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Michelle Adato is a sociologist and Senior Research Fellow at the International Food Policy Research Institute (IFPRI). She leads IFPRI's Global and Regional Program on Large Scale Human Capital Interventions, focusing on social protection programs integrating education, health, and nutrition. She also leads the research theme on AIDS, Community Resilience and Social Protection for IFPRI's Regional Network on AIDS, Livelihoods and Food Security (RENEWAL) in Southern and East Africa. Her research examines social processes that occur within and between households, communities, and wider institutions, emphasizing analysis of gender, culture, power, and agency. She has worked in South Africa for 18 years, where her research has included employment programs, cash transfers, orphans, poverty dynamics, and policy processes; and in more recent years in Latin America and Asia, where she has researched conditional cash transfer programs in Mexico, Nicaragua, and Turkey, and maternal and child health and nutrition programs in India. She has just published a book on livelihoods and vulnerability analysis for impact assessment in agricultural programs, and is currently completing a book on conditional cash transfers in Latin America. Michelle has a Ph.D. in Development Sociology from Cornell University, and a Master in Public Administration from Harvard University.

Peter D. Bell

Peter D. Bell is a senior research fellow at the Hauser Center for Nonprofit Organizations at Harvard University. He also co-chairs the Joint Learning Initiative on Children and HIV/AIDS and chairs the facilitation group for the NGO Leaders Forum. Before joining the Hauser Center in September, he was a visiting fellow at the Carter Center in Atlanta. Previously, he served for ten years as president of CARE, one of the world's leading private relief and development organizations. From 1988 until 1995, he had been a member of CARE's Board of Directors, including five years as its chair. Mr. Bell has a long-standing commitment to fighting poverty, advancing human rights and preventing violent conflict. As president of The Edna McConnell Clark Foundation for nine years, he sought to improve conditions for people who are poor and disadvantaged, primarily in the United States. Mr. Bell was a senior associate of the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace from 1984 to 1986, and president of the Inter-American Foundation, which supports grassroots development in Latin America and the Caribbean, from 1980 to 1983. He served as Deputy Under Secretary of the U.S. Department of Health, Education, and Welfare during the Carter Administration and oversaw the program for the resettlement of Indochinese refugees in the U.S. Earlier, he worked for the Ford Foundation for 12 years, including ten with its Latin American program. Mr. Bell's volunteer positions include being vice-chair of the Inter-American Dialogue, vice chair of the Bernard Van Leer Foundation, and a trustee of the World Peace Foundation. He was formerly chair of the ONE Campaign, co-chair of the Inter-American Dialogue, a trustee of Human Rights Watch, chair of the Refugee Policy Group and chair of the advisory council of the Woodrow Wilson School of Public and International Affairs at Princeton. Mr. Bell has published articles on international affairs in major newspapers including The New York Times, The Washington Post, The Wall Street Journal, The Los Angeles Times, and The Christian Science Monitor, and in various journals and books. He is also author of Fulfilling the Public Trust: Ten Ways to Help Non-profit Boards Maintain Accountability. A native of Gloucester, Massachusetts, Mr. Bell is a graduate of Yale College, and obtained a master's degree in public affairs from the Woodrow Wilson School at Princeton. He speaks Spanish and Portuguese, and has lived in Chile, Brazil, Mexico, Ivory Coast and Japan.

Agnes Binagwaho

Dr. Agnes Binagwaho is the Executive Secretary of Rwanda's National Commission to Fight AIDS. She is also a member of the Expert Panel of the Country Coordinating Mechanism in Rwanda for the Global Fund, the National Steering Committee on Prevention of Mother to Child Transmission of HIV, and the Technical Advisory Group for HIV/AIDS in the Ministry of Health. By training, Dr. Binagwaho is a pediatrician specializing in Emergency Pediatrics and the treatment of HIV/AIDS in children and

adults, practicing part-time in Kigali. She has presented at international conferences and published on the subject of pediatric HIV/AIDS and mother-to-child transmission, and in Rwanda has participated in developing standards of care for the treatment of HIV/AIDS. Dr. Binagwaho, a Rwandan citizen, obtained her medical training in Belgium and France.

Shantayanan Devarajan

Shantayanan Devarajan is the Chief Economist of the World Bank's South Asia Region. Since joining the World Bank in 1991, he has been a Principal Economist and Research Manager for Public Economics in the Development Research Group, as well as the Chief Economist of the Human Development Network. He was the Director of the World Development Report 2004, *Making Services Work for Poor People*. Before 1991, he was on the faculty of Harvard University's John F. Kennedy School of Government. The author or co-author of over 100 publications, Mr. Devarajan's research covers public economics, trade policy, natural resources and the environment, and general-equilibrium modeling of developing countries. Born in Sri Lanka, Mr. Devarajan received his A. B. in mathematics from Princeton University and his Ph.D. in economics from the University of California at Berkeley.

