephen retired from active duty in the U.S. Army Veterinary Corps after 24 years of service. Among his many positions was that of Food Safety Officer for the US Army Central Command in the Persian Gulf where he was responsible for the inspection and approval of local sources for food and bottled water in East Africa, the Middle East, and Central Asia.

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Arianne Neigh, PhD
Post-Crisis Environmental Advisor
Office of Program, Policy & Management
U.S. Agency for International Development

Dr. Neigh is an AAAS Science and Technology Policy Fellow serving in the Bureau for Democracy, Conflict and Humanitarian Assistance (DCHA). Her work focuses on environmental compliance and management in crisis, conflict, and instability contexts in close coordination with the DCHA Bureau Environmental Officer.

Dr. Neigh earned her PhD from Michigan State University in Environmental Toxicology and has been consulting and conducting research in the fields of toxicology, human health and environmental risk assessment for the past eight years.



Rosalie Kama-Niamayoua, PhD
Minister of Education
Republic of Congo

Mrs. Kama-Niamayoua has served as Minister of Education since 2002. As Minister she has been an active member of the Association Pour le Développement de l'Éducation en Afrique (ADEA) formerly serving as President of the Forum for Ministers and currently as the Vice-President of the Director's Committee. She is also a member of CONFEMEN, a forum for education ministers of French-speaking countries.

Mrs. Kama-Niamayoua has played a leading role in not only securing Congolese government funds for school feeding, but also the development of a nation-wide strategy for continuing school feeding in Congo.

For 22 years before becoming Minister of Education, Mrs. Kama-Niamayoua worked at the Ecole Normale Supérieure, a university that specializes in training students to become secondary education teachers. She began as head professor of the Science Education Program and eventually moved up to Assistant Director and then Director. Time permitting, she still teaches courses at the Ecole Normale Supérieure.

Mrs. Kama-Niamayoua has received a graduate degree in Science Education at the Université des Science et Techniques de Lille, France, as well as a doctorate in chemistry from the Université Claude Bernard de Lyon, France.

Greg Olson
Acting, Operations Team Leader
Program Operations Division
Office of Food For Peace
US Agency for International Development

Greg Olson has worked for the Office of Food For Peace (FFP) for nearly seven year, all with the Program Operations Division. He currently serves as the acting Operations Team Leader, working with a staff of four responsible for managing the Title II procurement process, FFP's prepositioning program, coordinating with USAID's Office of Transportation, USDA/FSA and cooperating sponsors on logistical issues and performing technical budget reviews of all Title proposals.

Prior to joining FFP he worked with the World Food Programme in Washington DC and as human rights researcher in South Africa.

He holds a Master's in International Public Administration from the Monterey Institute of International Studies and a Bachelor's in International Relations from the University of California, Davis.

He and his wife, Amy, live in Washington DC with their two daughters, Emma and Alexandra. In addition to spending time with his family, Greg is an avid triathlete and runner.

Rachel Onuska

Assistant Country Director in Republic of Congo
International Partnership for Human Development

Rachel Onuska attended Penn State University and is a graduate of its Agricultural School. Following graduation, she was employed by the US Department of Agriculture USDA in Pennsylvania as a field agent. Later she joined IPHD and became the Assistant Country Director in the Central African Republic from 2006 to 2008, following which she returned to her job with USDA in Pennsylvania. In 2011, Rachel returned to IPHD as its Assistant Country Director in Republic of Congo to oversee its USDA Food for Education Program. Previously, Rachel was a Peace Corps volunteer in Senegal. She speaks French fluently.



Bridget Owen
Associate Director
National Soybean Research Laboratory
University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign

As Associate Director of the National Soybean Research Laboratory (NSRL) at the University of Illinois, Ms. Owen oversees international soybean programs related to malnutrition, economic development and sustainability. She is the liaison between the University of Illinois and industry stakeholders and promotes soybean research, outreach and education efforts associated with production, nutrition and international development.

As part of her responsibilities, she collaborates with humanitarian organizations, government officials, NGOs, private industry, researchers and scientists in higher education to find innovative protein solutions.

