

Participant Biographies

Ms. Jeniece Alvey
Nutrition Advisor, USAID/GHFP-II

With over seven years of experience in global reproductive, maternal and child health, and nutrition, Ms. Jeniece Alvey serves as a technical advisor on the USAID management teams for the Strengthening Partnerships and Results in Nutrition Globally (SPRING) project and the Maternal and Child Survival Program (MCSP). Ms. Alvey supports activities to utilize multi-sectoral approaches to improve nutrition of women and children. She also provides technical support to USAID Missions in Ghana, Rwanda, Tanzania, Uganda, and Guatemala and other inter-agency efforts. Prior to joining USAID, Ms. Alvey worked at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill's Carolina Population Center as a research assistant for the Measurement, Learning & Evaluation Project, implementing impact evaluations for reproductive health programs in Kenya, Nigeria, Senegal, and India. She has also worked on various maternal and child nutrition research studies in Guatemala with the Center for Studies of Sensory Impairment, Aging, and Metabolism (CeSIAM) and domestically in Boston, MA with Tufts University Friedman School of Nutrition Science and Policy. Ms. Alvey earned her Master of Public Health in Maternal and Child Health from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill and is an International Board Certified Lactation Consultant.

Ms. Meghan Anson
Nutrition Advisor, USAID/GHFP-II

Ms. Anson is based in the Nutrition Division of the Office of Country Strategies and Implementation at USAID's Bureau for Food Security. In this role, she provides technical expertise in the design, management, and monitoring and evaluation of integrated nutrition programs. Prior to joining BFS, Ms. Anson worked as a Nutrition Advisor in Malawi and as a Nutrition Advocacy Officer in Ireland with Concern Worldwide. She was previously a Nutrition Monitoring and Evaluation Officer with Gardens for Health International in Rwanda and has provided technical assistance to USAID's maternal and child health and nutrition programs, including the Strengthening Partnerships, Results, and Innovations in Nutrition Globally (SPRING) project, as a Project Officer at John Snow, Inc. Ms. Anson holds a BA in International Studies and Sociology from Boston College, an MA in International Studies and a certificate in Humanitarian Assistance from the University of Denver, and a Certificate of Advanced Study in Delivery Science for International Nutrition from the Friedman School of Nutrition Science and Policy at Tufts University.



Dr. Francisco Becerra

Assistant Director, Pan American Health Organization/World Health Organization (PAHO/WHO)

Dr. Francisco Becerra was born in Mexico City and began his career after graduating from the Faculty of Medicine of the Universidad Nacional Autónoma de México. He completed his master's degree at the Johns Hopkins School of Public Health and earned a doctorate in public health from Mexico's National Institute of Public Health. Dr. Becerra has served as Director General of Health Services of the State of Morelos, Mexico; Director for Academic Agreement and Dissemination of the National Coordination Office of Mexico's National Institutes of Health; Assistant Director of the Center for Health Systems Research of the Ministry of Health of Mexico; and Director General of Federal Hospitals in Mexico. Prior to his appointment as Assistant Director of the Pan American Health Organization, Dr. Becerra served as a Senior Advisor for Latin America and the Caribbean and Coordinator of the European Union-funded MASCOT project at the Council on Health Research for Development (COHRED).

Dr. Rukundo Benedict

Nutrition Technical Specialist, The DHS Program, ICF International

Dr. Rukundo Benedict is a public health nutrition practitioner with expertise in infant and young child feeding (IYCF), water-sanitation hygiene (WASH), community health systems, and the delivery of integrated interventions in low-resource settings. Prior to joining the DHS Program, she was a postdoctoral associate at Cornell University in the Program for International Nutrition where she led projects to examine the epidemiology of breastfeeding in South Asia and the effectiveness of strategies to support breastfeeding, maternal nutrition, and infant feeding counseling.