Alex de Waal

Alex de Waal is a writer and activist on African issues. He is a program director at the Social Science Research Council (SSRC), engaged in projects on HIV/AIDS and Social Transformation and on Emergencies and Humanitarian Action. In addition, de Waal is a fellow of the Global Equity Initiative at Harvard and a director of Justice Africa, London. In his twenty-year career, he has studied the social, political and health dimensions of famine, war, genocide and the HIV/AIDS epidemic, especially in the Horn of Africa and the Great Lakes. He has been at the forefront of mobilizing African and international responses to these problems. His books include: *Famine that Kills: Darfur, Sudan, 1984-5* (Oxford University Press, 1989), *Islamism and Its Enemies in the Horn of Africa* (Indiana University Press, 2004), and *Darfur: A Short History of a Long War* (with Julie Flint; Zed Books, 2005), and *AIDS and Power: Why there is no political crisis—yet* (Zed Books, 2006). Most recently, de Waal has edited the book *War in Darfur and the Search for Peace* [Harvard University Press, 2007], which brings together essays by noted Sudanese scholars and international experts on the Darfur region of Sudan.

Madhu Deshmukh

Madhu Deshmukh has been working in the area of HIV/AIDS for the past fifteen years. She has worked with a range of partners, including community-based organizations, non-governmental organizations, the Indian government, the UN, and bilateral and multilateral agencies. As CARE USA's Director for HIV/AIDS, Ms. Deshmukh provides leadership and technical guidance to the organization's global HIV/AIDS response and activities. She works in close coordination with the leadership of all of CARE's programming sectors—including economic development, sexual and reproductive health, basic and girls' education, policy and advocacy—to ensure multisectoral responses to the complex problems presented by HIV/AIDS. Before joining CARE, Ms. Deshmukh worked with UNAIDS in Geneva. Her previous experience includes working with grassroots organizations in India as well as the National AIDS Control Organization (NACO). She has also worked with the UK Department for International Development (DFID) and UNDP at national and Asia regional levels. Ms. Deshmukh's expertise ranges from designing HIV/AIDS interventions for populations at risk to strategy development and project management. She has also been engaged in policy advocacy and in strengthening community-based networks and networks of people living with HIV, with specific emphasis on issues related to community empowerment, gender and human rights. Ms. Deshmukh holds a Master's Degree (MA) in Social Sciences from the Tata Institute of Social Sciences, Mumbai; and a Bachelor's Degree (Honors) in Psychology from Delhi University, India.

John Donnelly

John Donnelly is a reporter in the Washington bureau for The Boston Globe, covering global health and environmental issues. In 2003, he opened the Globe's first-ever bureau in Africa, and covered the continent for three years. He focused mainly on stories related to global health issues, development, and poverty. He has had a long history of reporting on health issues around the world, beginning in Haiti in the early 1990s. In 2003, he directed a 16-page special section called "Lives Lost" that focused on why people were dying needlessly around the world; the Global Health Council awarded Mr. Donnelly and the Globe the 2004 Media Excellence Award for the special section. In 2007-2008, he will be a Kaiser Family Foundation fellow, focusing on orphans programs in Africa. From 1999 to 2003, he was the foreign affairs reporter for the Globe, based in Washington, DC. He covered the Washington bureaucracies – State, Defense, and intelligence agencies – as well as focusing on international health issues. He traveled widely in his jobs, reporting on a wide range of issues in more than 70 countries, from Afghanistan to Zambia. Prior to joining the Globe, he worked for a year in Washington for Knight Ridder Newspapers and spent four years based in Jerusalem and Cairo covering the Middle East for Knight Ridder and the Miami Herald. Also at the Herald, he was part of the Pulitzer Prize-winning coverage of Hurricane Andrew and was one of four reporters on its Enterprise Team, winning an award for his coverage of health issues in Haiti. He has also worked for the Associated Press in New York City and in Vermont, and was a staff reporter for the Burlington (Vt.) Free Press. He attended the University of Maine and University of Vermont, majoring in English. He was a Duke University Media Fellow during the fall of 2000.