Bridget received her MBA from Lindenwood University in St. Louis, Missouri. She previously worked as the Senior Marketing Manager at the United States Soybean Export Council. Her previous responsibilities encompassed grain merchandising, food additives, product line development and export strategy management working with the Global Aquaculture Program.



Donald M. Payne (deceased)
US Representative
New Jersey's 10th Congressional District
US House of Representatives

Donald Milford Payne served as a Congressional Representative from New Jersey. Born in Newark, Essex County, NJ, July 16, 1934, Payne graduated from Barringer High School, Newark, NJ in 1952. He received his BA from Seton Hall University in 1957.

Over his career he served as a teacher, insurance executive, as well as president of the Young Men's Christian Association of the United States (YMCA) from 1970-1973. Payne was a member of the Essex County, NJ, board of chosen freeholders from 1972-1978.

He was elected as a Democrat to the One Hundred First and to the 11 succeeding Congresses (January 3, 1989-present). He was the first African American to represent New Jersey in Congress.

In international issues, Payne was active on multiple issues relating to Africa. He was among the first public officials to denounce mass killings in the Darfur region of Sudan as "genocide" and authored legislation that sought to provide famine relief to this region. As a founder of the Malaria Caucus in Congress he helped secure billions of dollars in foreign aid for treating H.I.V., AIDS, tuberculosis and malaria. Congressman Payne was at the forefront of efforts to restore democracy and human rights in nations throughout the globe.

As a leading advocate of education, Payne was instrumental in the passage of key legislation, including the Goals 2000 initiative to improve elementary and secondary schools; the School-to-Work Opportunities Act; the National Service Act, establishment of the National Literacy Institute; and funding for Head Start, Pell Grants, Summer Jobs and Student Loans.

In 2003, President George W. Bush appointed Payne as one of two members of Congress to serve as a Congressional delegate to the United Nations and reappointed him in 2005 to an unprecedented second term.

Due to complications of colon cancer, he died on March 6, 2012, in Livingston, NJ.

Michael Perry
Export Specialist
Export Services, Phytosanitary Issues Management
Plant Protection Quarantine
Animal Plant Health Inspection Service, USDA

Michael Perry is originally from Santa Maria, California. He studied Crop Science at California Polytechnic State University in San Luis Obispo. He worked in California as Pest Control Advisor and Agronomist in the Monterey Bay/ Salinas area in row, tree and grains.

Michael is a former Peace Corps volunteer in Guatemala where he served as an agricultural extensionist. He has worked for the Department of Homeland Security (DHA) as a Agricultural Specialist in commodity imports and USDA's Animal Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS), Plant Protection and Quarantine (PPQ) as an Export Specialist. He specializes in phytosanitary import requirements for various foreign countries as well as the operations Phytosanitary Certificate Issuance & Tracking (PCIT) and the Phytosanitary Export Database (PExD). He currently resides in Maryland.

Nelson Randall

President and CEO of Randall Consulting

A native of Craig Missouri, Nelson Randall was born on a farm in the Northwest corner of Missouri. While on the farm Nelson developed a valued work ethic. He learned the many responsibilities in running and managing a farm from tending to cattle and hogs as well as planting and harvesting corn, wheat, soybeans and sorghum. Nelson is a graduate of Northwest Missouri State University, Maryville, Missouri. He graduated with a Bachelors Degree in Agriculture.

On graduating from Northwest Missouri State University Nelson began his career in 1976 with the federal Grain Inspection Service in Wichita, Kansas. Nelson became a journeyman grain inspector during his short assignment in Wichita. He became proficient in grading the various feed grains. In 1978 he transferred to Galveston, Texas and was assigned as one of the lead grain inspector for the export terminal elevator markets. Nelson became the lead on the sampling and testing of the various grains that were exported. He has extensive knowledge on sampling of railcars, motor vessels, barge, and warehoused commodities. Nelson has a thorough understanding of mechanical sampling devices and the procedure that is required. He has a vast understanding of the sampling protocol established by the Federal Grain Inspection Service.