Dr. Gilles Bergeron

Senior Vice President, New York Academy of Sciences and Executive Director, Sackler Institute for Nutrition Science

Dr. Gilles Bergeron has worked in domestic and international nutrition for more than 25 years. He has extensive experience in nutrition in the life cycle, food security, agriculture/nutrition linkages and monitoring and evaluation. A founding member and Deputy Director of the Food and Nutrition Technical Assistance (FANTA) project, Dr. Bergeron spent 18 years overseeing FANTA's work in policies and programs; nutrition and infectious diseases; maternal and child nutrition; agriculture-nutrition linkages; and emergency nutrition response. Prior to joining FANTA, he spent 6 years as Research Fellow with the International Food Policy Research Institute (IFPRI) and 3 years with the Institute of Nutrition for Central America and Panama (INCAP) in Guatemala. He has worked in Africa, Latin America, and Asia and been published in leading scientific journals including: *The Lancet*, *Advances in Nutrition*, *World Development*, the *Journal of Development Studies*, and *Food and Nutrition Bulletin*. He received his PhD in development sociology from Cornell University in 1994.

Dr. Zulfiqar A. Bhutta**Founding Director of the Centre of Excellence in Women and Child Health, Aga Khan University**

Dr. Zulfiqar A. Bhutta is the Robert Harding Inaugural Chair in Global Child Health at the Hospital for Sick Children, Toronto, Co-Director of the SickKids Centre for Global Child Health, and the Founding Director of the Centre of Excellence in Women and Child Health at the Aga Khan University. He also holds adjunct professorships at several leading universities, including the Blomberg School of Public Health at Johns Hopkins (Baltimore), Tufts University (Boston), Boston University School of Public Health, University of Alberta and the London School of Hygiene & Tropical Medicine. He is a designated Distinguished National Professor of the Government of Pakistan and was the Founding Chair of the National Research Ethics Committee of the Government of Pakistan from 2003-2014. Dr. Bhutta was also a member of the Independent Expert Review Group (iERG) appointed by the UN Secretary General for monitoring global progress in maternal and child health MDGs (2011-2015). He represented the global academic and research organizations on the Global Alliance for Vaccines and Immunizations (GAVI) Board of Directors and serves on its Evaluation Advisory Committee. Dr. Bhutta is the co-Chair of the Global Countdown for 2015 and 2030 Initiatives from 2006-2017, the co-Chair of the Maternal and Child Health oversight committee of World Health Organization (WHO) Eastern Mediterranean Region (EMRO) and the Chairman of the Coalition of Centres in Global Child Health with its secretariat based at the Hospital for Sick Children, Toronto. He is a technical member of the recently appointed high-level UN Health and Human Rights committee and an executive committee member of Partnership for Maternal, Newborn, and Child Health (PMNCH). Dr. Bhutta's research interests include newborn and child survival, maternal and child undernutrition, and micronutrient deficiencies. He leads large research groups based in Toronto, Karachi, and Nairobi with a special interest in research synthesis, scaling up evidence-based interventions in community settings, and implementation research in health systems. In particular his work with community health workers and outreach services has influenced integrated maternal and newborn outreach programs for marginalized populations all over the world. His group's work with the WHO and PMNCH in developing consensus-based essential interventions for women, children, and adolescents is the dominant set of agreed-upon interventions guiding global policy. Dr. Bhutta sits on several international editorial advisory boards including the Lancet, BMJ, PLoS Medicine, PLoS ONE, BMC Public Health and the Cochrane CDPLG and ARI groups. He has published eight books, 88 book chapters, and over 730 indexed publications to date, including 145 in the Lancet.