Geoff Foster

Geoff Foster trained in medicine in London and in 1985 took up his current appointment as specialist pediatrician with the government of Zimbabwe. In 1987, he diagnosed increasing numbers of children with AIDS and founded Family AIDS Caring Trust (FACT), a faith-based, non-governmental organization and one of Africa's first AIDS service organizations. Dr. Foster served as part-time FACT Director until 2000 and is currently chairman of FACT. He is also on the Board of the Firelight Foundation that supports responses to children affected by AIDS in eight African countries. During the past 15 years, Dr. Foster has researched and consulted in the area of orphans and vulnerable children, resulting in numerous publications. In 1992, he researched and designed the FOCUS program, considered by UNAIDS as a model approach to community-based care for orphans. He conducted a 6-country UNICEF/WCRP study on the role of faith-based organizations in responding to orphans and vulnerable children, a 4-country SCF(UK) study, Bottlenecks and Dripfeeds, examining funding mechanisms for community-level responses for vulnerable children and a national situation analysis on children living with HIV/AIDS with the Government of Zimbabwe and EGPAF. He is co-editor of *A Generation at Risk: The Global Impact of HIV/AIDS on Orphans and Vulnerable Children* (2005) dealing with the social, economic and psychological impacts of the epidemic on children and analyzing responses. Dr. Foster is co-editor of the international journal *Vulnerable Children and Youth Studies*. He was selected as one of the world's leading social entrepreneurs by the Schwab Foundation in 2000 and received the Order of the British Empire from Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II in 2003 in recognition of his pioneering HIV/AIDS work.

Charles Gilks

Charles Gilks is Director, Co-Ordinator of the Anti-retroviral Treatment and HIV care (ATC) unit in the HIV Department in WHO Headquarters, Geneva and is also visiting Professor of International Health at Imperial College London. Before he was full-time at WHO, he was on secondment from Imperial College to WHO by DFID, UK Government to help shape the 3by5 initiative and then to work on linking HIV/AIDS prevention with care and treatment in resource-poor countries. The ATC unit has revised

and published a series of global guidelines to support HIV prevention, care and ART in low and middle income countries: the clinical staging and immunological classification of HIV; co-trimoxazole prophylaxis; anti-retroviral treatment of HIV-infected adults and children; the prevention of mother-to-child transmission and post-exposure prophylaxis. More recently, priority lists of paediatric fix-dose combinations and simplified dosing schedules have been made; and priority second-line ARVs for adult second-line ART. The unit also works on HIV drug resistance and houses the global HIV ResNet which supports countries in the surveillance and monitoring of ARV drug resistance. Dr. Gilks has been working in HIV/AIDS since 1988, largely in Africa, and has seen firsthand how the epidemic has grown out of control, the suffering and untimely death of hundreds of his patients, and the distortions imposed on already weak health care systems. Based in Kenya for five years, his group was the first to highlight the importance of bacterial infections in HIV/AIDS patients in Africa, and more recently the interaction of HIV with malaria. As the Professor of Tropical Medicine in the Liverpool School of Tropical Medicine, his group evaluated several interventions to try to preserve the health of people falling sick with HIV. Some worked but most did not. The inescapable conclusion was that only anti-retroviral therapy will prolong life and restore quality of life, a fact well recognised in the US and Europe. He is Principal Investigator for the DART trial, a multicentre, multicountry trial of treatment strategies in Uganda and Zimbabwe, the largest ART trial in Africa with 3,300 adults enrolled. He has published over 150 peer reviewed articles on tropical medicine and HIV/AIDS. Dr. Gilks is from London, studied sociology and politics in Cambridge, completed his clinical training in London and his doctorate in malaria in Oxford. He has worked in the UK and Switzerland; and Kenya, Papua New Guinea and Brazil.

Noerine Kaleeba

Noerine Kaleeba is a Ugandan physiotherapist and educator. She is the co-founder of the AIDS activism group The AIDS Support Organization (TASO). She is currently a programme development adviser for the Joint United Nations Programme on HIV/AIDS (UNAIDS). Noerine Kaleeba specialised in orthopaedics, physiotherapy and community rehabilitation at Makerere University in Kampala, and the Robert Jones & Agnes Hunt Orthopaedic & District Hospital in Oswestry, England. She has worked as a physiotherapist at Mulago Hospital, and was the principal of Mulago School of Physiotherapy until 1987. In 1987, Kaleeba and 15 other colleagues, most of whom have died of AIDS, set up a support group which became the organization, The AIDS Support Organization (TASO), to provide care, support and counselling, and to mobilize communities and neighbourhood care for people with HIV/AIDS and their families. Based on the concept of "positive living", TASO was one of the very first community responses to AIDS in Africa and is today one of the leading examples in AIDS care and support and community education for prevention in resource-limited settings. Kaleeba worked as the Executive Director of TASO Uganda for eight years until 1995 when she retired, and was elected Patron of the TASO movement, a role she still plays. Kaleeba currently works as a programme development adviser, Africa, for the Joint United Nations Programme on HIV/AIDS (UNAIDS), and has been based at their secretariat in Geneva since January 1996. Kaleeba has been awarded several international awards in recognition of her national and global anti-AIDS efforts, including The Belgian International King Baudouin Prize for Development, awarded to TASO in 1995, and Doctor of Humane Letters, *Honorius Causa*, in 2000. She has served on various national and international bodies, including the World Health Organization Global Commission on HIV/AIDS, the Global AIDS Policy Coalition and the Uganda AIDS Commission. She has been a trustee of international NGO boards such as Maristopes International, Noah's Ark (Sweden), and is currently Vice-Chair of ActionAid. Her book, "We Miss You All: AIDS In The Family" is a touching account of how HIV/AIDS came into her life, and how she came to be on the front lines fighting the disease.