In 1978 Nelson transferred to the Federal Grain Inspection Service, Kansas City Regional Office where he was responsible for supervising eight State Grain Inspection Offices and multiple Private Grain Inspection Agencies. In 1980 Nelson joined the Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Service in the Kansas City Commodity Office. Nelson joined KCCO in the Miscellaneous Commodities Branch and had the responsibility for managing the Governments cotton inventory. Nelson was responsible for the reconstitution of millions of bales of cotton during his term in Miscellaneous Commodities Branch. In the mid 80s USDA experienced the largest government owned inventories in USDA history. Nelson became the Marketing Specialist responsible for managing the USDA's grain inventories. His responsibility was to move the grain inventories from country and terminal markets to export terminals in all US port terminals. In 1990 Nelson became the Branch Chief of the Procurement Branch in the International Procurement Division where he managed a skilled workforce to procure \$2 billion of commodities each year. He coordinated the workforce across three Agencies in the development of a Web Based Supply Chain Management System, automating the entry of commodity requests, commodity and freight bidding, the evaluation process, contract awards, commodity and freight invoicing, survey contracting and reporting, and

reporting for loss recovery. He is considered the expert in evaluating impacts of legislative and policy initiatives proposed by various federal agencies on the following:

- ✓ Maritime Security Act 17
- ✓ Cargo preference
- ✓ Federal Acquisition Regulations
- ✓ Social Economic Programs
- ✓ USAID Preposition program

Nelson has a wealth of experience as an accomplished and recognized expert in the procurement and logistical movement of humanitarian food aid. He has extensive agricultural experience in commodity inspection and sampling, commodity procurement, logistics including rail and ocean, port handling, and electronic bidding with USDA. He also has extensive experience in the interruption of USDA policies, procedures, regulations, and the Federal Acquisition Regulations, He is skilled in leadership management with the ability to manage multiple projects and teams setting direction and evaluating performance.

In 2006 Nelson became the Director of the International Procurement Division where he managed a skilled workforce of 45 employees with 11 warranted contracting officers procuring \$2 billion of commodities each year. Listed below are some of Nelson's most accredited accomplishments:

- ✓ Extensive knowledge in the government invoicing of commodities in the food aid programs.
- ✓ Comprehensive understanding of the procurement process used by USDA, AID and FAS for commodity and freight.
- ✓ Comprehensive knowledge of USDA, USAID packaging specifications and markings.
- ✓ Expert in gaining consensus among government agencies on food aid.
- ✓ Collaboration with other government agencies, i.e. USAID, FAS, SBA, MARAD, AMS, FNS
- ✓ Comprehensive understanding of commodity and freight markets
- ✓ Knowledgeable of port operations including handling, storage, wharfage, and port capacities.
- ✓ Expertise in logistical movements of cargoes around the world.

Nelson, his wife Theresa, and three children make their home in Stilwell, Kansas. Nelson enjoys working in his yard and garden as well as attending his children's activities.



John Roberts

Programme Coordinator of Operations
Geodis Wilson USA

John Roberts is Programme Coordinator of Operations for Geodis Wilson USA of Iselin, New Jersey, World Food Programme's US freight forwarder.

Joining TNT Freight Management, Geodis Wilson's predecessor, in 2006, John brought with him over 25 years of experience in container shipping operations in New Zealand, New Orleans, Chicago, and New York. He held operations management positions with both US Flag (Farrell Lines) and foreign ocean carriers (UASC, P&O Nedlloyd, and Maersk) before joining the freight forwarding community.

A retired US Navy officer, Roberts now lives in Piscataway, New Jersey with his wife, Catherine. With several degrees from the University of California in entomology, in his spare time he continues insect study and has traveled extensively.



Florence Rolle
Senior Liaison Officer,
Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO)
United Nations Liaison Office for North America

Florence Rolle is the new Senior Liaison Officer of the FAO Liaison Office for North America. She is an agronomist and environmentalist. She has worked for more than 15 years on agricultural and rural development in Europe and Africa, and more specifically 7 years for the private sector in water management and soil rehabilitation and 12 years in FAO on technical cooperation programmes.

She has an MSc degree in Rural Resources and Environmental Policy from Wye College, UK and two equivalent MSc degrees in Agronomy, Water and Forest from the "Génie Rural, des Eaux et des Forêts and the "Institut National Agronomique Paris-Grignon", France.