Dr. Sonja Caffè

Regional Adolescent Health Advisor, Pan American Health Organization/World Health Organization (PAHO/WHO)

Dr. Caffè, a Suriname, South America national, holds a Master of Science degree in Health Sciences from the University of Limburg (The Netherlands), with majors in Health Promotion & Disease Prevention and Maternal & Child Health, a Master of Public Health Degree, concentration in International Health and Maternal & Child Health from the University of Arizona (Tucson, Arizona, USA), and a Ph.D. in Public Health from the University of New Mexico, USA. She also holds a certificate in Sexual Counseling from the University of Gelderland, the Netherlands, and is certified as a Health Education Specialist (CHES). Dr. Caffè has been with the UN for almost 20 years now, including four years with UNICEF, five years with the Caribbean Epidemiology Centre (CAREC/PAHO), and 10 years with PAHO/WHO as technical officer at the country, sub-regional and regional level in the areas of HIV and STI, and for the past biennium as the Regional Adolescent Health Advisor. Prior to joining the UN, Dr. Caffè worked as deputy director in the Health Promotion Unit at the Ministry of Health in Suriname, and as associate professor at the Anton de Kom University of Suriname, teaching various public health courses in the Medical and Nursing Departments, including Public Health, Health Promotion and Disease Prevention, Developmental Psychology, Medical Ethics, and Consumer Health. During her tenure at the University she coordinated the establishment of the Master of Public Health program, and served as coordinator for the first year.

Dr. Laura E. Caulfield

Professor, Program in Human Nutrition, Bloomberg School of Public Health, Johns Hopkins University

Dr. Caulfield is a nutritional epidemiologist with research expertise in maternal and infant nutrition, and conducts epidemiologic research in several areas, including: 1) maternal nutrition and pregnancy outcomes, child growth and development; 2) design and evaluation of nutritional interventions; and 3) methodological issues in the use and interpretation of nutrition data. She has conducted research in diverse populations including multiple countries in Latin America, Asia and sub-Saharan Africa. In 2015, she conducted a series of systematic reviews for SPRING to lay out the evidence base on the dietary intakes of adolescent girls, women of reproductive age, pregnant and lactating women for the purposes of delineating practices, key to continuity of care for women in LMIC.

Ms. Gwyneth Cotes

Director of Global Initiatives, Strengthening Partnerships, Results, and Innovations in Nutrition Globally (SPRING) Project

Ms. Gwyneth Cotes has spent the past 13 years supporting, designing, and leading health and nutrition programs around the world, with 9 years spent living and working in Africa. She has a wide range of experience in the nutrition sector, spanning projects focused on emergency nutrition, prevention of chronic undernutrition, social and behavior change, and working through the SUN Movement on nutrition policy and advocacy. She has a special interest in cross-sectoral integration, particularly around engaging health, agriculture, and social protection sectors to become actively involved in programming for nutrition. Ms. Cotes comes to the SPRING project with a strong background in field-level management, most recently having worked as the Country Director/Programs Director for Concern Worldwide in Malawi. She has previously held positions in Ireland, Sudan, Ghana, and Eritrea in the areas of maternal and child health and nutrition. Ms. Cotes holds a BA in International Studies from American University and an MPH in International Health from Tulane University.

Dr. Omar Dary
Health Science Specialist, USAID

Based in the Bureau for Global Health, Dr. Dary has worked in public health nutrition, mainly in the areas of food fortification and micronutrients. He is currently a member of the Board of the Global Iodine Network, and the Steering Committee of the International Zinc Nutrition Consultative Group (IZiNCG). In the past, he had similar positions on the International Vitamin A Consultative Group (IVACG), and the Micronutrient Forum. He is a member of the PAHO Expert Group for promoting salt intake reduction. Before joining USAID in 2013, he worked in the USAID-sponsored projects MOST and A2Z. From 1990 to 2002, he was responsible of the nutritional biochemistry and food composition laboratories, and the micronutrient group, at the Institute of Nutrition of Central America and Panama (INCAP). During the last 26 years, he has provided technical assistance to more than 42 countries in the areas of micronutrient interventions, nutrition surveys, and links between agriculture, food science and nutrition. He has been an advisor to WHO, UNICEF, FAO, WFP, IAEA, PAHO, the CDC, ILSI, MI, GAIN, and SUSTAIN. He has a BS in Biology with very strong emphasis on analytical chemistry and biochemistry from the University of San Carlos of Guatemala, and a PhD in Biochemistry focused on toxicology and enzymology from the University of California at Riverside.