Jim Yong Kim

Jim Yong Kim holds appointments as François Xavier Bagnoud Professor of Health and Human Rights at the Harvard School of Public Health and Professor of Medicine and Social Medicine at Harvard Medical School. He is chief of the Division of Social Medicine and Health Inequalities at Brigham and Women's Hospital, a major Harvard teaching hospital; director of the François Xavier Bagnoud Center for Health and Human Rights; and chair of the Department of Social Medicine at Harvard Medical School. Dr. Kim returned to Harvard in December 2005 after a three-year leave of absence at the World Health Organization (WHO). While on leave, Dr. Kim was director of the WHO's HIV/AIDS department, a post he was appointed to in March 2004 after serving as advisor to the WHO director-general. Dr. Kim oversaw all of WHO's work related to HIV/AIDS, focusing on initiatives to help developing countries scale up their treatment, prevention, and care programs, including the "3x5" initiative designed to put three million people in developing countries on AIDS treatment by the end of 2005. Dr. Kim has 20 years of experience in improving health in developing countries. He is a founding trustee and the former executive director of Partners In Health, a not-for-profit organization that supports a range of health programs in poor communities in Haiti, Peru, Russia, Rwanda, Lesotho, and the United States. An expert in tuberculosis, Dr. Kim has chaired or served on a number of committees on international TB policy. He has conducted extensive research into effective and affordable strategies for treating strains of TB that are resistant to standard drugs. While at WHO, Dr. Kim was responsible for coordinating HIV efforts with the TB department. Dr. Kim trained dually as a physician and medical anthropologist. He received his M.D. and Ph.D. from Harvard University. Dr. Kim has been recognized on numerous occasions as a global leader and distinguished professional, including being awarded a MacArthur "Genius" Fellowship in 2003; being named one of America's 25 best leaders by US News & World Report in 2005; and being named as one of the 100 most influential people in the world by Time magazine in 2006. He was a contributing editor to the 2003 and 2004 World Health Report, and his edited volume *Dying for Growth: Global Inequity and the Health of the Poor* analyzes the effects of economic and political change on health outcomes in developing countries.

Valerie Leach

Valerie Leach is a Policy Analyst with Research on Poverty Alleviation (REPOA), an independent Tanzanian research institution. She has coordinated REPOA's work with the national poverty monitoring system, with particular responsibility for ensuring timely and quality analytic work for periodic Poverty and Human Development Reports. Ms. Leach has actively participated in the working groups of the Public Expenditure Review, and provided technical support for REPOA's children's research programme. Additional analytic work has focused on social protection, and the costs of programmes to ensure support for the most vulnerable children in Tanzania – especially the poorest and orphans. As Senior Project Officer with UNICEF, Tanzania, she was responsible for the development, implementation and management of UNICEF's support for policy analysis and monitoring for the rights of children and women. She directed UNICEF's involvement in social policy analysis, helping ensure that this work leads to the progressive realisation of children's rights. She actively participated in the poverty monitoring process, especially in the work of the Research and Analysis Technical Working Group and in the public expenditure review process. Additionally, she has worked with UNICEF in South Africa, The Village Foundation Limited, and under the auspices of UNICEF, for the Royal Government of Cambodia. Ms. Leach obtained her M.Sc. in Economics (with reference to Africa) from the University of London, School of Oriental and African Studies.

Masuma Mamdani

Masuma Mamdani specializes in social policy research, particularly in the areas of reproductive and sexual health, including HIV/AIDS. She also has extensive experience in issues of healthcare provisioning, focusing on access, equity, quality, and financing, with particular attention to practical policy analysis and processes in support of change. Ms. Mamdani is a Senior Researcher at Research on Poverty Alleviation (REPOA), a non-profit research organization in Tanzania. She has participated in the preparation of Tanzania's Second Poverty Reduction Strategy (2005-2010) and represents REPOA in the National Public Expenditure Review Working Groups on HIV/AIDS and on Social Well-Being. Ms. Mamdani is also a member of the Tanzania Public Health Association and the HIV and AIDS Working Group of the Non-Governmental Policy Forum. Previous postings include: Senior Programme Development Officer at the African Medical and Research Foundation, Tanzania; and Research Fellow at the London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine, London, for over 10 years. She has worked in several countries and her professional connection with Tanzania dates back to 1979. Her works include: "Social Protection of Vulnerable Children in Tanzania: Evidence, Limits and Challenges," "Poor People's Experiences of Health Services in Tanzania," "Community-Based Programmes Addressing Women's Reproductive Health Needs in India," "Adolescent Reproductive Health—Experience of Community-Based Programmes," "Fertility and Contraceptive Use in Poor Urban Areas of Developing Countries," "Investigating Induced Abortions in Developing Countries: Methods and Problems," "Vitamin A Supplementation and Child Survival: Magic Bullet or False Hope?" and "Early Initiatives in Essential Drugs."