She joined FAO in 1998, first in Rome as an advisor to the Assistant Director General of the Technical Cooperation Department and then as a Donor Coordinator for the World Bank in Ethiopia before moving to the Washington office in September 2010. She began her career in Paris with the water and soil research institute of Vivendi, where she worked from 1991 to 1997.



Mara Russell

Practice Manager: Food Security and Livelihoods
Land O'Lakes International Development

Mara Russell has been working in the fields of food aid and food security for over twenty-five years. She has been with Land O'Lakes International Development for eight years and is currently the Practice Manager for Food Security and Livelihoods and heads the division's Gender Task Force. In this capacity, she provides technical leadership to programs that address vulnerability and food insecurity, and ensures that gender considerations are integrated into all division programs.

Ms. Russell provided support to CARE's global food aid programs from 1986-1991. Then, from 1991-93, she assisted CARE emergency food aid operations in northern Iraq, southern Somalia, and the Former Soviet Union. From 2000 to 2004, Ms. Russell coordinated Food Aid Management (FAM), a technical consortium of Title II Cooperating Sponsors.

Ms. Russell holds a Bachelor's Degree from UCLA and a Master's Degree from Columbia University, both in Anthropology.



Bertrand Salvignol
Head, Food Safety and Quality Assurance Unit
World Food Programme

Bertrand Salvignol is the Head of the Food Safety and Quality Unit of the World Food Programme of the United Nations (WFP), Rome, Italy. He is responsible for the Organization's programme related to food safety and quality assurance system. The unit develops food specifications, based on Codex Alimentarius standards, national regulations and nutritional requirements. The unit also develops guidelines and recommendations to assess its food suppliers and inspection companies to ensure they can provide a service that matches WFP's food safety and quality management system. The unit is working in close collaboration with other WFP's division, e.g. logistics and programme, to ensure that the quality of the food is maintain along the supply chain.

During his nine year career with WFP, Mr. Salvignol has been involved in the development and execution of a large number of projects and audits related to food safety and quality. He was based five years in Thailand and was covering the Asian bureau office on matters related to food processing and food quality. He moved to Rome four years ago and was tasked to formulate a food Policy Paper that was approved by the WFP's Executive Director in 2010. Following the commitment of the management to ensure safety and quality at WFP, the unit started to develop a quality manual, guidance documents and training materials covering various aspects of food quality assurance and control, in order to enhance WFP's food quality management.

Mr. Salvignol graduated as food technologist from Polytech University, Food Technology Engineer Diploma, Lille, France. He also has an MSc in Public Health Nutrition, MSc, from the London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine, London, UK. Before joining WFP, he worked 5 years for a NGO, called GRET (Groupe de Recherche et d'Echanges Technologiques), in Vietnam where he

was responsible for the production and quality control of food productions and nutrition programmes.



Paul E. Schickler
President, Pioneer Hi-Bred

Paul E. Schickler is president of Pioneer Hi-Bred, the advanced seed genetics business of DuPont. In the role, which he has held since 2007, he has continued to expand Pioneer's global business by remaining focused on innovation that improves local productivity and profitability of farmers in more than 90 countries. Since joining Pioneer in 1974, Schickler has served in a variety of finance and administrative leadership roles throughout the business, including vice president of International Operations from 1999 to 2007. He currently serves on the DuPont Committee on Agricultural Innovation and Productivity in the 21st Century, the DuPont Agriculture Decision Board, and is a member of the DuPont Operating Team.

Schickler is a graduate of Drake University, where he received Bachelor of Science and Master of Arts degrees in business administration. He currently serves on the Chicago Council's Global Agricultural Development Initiative Advisory Group; the Grand View University Board of Directors; National FFA Sponsors' Board; and Iowa Business Council. A strong contributor to the community, Schickler is an active supporter for United Way, The World Food Prize Foundation, Meals from the Heartland and Farm Journal Legacy Project.

John S. Scicchitano
Program Manager for FEWS NET
Office of Food for Peace
US Agency for International Development

John Scicchitano is the Program Manager for FEWS NET at the Office of Food for Peace of the US Agency for International Development. He has been assigned to this role through an interagency agreement with the US Department of Agriculture. His career has included assignments in the government, private, and non-profit sectors.

Previously, John managed operations in the Americas for Vestergaard-Frandsen, a Swiss company which innovates, manufactures, and delivers long lasting mosquito nets and other disease prevention products to Africa and the developing world.