Dr. Luz María De-Regil
Director of Global Technical Services, Chief Technical Advisor, Nutrition International

Dr. Luz María De-Regil leads a unit responsible for quality assurance of Nutrition International's programs by providing in-house technical assistance for program design, surveillance, implementation research, and evaluations. The unit is also responsible for knowledge translation activities and external provision of technical assistance through the N-TEAM portfolio and the Micronutrient Forum Secretariat. With more than 15 years of experience in the public, private, non-for-profit and intergovernmental sectors, Dr. De-Regil serves as an advisor to UN organizations and other global public health groups such the Global Nutrition Report, is a board member of non-profit organizations with an interest in nutrition, and is an active member of diverse scientific societies, such as the Society of Implementation Science in Nutrition. Formerly, she was a member of the WHO Guidelines Review Committee and the WHO Research and Ethics Committee. Prior to joining Nutrition International, Dr. De-Regil held positions at the National Institute of Perinatology and Universidad Iberoamericana in Mexico; the Children's Hospital Research Institute in Oakland, USA; and the World Health Organization in Switzerland.

Dr. Megan Deitchler
Director, *Intake*, a Center for Dietary Assessment, FHI 360

Prior to joining *Intake*, Dr. Deitchler was the Deputy Director for Global Leadership for the Food and Nutrition Technical Assistance (FANTA) project for more than 5 years. Dr. Deitchler also served in various research and technical advisory capacities on the FANTA project over the course of more than a decade, providing specialized technical assistance to international nutrition and food security programs; overseeing the development and implementation of monitoring and evaluation tools and methods; and leading and providing technical input into a diverse portfolio of research activities.

Dr. Jessica Fanzo

Bloomberg Distinguished Associate Professor of Global Food and Agriculture Policy and Ethics, Johns Hopkins University

Dr. Jessica Fanzo serves as the Director of the Global Food Ethics and Policy Program at Johns Hopkins University and is the Co-Chair of the Global Nutrition Report. Before joining Johns Hopkins, Jessica served as an Assistant Professor of Nutrition in the Institute of Human Nutrition and Department of Pediatrics and as the Senior Advisor of Nutrition Policy at the Earth Institute at Columbia University. Prior to her academic career, Jessica held positions in the United Nations World Food Programme, Bioversity International, and the Millennium Development Goal Centre at the World Agroforestry Center in Kenya. Her area of expertise focuses on the linkages between agriculture, nutrition, health, and the environment in the context of sustainable and equitable diets and livelihoods. She was the first laureate of the Carasso Foundation's Sustainable Diets Prize in 2012 for her work on sustainable food and diets for long-term human health. Jessica has a PhD in nutrition from University of Arizona.

Dr. Habtamu Fekadu

Senior Nutrition Director, Save the Children (US)

Dr. Fekadu is responsible for leading global nutrition programs at Save the Children. A nutritionist and pediatrician by training, Dr. Fekadu has been working in child health and nutrition for the last 20 years, with more than 10 years of nutrition program design, management, and leadership experience. He managed USAID's nutrition work in Ethiopia for over eight years, including the Nutrition and HIV project, USAID's flagship ENGINE (Empowering New Generations to Improve Nutrition and Economic opportunities) program, and the large scale multi-sectoral nutrition and WASH project, Growth through Nutrition. Dr. Fekadu led the design of the first multi-sectoral national nutrition plan of action for Ethiopia working with UNICEF, and was involved in the design of the Community Based Nutrition Program of UNICEF in Ethiopia. He has made substantial contributions to the integration of nutrition-sensitive interventions into Ministry of Agriculture programs and strategies in the country. Dr. Fekadu has presented at international conferences such as the International Conference on Nutrition in Spain, Save the Children's global nutrition symposium, and the Alive and Thrive stunting reduction workshop, among others. Dr. Fekadu has published two papers and delivered seminars on multi-sectoral nutrition programming.