Rabia Mathai

Dr. Rabia Mathai joined Catholic Medical Mission Board (CMMB) in early 2002, bringing with her 25 years of international public health experience in primary healthcare program management and strategic planning, including maternal and child health, HIV/AIDS, malaria, TB and other infectious diseases. Dr. Mathai came to CMMB with hands-on experience working in the United States, South Asia, Africa, Latin America and the Caribbean, working in culturally diverse environments, with government and non-governmental organizations including faith-based organizations, the United Nations, the International Red Cross, and academic institutions. At CMMB, Dr. Mathai is responsible for setting global program policy and strategies and guiding the organization in new program development. As a leader and visionary in strategic program development, Rabia Mathai is an integral contributor to CMMB's work. Dr. Mathai serves as the chief technical advisor to CMMB, including its president and chief executive officer, John F. Galbraith. She is also the chief liaison to program partners. Since her arrival, CMMB has launched three major life-saving initiatives: Born to Live, focused on the prevention of mother-to-child transmission of HIV globally, with a focus on scale-up in Kenya; Accion por la Salud Familiar/Action for Family Health, a collaborative program with the Pan American Health Organization, which focuses on decreasing the number of preventable deaths in children under five, in Latin America and the Caribbean; and AIDSRelief, an HIV and AIDS treatment program in Africa and the Caribbean, run in collaboration with a consortium of partners. Rabia Mathai has also been instrumental in strengthening CMMB's program Choose to Care, an HIV prevention, care and support program in five countries in Southern Africa in collaboration with the Southern African Catholic Bishops Conference and its over 150 grassroots level faith-based partners, and Bristol Myers Squibb Foundation, which is now UNAIDS First FBO Best Practice Study. Besides this, Dr. Mathai's other relevant research and work experience includes work on Children in Especially Difficult Circumstances in Africa while with UNICEF in Mozambique, and on Adolescents and HIV and AIDS in India. In addition to her vast field experience, Dr. Mathai also serves on non-profit boards, and national and international technical advisory boards. Noteworthy among these is her nomination to the Advisory Committee on U. S. Surgeon General's Report on Global Health.

Malcolm McPherson

Malcolm McPherson works with the Office of Education, Bureau for Economic Growth, Agriculture and Trade, United States Agency for International Development (USAID). He is a Senior Fellow in Development at the Mossavar-Rahmani Center for Business and Government, John F. Kennedy School of Government, Harvard University. Trained as a development economist specializing in monetary theory and policy, McPherson joined the Harvard Institute for International Development (HIID) in 1982 after working for The World Bank (1976-1978) and The Rockefeller Foundation (1979-1982). While with HIID, he was chief of party on the USAID-funded Economic and Financial Policy Analyses Project in The Gambia (1985-1989), chief of party of the Macroeconomic Technical Assistance Project in Zambia (1992-1996) and senior advisor on the USAID-funded Equity and Growth through Economic Research (EAGER) Project (1997-2002). His consulting assignments have included work in Senegal, Brunei, Mexico, Georgia, Ghana, Kenya, Uganda, Ethiopia, Botswana, Mauritius, Namibia, Sudan, Malawi, Nigeria, The Gambia, and Zambia. His publications include volumes on restarting and sustaining economic growth and trade reform in Africa (for the EAGER project) and edited volumes on promoting economic reform in The Gambia (1995) and Zambia (2004) both published by Harvard University Press. Since joining the USAID Office of Education in 2003, McPherson has worked on areas related to the impact of HIV/AIDS on economic growth and more broadly on the mutual dependence among education, economic growth and human capacity development. McPherson holds a Ph.D from Harvard University.

Lydia Mungherera

Dr. Mungherera has worked in the field of HIV/AIDS and TB for over ten years as a clinician, health educator and patient advocate. Since 1999, Dr. Mungherera has worked with The AIDS Support Organization (TASO) in a variety of clinical and advocacy-related capacities. She works closely on empowering communities affected by HIV/AIDS and TB through various advocacy and educational initiatives and has developed a range of programs that focus on TB/HIV co-infection, human rights, and strengthening policy for both HIV and TB. She worked closely with the Ugandan Ministry of Health to develop policies for the distribution and use of antiretroviral therapy for patients co-infected with TB/HIV. In 2005, Dr. Mungherera participated in the development of a staff training curriculum, and is currently leading a series of workshops for TASO staff members and field volunteers on issues related to TB-HIV co-infection. Dr. Mungherera's many accomplishments include founding Uganda Cares, the first treatment centre to give free antiretroviral drugs in the Masaka District. This clinic, in partnership with the Ministry of Health and AIDSHealthCare Foundation, now gives free ARVs and testing to 5,000 patients, including children. She also founded The Mamas Club, a psychosocial support group for HIV-positive mothers and their children. These mothers are clients of TASO and the support group has grown to become a peer group to support other mothers. From 1986-1997, Dr. Mungherera worked as a physician at the Masvingo Hospital in Zimbabwe, and in several district hospitals in South Africa. She received her medical degree from Makerere University in 1985. In 1992, Dr. Mungherera lost her husband to TB after a two-year battle against the disease. She has been living with HIV since 1997 and overcame an episode of pulmonary TB in 1996.