From 1994 - 2006, he was based in various countries throughout Africa including Kenya, Senegal, Rwanda, and Burundi as Regional Advisor for USAID, Country Director for World Relief, and other managerial and technical positions. His career in International Development began as a volunteer with the Mennonite Central Committee, working with local craftsmen to build and repair hand pumps in Ouagadougou, Burkina Faso.

John holds a Bachelor of Science in Engineering (Geological Engineering) from Princeton University, and a Masters Degree from Georgetown University's McDonough School of Business.



Michael Scuse
Under Secretary
Farm and Foreign Agricultural Services (FFAS), USDA

FFAS includes the Foreign Agricultural Service (FAS), Farm Service Agency (FSA), and Risk Management Agency (RMA). FAS works to expand existing markets and build new markets for US products, improve the competitive position of US agriculture, and provide food aid and technical assistance to foreign countries. FSA and RMA help to keep America's farmers and ranchers in business as they face the uncertainties of weather and markets. These two agencies deliver commodity, credit, conservation, disaster, and emergency assistance, as well as crop insurance, programs that help improve the stability and strength of the domestic agricultural economy.

Mr. Scuse was Secretary of Agriculture for Delaware from May 2001 until September 2008, when Governor Ruth Ann Minner (D) named him as her chief of staff. From 1996 to 2001, Scuse served as both chairman of the Kent County (Delaware) Regional Planning Commission and chairman of USDA's FSA State Committee. Before that, he was Kent County Recorder of Deeds.

In addition to serving as the NASDA vice president while agriculture secretary, Mr. Scuse was also president of the Northeast Association of State Departments of Agriculture. While in office, he successfully eradicated avian influenza from broiler flocks with the assistance of the University of Delaware and the state's poultry industry.

Mr. Scuse is an active member of Ducks Unlimited and the Quality Deer Management Association and shows registered paint horses. He lives in Smyrna, Delaware, with his wife Patrice and one of their two daughters.



Patricia R. Sheikh
Deputy Administrator,
Office of Capacity Building and Development
Foreign Agricultural Service, USDA

From January-April 2009, Ms. Sheikh was Acting, Deputy Under Secretary for USDA's Farm and Foreign Agricultural Services.

Ms. Sheikh was selected as the Deputy Administrator for FAS' Office of Capacity Building and Development in November 2006. From June 1997-November 2006, Ms. Sheikh served as Deputy Administrator for FAS' International Trade Policy. Ms. Sheikh is the architect of USDA's Africa strategy, and was the key architect of USDA's North Asia trade policy strategy. She assumed her position as Deputy Administrator after having distinguished herself by leading the Department's efforts to resolve trade policy issues for well over a decade.

In her current capacity, she is charged with overseeing all capacity building endeavors, including those associated with food assistance, thereby employing a "holistic approach" to development. Ms. Sheikh also coordinates the U.S. government's foreign policy objectives as they relates to capacity building endeavors. Her extensive work in agricultural affairs puts her in the unique position of employing her vast working experience to tackle the complex problems associated with food security.

Her work experience also includes serving as Director of FAS' Trade Policy Division for the Asia and Americas from 1993-1997. From 1989-1993, she led the Cotton Analysis Section of FAS' former Tobacco, Cotton, and Seeds Division, focusing on China.

Ms. Sheikh worked as an agricultural economist in FAS' former Foreign Production Estimates Division from 1983-1989, after having worked as an

agricultural economist in its Grain and Feed Division from 1978-1983. From 1977-1978, she was an international economist in the US Department of Labor's Office of Foreign and Economic Policy.

A native of Maryland, Ms. Sheikh holds a Bachelor's Degree in history and political science with a minor in economics from the College of Notre Dame of Maryland in Baltimore and a Master's Degree in international relations from the School of Advanced International Relations in Washington, DC, at Johns Hopkins University.



Dierk Stegen

Chief, Ocean Transportation Service
World Food Programme

Dierk Stegen is currently the Chief of the Ocean Transportation Service, managing and overseeing WFP's global shipping operations. A German national, Dierk joined WFP in 1990 as a Chartering and Shipping Officer, after nearly 20 years of experience working in the commercial shipping industry.