Dr. Lindy Fenlason

Senior Nutrition Advisor, USAID/GHFP-II

Dr. Fenlason works in the Nutrition Division of the Office of Maternal Child Health and Nutrition. In this role, Dr. Fenlason provides broad expertise in the overall strategy development of public health nutrition programs, specifically in designing, managing, monitoring and evaluating integrated programs for USAID Missions. She also provides technical leadership and support to several centrally-funded nutrition projects, programs, and partners.

Dr. Fenlason is a pediatrician with clinical and public health experience in various resource-challenged settings in sub-Saharan Africa, Asia, Latin America, and the Caribbean, and within the United States. Her work over time has focused on best practices in clinical care, programming, and capacity building in HIV, maternal child health and the malnutrition spectrum: from traditional undernutrition of wasting and stunting to the under/inadequate nutrition of obesity and the rise in noncommunicable diseases.

Dr. Ruben Grajeda Toledo

Regional Technical Advisor in Nutrition, Pan American Health Organization/World Health Organization (PAHO/WHO)

Dr. Grajeda provides technical cooperation to PAHO's member states to review and update policies and programs to prevent and control micronutrient deficiencies. Before joining PAHO, he worked at the Institute of Nutrition of Central America and Panama (INCAP) as director of different research projects related to maternal and child health and nutrition. He received his medical degree from Universidad de San Carlos de Guatemala and holds a Master's degree in nutritional science from the University of Connecticut.

Ms. Marcia Griffiths

President, The Manoff Group

Ms. Marcia Griffiths is an anthropologist, nutritionist, and President of The Manoff Group, a social business dedicated to designing and implementing programs that support people to practice healthier behaviors and enjoy improved health and nutrition outcomes. Ms. Griffiths is a global leader in social and behavior change (SBC) for multi-sectoral nutrition. She has served on the Advisory Group on Nutrition to the SCN, the International Nutrition Programs Committee of the National Academy of Sciences and numerous WHO/UNICEF expert panels on MIYCN-related topics. Ms. Griffiths is known for her grounded and participatory innovations such as Trials of Improved Practices, the widely used action research method. Her experience in behavioral issues grew into Behavior-Centered Programming, a standardized approach to SBC that aligns socio-cultural, context-specific behavioral analyses with evidence-based strategies. This approach is currently being adapted through the ACCELERATE project to strengthen USAID program impact by aligning all areas of health— from financing to system strengthening to communication—to achieve key behavioral outcomes and speed progress on maternal and child survival.

Ms. Carolyn Hart

Director, Strengthening Partnerships, Results, and Innovations in Nutrition Globally (SPRING) Project

With 30 years of experience, Ms. Carolyn Hart is the Vice President of JSI's International Division and the Project Director of USAID's multi-sectoral nutrition project, SPRING. She oversees JSI's Washington, DC, office where over 300 people work on a wide range of U.S. and global health issues. Ms. Hart's specialties include leading multidisciplinary teams, forging strong partnerships among complementary organizations, marshalling evidence and advocacy for policy development, improving service delivery systems and operations, and strategic planning for multi-sectoral interventions.

Professor Corinna Hawkes
Director, Centre for Food Policy, City, University of London

Professor Corinna Hawkes oversees postgraduate education programs, conducts research and collaborates with policymakers with the mission of advancing an integrated and inclusive approach to food policy. Professor Hawkes is also the Co-Chair of the Global Nutrition Report, an international report tracking progress to address malnutrition across the globe. Her expertise is in policies to improve the quality of diets and nutrition worldwide. She has worked in the past for the World Health Organization, the International Food Policy Research Institute, the University of Sao Paulo and World Cancer Research Fund International and consulted widely for international agencies and governments. Professor Hawkes also co-chairs the Global Future Council on Food Security and Agriculture of the World Economic Forum, and sits on the London Food Board, the EAT-Lancet Commission on Healthy Diets from Sustainable Food Systems and the Lancet Commission on Obesity. She is a board member of the RUAF Foundation and on the Advisory Committee's for The Food Foundation, Healthy Food America, and the recently established Center for Dietary Assessment, *Intake*.