Nancy Juma Otieno

Nancy Juma Otieno is a volunteer administrative assistant with FOCUS (Families, Orphans and Children under Stress) Youth group, an implementing partner of the Christian Children's Fund's Weaving the Safety Net (WSN) Project. She is trained in youth leadership, theatre for development, script writing, behavior change, resource mobilization and HIV/AIDS. She has written a song in memory of her late father entitled "Smile of a Child" which is currently the theme song for the FOCUS youth group. A video production of the song is in progress. Major activities of FOCUS include orphan care and support,

participatory education theatre (drama, songs, poems, puppetry), mobilization and sensitization, and income generating activities. The WSN Project is a 5-year program with the overall goal of reducing the impact of HIV/AIDS on orphans, vulnerable children and adolescent youth in Thika and Kiambu districts in Kenya's Central Province. To meet this goal, Christian Children's Fund interventions integrate direct child support, assistance to families/caregivers and government and community support systems. CCF's approach seeks to scale up sustainable, high quality services through: strengthening the capacity of families to cope with their problems, increasing the capacity of children to meet their own needs, mobilizing and strengthening community-based responses; creating a supportive environment (local, national) for children affected by HIV/AIDS; and developing, evaluating, disseminating and applying best practices for improved program delivery. WSN interventions support expanded child, youth and family participation; seek to reduce disparities in service quality and coverage for girls and women; strengthen networks among service providers; promote advocacy and policy development to promote high quality services for affected children and families.

Peter Piot

Executive Director of UNAIDS since its creation in 1995 and Under Secretary-General of the United Nations, Dr. Peter Piot comes from a distinguished academic and scientific career focusing on AIDS and women's health in the developing world. Drawing on his skills as a scientist, manager and activist, Dr. Piot has challenged world leaders to view AIDS in the context of social and economic development as well as security. Under his leadership, UNAIDS has become the chief advocate for worldwide action against AIDS. It has brought together ten organizations of the United Nations system around a common agenda on AIDS, spearheading UN reform. Dr. Piot earned a medical degree from the University of Ghent, a Ph.D in Microbiology from the University of Antwerp, Belgium, and was a Senior Fellow at the University of Washington in Seattle. After graduating from medical school, Dr. Piot co-discovered the Ebola virus in Zaire in 1976. In the 1980s, Dr. Piot launched and expanded a series of collaborative projects in Africa, in Burundi, Côte d'Ivoire, Kenya, Tanzania and Zaire. Project SIDA in Kinshasa, Zaire, was the first international project on AIDS in Africa and is widely acknowledged as having provided the foundations of our understanding of HIV infection in Africa. He was a professor of microbiology, and of public health at the Institute of Tropical Medicine, in Antwerp, and the Universities of Nairobi, Brussels and Lausanne. In 1992, Dr. Piot joined the Global Programme on AIDS of the World Health Organization, in Geneva, as Associate Director. Born in 1949 in Belgium, Dr. Piot is fluent in three languages and is the author of 16 books and more than 500 scientific articles. He has received numerous awards for scientific and societal achievement, and was made a Baron by King Albert II of Belgium in 1995. He is a member of the Institute of Medicine of the National Academy of Sciences of the United States and the Royal Academy of Medicine of Belgium, and is a Fellow of the Royal College of Physicians of London, UK.

Linda Richter

Linda Richter is the Executive Director of Child, Youth, Family and Social Development at the Human Sciences Research Council in South Africa. She holds Honorary Professorships at the Universities of KwaZulu-Natal, Witwatersrand and Melbourne in Australia and is a Consultant in the Centre for the AIDS Programme of Research in South Africa (CAPRISA). She has conducted both basic and policy research in the fields of child and youth development as applied to health, education and welfare, and has published more than 150 papers in the fields of child and adolescent development, infant and child assessment, protein-energy malnutrition, street and working children, and the effects of HIV/AIDS on children and families, including HIV prevention among young people. For many years she was a member, and chaired, the Technical Steering Committee of the Department of Child and Adolescent Health and Development at the World Health Organization in Geneva. She also chaired the first meeting of FutureThink, organized by the WHO, to anticipate threats to the health and wellbeing of