Dierk's career with WFP has taken him to duty stations such as North Korea where he handled the receipt of over 1.5 million tons of food commodities, as well as to South Africa, where he managed logistics operations for eastern, central and southern Africa as the Regional Logistics Officer.

In addition to these postings, he has also served as Head of Logistics in Kenya, ensuring that food coming from sea, air, and road reached beneficiaries in land-locked neighbouring countries, including those situated in Kenyan refugee camps and those aided by the many air operations into South Sudan.



Robert L. Thompson, PhD

Senior Fellow

Chicago Council on Global Affairs

Professor Emeritus of the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign

Robert Thompson is a Senior Fellow at the Chicago Council on Global Affairs, Professor Emeritus of the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, most recently holding the Gardner Endowed Chair in Agricultural Policy. Dr. Thompson is also a visiting scholar at Johns Hopkins School of Advanced International Studies.

Dr. Thompson also serves on the International Food and Agricultural Trade Policy Council and Land O'Lakes Board of Directors; as a Fellow of the American Agricultural Economics Association and the American Association for the Advancement of Science; as a Foreign Member of the Royal Swedish Academy of Agriculture and Forestry and of the Ukrainian Academy of Agricultural Sciences; and as a former President of the International Association of Agricultural Economists. Previously, Dr. Thompson served as Director of Rural Development at the World Bank, President and CEO of the Winrock International Institute for Agricultural Development, Dean of Agriculture and Professor of Agricultural Economics at Purdue University, Assistant Secretary for Economics at the US Department of Agriculture, and Senior Staff Economist for Food and Agriculture at the Council of Economic Advisers.

Dr. Thompson has published more than 100 articles and book chapters and speaks Portuguese and Danish. He received honorary doctorates from the Pennsylvania State University and Dalhousie University and a PhD in agricultural economics from Purdue University.



Domingos Fernandes Torres Júnior
National Director of School Welfare Programs
Angolan Ministry of Education
Luanda, Angola

Mr. Torres currently serves as National Director of School Welfare Programs, in charge of National School Feeding and Sports Programs.

He previously served as Department Head in charge of Extracurricular Activities and Head of Department of Physical Education and School Sporting Events and the Coordinator of National School Games on four different occasions.

From 1998-2000 he was Professor at the National Institute of Physical Education after having served as Professor of Pre University studies at Ingombota (Luanda).

He began his professional career in 1987 as a teacher in training at the N'Zinga M'Bandi School followed by a year as a Teacher at the National Institute of Physical Education.

Mr. Torres received his Bachelor's Degree in Physical Education in 1995. He is a 1996 Graduate in International Economic Relations, ISRI and completed his Master's Degree in the Management of Sports Organizations. His continued educational interests include School Health, Nutrition and HIV prevention programs.

Rachel Vas
Program Operations Specialist
Program Operations Division
Office of Food for Peace
US Agency for International Development

Rachel Vas is a Program Operations Specialist within the Program Operations Division of USAID's Office of Food for Peace (FFP). She provides operational support for the East Africa regional food programs and manages warehouses for food aid prepositioning in Djibouti and Kenya.

Ms. Vas graduated with a Master's of Science in International Conflict Analysis and Resolution from Virginia's George Mason University in 2006.

Paul Vicinanzo
Contracting Officer / Transportation Specialist
M/OAA/Transportation
US Agency for International Development

Paul Vicinanzo has been with USAID transportation since 2003. He is the Contracting Officer for the Food for Peace Preposition Warehouses Program.

Mr. Vicinanzo has been in his current position with USAID since 2010. Previous to this, he headed the bulk chartering activity within USAID.

Prior to joining USAID, Mr. Vicinanzo spent 17 years with commercial shipping entities including: Mediterranean Shipping Company, Farrell Lines and Sea Land Services.

Mr. Vicinanzo is a native of New York, holds BS and MS degrees in Transportation from the New York Maritime College. He is a Captain in the US Naval Reserve and holds an active US Coast Guard Merchant Marine license.