Dr. Paul C. Hewett
Senior Associate, Population Council

Dr. Hewett has 20 years of experience in designing, conducting, and disseminating research on adolescent health, education, and HIV prevention in developing countries. Dr. Hewett is an expert in designing evaluations and data collection strategies ranging from impact evaluation, operations research, prospective observational cohort studies, cost-effectiveness assessments, and cross-sectional studies. He has been PI or Co-PI on studies funded by USAID, NIH, DFID, and the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation. Dr. Hewett is the lead investigator of a nutrition-sensitive, randomized cluster evaluation of an adolescent girls' empowerment program (AGEP) in Zambia. AGEP and its embedded nutritional evaluations are funded by DFID, PATH International and the Sacker Institute for Nutrition Science. His six years' residential experience in Zambia and work in other LMICs give him a deep understanding of the opportunities and challenges of conducting behavioral research in these contexts and of working with local stakeholders.

Ms. Laura Itzkowitz
Nutrition Social and Behavior Change Advisor, USAID/GHFP-II

Ms. Laura Itzkowitz has worked in social and behavior change (SBC), community health, and nutrition across three continents. Prior to joining USAID, she supported Alive & Thrive's SBC and policy advocacy work in Vietnam and the Southeast Asia region. Her previous positions include Pacific Regional Health Technical Advisor in Fiji with Australian Red Cross and Maternal and Child Health Technical Advisor in Lao PDR with Handicap International. She holds a Master of Public Health with a Nutrition Concentration from Tufts University in Boston and a Bachelor of Science in Chemical Engineering from the University of Wisconsin-Madison.

Ms. Joan M. Jennings
Nutrition & Food Technology Senior Specialist, TOPS

Ms. Jennings has been leading the nutrition and food technology activities within the TOPS Program since its inception in 2010. She has extensive experience working with nutrition protection and behavior change strategies for improved infant and young child feeding practices. Her skill set also includes quantitative and qualitative evaluation, formative investigation, proposal development and strategic planning. She has worked in over 20 countries throughout all development programming regions. Previously, she provided consulting services for many USAID-funded food security and child survival programs during two 5-year periods separated by a period as team leader for children's health with CARE USA. She initiated her work in development as a Health and Nutrition Manager for Save the Children in Nicaragua. She holds a Master of Public Health degree from Tulane University which was followed by an internship with the United Nations ACC/Sub-Committee on Nutrition where she edited a review of the elements of success among large-scale nutrition programs in 10 countries.

Dr. Emily C. Keats
Research Associate, Hospital for Sick Children

Dr. Emily C. Keats, PhD, MPH, is a Research Associate at the Centre for Global Child Health, the Hospital for Sick Children in Toronto, Canada. Following a Bachelor's of Science at McGill University, she completed a PhD in Pathology, studying the role of vascular stem cells in mitigating the long-term complications of diabetes. She then undertook a Masters of Public Health, specializing in Epidemiology, at the University of Toronto. Dr. Keats' research interests fall broadly into the category of maternal and child health, adolescent health, and nutrition. She is currently working on several large-scale systematic reviews, looking at i) the dietary intake and practices of adolescents in low- and middle-income countries (LMIC), ii) the effectiveness of mass fortification of staple foods in LMIC, and iii) linear growth during adolescence in LMIC. Additionally, she is leading a collaborative exercise to explore health and nutrition outcomes among adolescent females through the use of individual participant data from existing nutrition trials. Dr. Keats has experience working and living in East Africa, and is the first author of the recent publication in *The Lancet Global Health* titled *Progress and Priorities for Reproductive, Maternal, Newborn, and Child Health in Kenya: A Countdown to 2015 Country Case Study*. She is an enthusiastic member of the Countdown to 2030 consortium, a multi-disciplinary, multi-institutional collaboration working towards achieving the Sustainable Development Goals.