children and adolescents. Professor Richter is the Principal Investigator of Birth to Twenty, a longitudinal study of the maturation and development of more than two thousand young people, born in Soweto-Johannesburg in 1990, and who are being followed up prospectively for 20 years. Her books and monographs include *Mandela's Children: Growing up in Post-Apartheid South Africa*; *The Sexual Abuse of Young Children in Southern Africa*; *The Importance of Caregiver-Child Interactions for the Survival and Healthy Development of Young Children*; *Family and Community Interventions for Children Affected by HIV/AIDS*; *Baba: Men and Fatherhood in South Africa*; *Strengthening Systems to Support the Health Development of Young Children in Communities Affected by HIV/AIDS*; *Building Resilience: Rights-Based Approach to Children and HIV/AIDS in Africa*; and *Where the Heart Is: Meeting the Psychosocial Needs of Young Children in the Context of HIV/AIDS*.

Jack P. Shonkoff

Jack P. Shonkoff, M.D. is the Julius B. Richmond FAMRI Professor of Child Health and Development at the Harvard School of Public Health and Harvard Graduate School of Education, and founding director of the university-wide Center on the Developing Child at Harvard University. He also chairs the National Scientific Council on the Developing Child, a multidisciplinary collaboration comprising leading scholars in neuroscience, developmental psychology, pediatrics, and economics, whose mission is to bring sound and accurate science to bear on public decision-making affecting the lives of young children. Dr. Shonkoff has received multiple professional honors, including elected membership to the Institute of Medicine of the National Academy of Sciences, the C. Anderson Aldrich Award in Child Development from the American Academy of Pediatrics, and the Award for Distinguished Contributions to Public Policy for Children from the Society for Research in Child Development. He has authored more than 130 publications, including 9 books, and co-edited two editions of the widely-heralded *Handbook of Early Childhood Intervention*. Under the auspices of the National Academy of Sciences, Dr. Shonkoff chaired the Committee on Integrating the Science of Early Childhood Development for the Institute of Medicine and the National Research Council, which produced a landmark report entitled, *From Neurons to Neighborhoods: The Science of Early Childhood Development*. He also served as Chair of the Board on Children, Youth, and Families, and as a member of the Panel on Child Care Policy, the Committee on the Assessment of Family Violence Interventions, and the Roundtable on Head Start Research. Prior to assuming his current position, he was the Samuel F. and Rose B. Gingold Professor of Human Development and Social Policy and Dean of The Heller School for Social Policy and Management at Brandeis University.

Sheila Sisulu

Sheila Sisulu was appointed Deputy Executive Director of the World Food Programme (Policy and External Affairs Department) in February 2003. She is responsible for overseeing strategy, policy and programme support. She is also responsible for WFP's Executive Board Secretariat and relations with other UN agencies and non-governmental organisations. WFP is the UN's food assistance agency and the largest humanitarian organization in the world. Last year, WFP fed 87 million people in 78 countries, including 58.8 million children. It focuses on bringing food to the victims of natural disasters and conflict, refugees, families affected by HIV/AIDS, pregnant women, nursing mothers and young children. In 2006, the total income for this work was US\$2.93 billion. Prior to joining WFP, Ms. Sisulu was South Africa's Ambassador to the United States. Her diplomatic career began in 1997 as Consul General in New York and as Ambassador to Washington two years later. As an African ambassador in Washington, much of Ms. Sisulu's work involved raising public awareness and seeking support for the US Government's role in alleviating the poverty and suffering in southern Africa – a role that helped prepare her for her present job in WFP. In addition to her diplomatic skills, Ms. Sisulu has 25 years of experience in South African politics and government. After graduating in 1974, Ms. Sisulu started

work as a high school teacher in Soweto, at the same time becoming closely involved with the radical opposition to the apartheid system. With the end of apartheid and the advent of black-majority rule, she moved to being a force for change from the outside to an implementer of change from within—as a special adviser to the national minister of education and a member of the team assigned the task of drawing up new legislation. She was responsible in particular for policy on gender equity, youth development and early childhood care and education. She holds a post-graduate degree as Bachelor of Education (University of Witwatersrand, 1990), as well as honorary doctorates from the University of Maryland and the City University of New York.