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Patrick Webb, PhD

Dean for Academic Affairs for Tufts University's
Friedman School of Nutrition Science and Policy

Patrick Webb was the Primary Investigator, Lead Author of *Delivering Improved Nutrition: Recommendations for Changes to US Food Aid Products and Programs*, 2011, Tufts University Review Report to the USAID

Dr. Webb is a food policy specialist who has worked on issues relating to food aid composition and programming for over 15 years. He has evaluated Title II activities in developing countries, and worked with Food for Peace, other USAID staff, and on the Food and Nutrition Technical Assistance project (FANTA). He has engaged in policy and strategy consensus-building at the highest levels, including making presentations to the Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC), negotiating at the World Food Summit in 1996, serving as a member of the UN Hunger Task Force, and overseeing the process leading to the Delhi Declaration on maternal and child nutrition.

Dr. Webb has worked as a member of UNICEF's and World Health Organization's (WHO) expert panels, as advisor for the Gates Foundation on agricultural policy and nutrition strategy, and as policy researcher with International Food Policy Research Institute (IFPRI) for nine years. Through these experiences, Dr. Webb has developed a strong professional network that bridges donor agencies, operational agencies, governments, private voluntary organizations, academic institutions and foundations.

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Shannon Wilson, PhD
Chief of Party
USAID/Bellmon Estimation Studies for Title II (BEST) Project
Fintrac, Inc.

An agricultural economist with 14 years of research and teaching experience in applied economics in developing country contexts in sub-Saharan Africa, Latin America, and South Asia, Shannon Wilson provides technical oversight for all BEST studies and coordinates the analytical team. She joined BEST after completing her doctorate on the causal links between early childhood malnutrition and health outcomes later in life using large-scale panel datasets from Indonesia.

Previously, she taught economics at the university level, conducted research at the World Bank's Development Economics Research Group, and worked with a NGO in Panama.

She has a PhD and MS in Agricultural Economics from the University of Maryland, College Park, and a BA in Development Policy from the University of California, Los Angeles.



Sandra G. Wood

Assistant Deputy Administrator,
Commodity Operations, Farm Service Agency, USDA

Ms. Wood is currently Assistant Deputy Administrator and in this position provides policy and operational guidance to the Commodity Operations Division in Washington, DC and the Kansas City Commodity Office.

In 2006, Ms. Wood became a Branch Chief in the Commodity Operations Division, the organization that she has broad responsibility for now and which began her career in international food aid. She became the Assistant Deputy Administrator for Commodity Operations in 2008, assuming in January 2009 the Acting Deputy Administrator position for which she held in interim for six months.

Ms. Wood began her Federal government career at the Farm Service Agency in the Virginia County Operations Trainee Program and progressed into other positions, including; County Executive Director and then District Director with oversight for eighteen counties. During this tenure, she was also an Equal Employment Opportunity, Civil Rights and Sexual Harassment facilitator providing training across the state and nationally; a Virginia State Civil Rights Coordinator; she obtained Farm Loan approval authority, which allowed her the ability to work loan dockets in any banking or financial institution; and was a National Advanced Facilitator for District Directors, facilitating training and development for District Directors across the country.

Ms. Wood attended Saint Paul's College, located in Lawrenceville Virginia, receiving a Bachelor of Science degree in Business Administration, concentrating in the field of Management. She is also a 2000 graduate of the Graduate School's Executive Leadership Program.

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David Evans is US President and Global Executive Officer for Food for the Hungry (FH) and is based in FH's Washington, D.C. office. In his current role, he serves on a four-person global executive leadership team that oversees and directs the worldwide operations of Food for the Hungry. His specific areas of responsibility include all international programs implemented by FH, grant funding from the US and other Northern governments, private resource development in the US and abroad, and US strategic partnerships. David has over twenty-seven years of experience in international relief and development organization leadership, management, implementation and training in the United States, Africa, Latin America and Asia. During that period, he lived and worked for ten years in Burkina Faso, Chad, Mali and Bolivia. In addition to his responsibilities in FH, David is currently Chair of the Alliance for Global Food Security and serves on the Boards of Integral, Millennium Water Alliance, and the US Congressional Hunger Center's Leland Policy Advisory. His educational background includes an MS in Agricultural Economics from Penn State University and a BA in International Studies from Indiana University of Pennsylvania. He is married with two teenage children.