Dr. Rolf Klemm
Vice President for Nutrition, Helen Keller International
Senior Associate, Program for Human Nutrition, Bloomberg School of Public Health, Johns Hopkins University

Dr. Klemm has more than 30 years of professional experience in international public health nutrition including roles as a Peace Corps Volunteer, Country Director for Helen Keller International (Philippines), Technical Director of USAID's flagship A2Z micronutrient program, and Hopkins faculty member and principle/co-investigator for micronutrient and child growth intervention trials in Asia and Africa. Dr. Klemm holds an MPH and DrPH from the Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health and has published more than 40 articles in peer-reviewed scientific journals.

Dr. Kid Kohl**Technical Officer, Adolescent Health, World Health Organization**

Dr. Kohl is working on adolescent health at headquarters of WHO in Geneva. Her area of work includes the finalization and dissemination of the “Global Accelerated Action for the Health of Adolescents (AA-AH!)”, a guidance to support country in adolescent health programming and implementation. She also works on Adolescent health guidelines and research as well as programs and policies. Before joining the adolescent health team at WHO HQ in early 2017, Dr. Kohl was working on quality of care and patient safety at WHO EMRO (Cairo) and HQ (Geneva). Dr. Kohl has a PhD in Life Science and has committed her career to different aspects of public health globally.

Ms. Peggy Koniz-Booher**Senior Advisor, Nutrition Social and Behavior Change Communication, Strengthening Partnerships, Results, and Innovations in Nutrition Globally (SPRING) Project**

Ms. Koniz-Booher is an international public health nutritionist and social and behavior change communication (SBCC) specialist with more than 25 years of experience. She currently serves as a Senior Advisor and Team Lead for SPRING's nutrition and SBCC programming, supporting the project's social and behavior change portfolio focused on building the evidence and testing innovations. Ms. Koniz-Booher has lived and worked in more than 30 countries where she has designed and supported a wide-range of behavior change and communication programs, including maternal infant and young child nutrition, family planning and reproductive health, prevention of mother-to-child transmission of HIV, nutrition and HIV/AIDS care and support, and the development of state-of-the art training and communication tools. Prior to joining SPRING, Ms. Koniz-Booher worked on a variety of USAID projects and consulted for both WHO and UNICEF. She spent three years in the Dominican Republic as a Resident Communication Advisor; supported the Calidad en Salud integrated health project in Guatemala; was Chief of Party for the NuLife nutrition and HIV project in Uganda; and co-designed the UNICEF Community Infant and Young Child Feeding Counseling Package, elements of which are currently in use in more than 50 countries.

Dr. Roland Kupka**Senior Adviser for Nutrition, UNICEF**

Dr. Kupka provides strategic support to UNICEF's nutrition programs operating in more than 90 countries. Dr Kupka co-chairs the global Home Fortification Technical Advisory Group and serves as a board member of the Micronutrient Forum and the Iodine Global Network. Dr Kupka previously served as a UNICEF Nutrition Specialist and acting Regional Nutrition Adviser in the UNICEF Regional Office for West and Central Africa in Dakar, Senegal, as well as a Research Scientist and Adjunct Assistant Professor in the Department of Nutrition at the Harvard TH Chan School of Public Health. Over the years, Dr Kupka's work has focused on studying the role of nutrition in growth and development and on devising effective nutrition intervention strategies among women and children. A German national, Dr Kupka completed his doctoral training in Nutrition and Epidemiology at Harvard University.