Angela Wakhweya

Dr. Angela Wakhweya is a Senior Technical Officer in the Orphans and Other Vulnerable Children (OVC) Unit in the Prevention and Mitigation Division at Family Health International (FHI), based in the United States. She is Adjunct Professor of International Health at the Boston University School of Public Health, and she has also served as Senior Technical Advisor for OVC Programs at Save the Children USA through the Hope for African Children Initiative (HACI). Dr. Wakhweya is a graduate of Makerere University Medical School and received her Master of Economics in Health Policy Planning and Financing from the University of London. Her previous appointments include Assistant Professor of International Health at Boston University School of Public Health, Research Associate at Harvard Institute for International Development, Africa Regional Manager for Oxfam America, Senior Health Policy Analyst with the Massachusetts Division of Health Care Finance and Policy, and Research Associate with the Harvard Center for Population and Development Studies. She is co-author of Situation Analysis of Orphans in Uganda (November 2002), research undertaken on behalf of the Ugandan government's AIDS Commission and Ministry of Gender, Labor and Social Development. The findings of this research led to her work on Uganda's National Policy for Orphans and other Vulnerable Children (December 2003) and National Strategic Program Plan of Interventions for Orphans and other Vulnerable Children (December 2003). Dr. Wakhweya was also a key architect of the OVC sub-component of Uganda's 2003 proposal to the Global Fund to Fight AIDS, TB, and Malaria. Dr. Wakhweya currently provides technical assistance to a number of programs in sub-Saharan Africa funded by the U.S. President's Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief (PEPFAR) and the U.K. Department for International Development (DFID), including the Community Faith-Based Regional Initiative for Vulnerable Children (Community FABRIC).

Douglas Webb

Douglas Webb is a social scientist currently based in Nairobi with UNICEF. He is the Chief of the Children and AIDS Section in the East and Southern Africa Regional Office. Dr. Webb obtained his PhD from the University of London in 1995, which examined social responses to HIV and AIDS in South Africa and Namibia; in contexts of political transition. He worked as a research officer for UNICEF Zambia (1995-1997) and UNICEF Mozambique (1998), as well conducting research with the Southern African AIDS Dissemination Service (SAfAIDS) in 1997-8. After a consultancy spell with Save the Children UK in London that focused on HIV and AIDS programme monitoring and evaluation, he became their HIV/AIDS Adviser (2000-2004). While in London he was also the vice chair of the UK Consortium on AIDS and International Development. He has written over 30 articles and book chapters covering issues such as children affected by AIDS, adolescent sexual and reproductive health, and HIV and AIDS and development. He is the author of HIV and AIDS in Africa (Pluto Press, 1997).

John Williamson

John Williamson is the senior technical advisor for the Displaced Children and Orphans Fund (DCOF) of the U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID). DCOF provides funding and technical support to programs for especially vulnerable children, including those affected by armed conflict and street children. DCOF made the initial US Government responses to children being orphaned by AIDS. John has been engaged with assessing and responding to the impacts of HIV/AIDS on children and families since 1991 and has written or contributed to a number of publications in this area. These include: Action for Children Affected by AIDS (WHO and UNICEF, 1994), the Children on the Brink series (USAID, 1997 and 2000; USAID, UNICEF, and UNAIDS, 2002 and 2004), and Conducting a Situation Analysis of Orphans and Vulnerable Children Affected by HIV/AIDS (USAID, 2004). With Carole Levine and Geoff Foster, he edited A Generation at Risk: The Global Impact of HIV/AIDS on Orphans and Vulnerable Children (Cambridge University Press, 2005), as well as writing the concluding chapter. He is one of the organizers of the Better Care Network, the Children and Youth Economic Strengthening Network, and the Washington Network for Children and Armed Conflict. Previously he worked as a consultant, as well as having been a staff member, respectively, of the Christian Children's Fund and the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees. He has a Master's degree in social welfare from the University of California at Berkeley.

S. Ken Yamashita

Dr. S. Ken Yamashita is the United States Agency for International Development's (USAID) Director of the Office of HIV/AIDS within the Bureau for Global Health. He simultaneously holds the position of USG Special Advisor for Orphans and Vulnerable Children, an appointment designated by the USAID Administrator through delegated authority of the U.S. Secretary of State. Dr. Yamashita assumed both roles on July 17, 2006. He is responsible for leading the agency's implementation of HIV/AIDS programs under the President's Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief, as well as providing strategic oversight of the U.S. Government's approach to addressing the key needs of orphans and vulnerable children in developing countries. Dr. Yamashita brings more than 20 years of development experience covering more than 25 countries across all major regions of the world. Prior to joining the Office of HIV/AIDS, Dr. Yamashita was Mission Director of the USAID Mission in Kosovo, a position he held for two years. Prior to his July 2004 appointment in Kosovo, he served as Deputy Mission Director and as Interim Mission Director of the USAID Mission in Lima, Peru. Since joining USAID in 1993, Dr. Yamashita has served in Ecuador and in South Africa as Director of the Office of Health in each of those countries. This marks Dr. Yamashita's second tour in USAID's Washington, D.C. headquarters. Previously, he served as Chief of the Health Policy Division, within the Global Center for Health, Population, and Nutrition. Prior to joining USAID, Dr. Yamashita worked for the U.S. Centers for Disease Control (assigned to USAID/Ecuador), the Futures Group – a consulting firm specializing in population and economic development modeling – and the United Nations. He received a Ph.D. from the Johns Hopkins University.