Dr. Kathleen Kurz
Nutrition Consultant, Independent

Dr. Kurz has over 20 years of experience as a Nutrition, Food Security and Health expert with a wide range of maternal, adolescent and child health and nutrition experience in sub-Saharan Africa and South Asia. She has worked with the International Center for Research on Women (ICRW), Academy for Educational Development (AED), and Development Alternatives, Inc. (DAI), and as an independent consultant. Her work includes program design and implementation, research, monitoring and evaluation (M&E), policy and advocacy, and gender analysis on initiatives for multiple donors. She has a PhD in Human Nutrition from Cornell University.

Dr. Sascha Lamstein
Systems Team Lead/Technical Advisor, Strengthening Partnerships, Results, and Innovations in Nutrition Globally (SPRING) Project

Dr. Sascha Lamstein has 20 years of experience working in the field of international development, primarily with health and nutrition projects. She has a MS and PhD in international food policy and applied nutrition. Dr. Lamstein has worked in both administrative, financial, technical, and management positions, assisting and/or responsible for strategic planning, program design, training, monitoring, and evaluation. Her specialties include social and behavior change communication, monitoring and evaluation, program planning and design, and systems thinking for nutrition. With the SPRING project, she has worked to promote systems thinking and systems strengthening for nutrition. In addition, she has co-led SPRING's evaluation of the community infant and young child feeding (C-IYCF) counseling package in Nigeria, and co-led SPRING's work related to adolescent girls' nutrition. Prior to joining SPRING, Dr. Lamstein served as a Monitoring & Evaluation Advisor with John Snow, Inc. and as a Nutrition Advisor for the Micronutrient Initiative in Bangladesh.

Dr. Cintia Lombardi
Specialist, Prevention of Childhood and Adolescent Obesity, Pan American Health Organization/World Health Organization (PAHO/WHO)

Dr. Lombardi works in the Department of Noncommunicable Diseases and Mental Health, providing technical support to countries in the Americas on policies and programs to protect, promote and support breastfeeding. Prior work at PAHO focused on obesity prevention, nutrient profiling, guideline development, and diet-related non-communicable diseases. Before moving to the U.S., she worked at the Epidemiological Research Centre of the University of Pelotas, Brazil, in research on breastfeeding, health inequalities and infectious diseases. Dr. Lombardi received her Master of Science in Medical Sociology from London University and her Doctor of Science in International Health from the Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health.

Dr. Chessa Lutter

**Visiting Research Professor, School of Public Health, University of Maryland
Senior Nutrition Researcher, RTI International**

Dr. Chessa Lutter has worked for more than 25 years on policies and programs to improve maternal and child nutrition in low- and middle-income countries, working with the World Health Organization (WHO), other United Nations Organizations and nongovernmental organizations. She recently retired from a 19-year career as a Senior Advisor in Food and Nutrition at the Pan American Health Organization (PAHO), the regional office of WHO for the Americas. At PAHO, she led the development and evaluation of multiple regional nutrition strategies and action plans; most recently a Plan of Action for the Prevention of Obesity in Children and Adolescents, unanimously approved by all member states in 2014. Prior to joining PAHO, she worked for the Food and Nutrition Board, U.S. National Academy of Sciences, and a nongovernmental organization dedicated to promoting breastfeeding. Her many peer-reviewed papers on child growth, breastfeeding, complementary feeding and child obesity have appeared in major nutrition and health journals. She has also led the development of several internationally-accepted PAHO/WHO documents identifying best practices in child nutrition. Dr. Lutter holds a MS and PhD in nutrition from Cornell University and a BS in natural resources from the University of California at Berkeley.

Mr. Michael McCabe

Agency Youth Coordinator, USAID

Mr. Michael McCabe brings over 28 years of professional experience managing international development programs. In his current role, he is responsible for helping integrate youth engagement and youth development issues across the Agency, oversee the Youth Policy implementation, and serve as a senior representative on youth issues in the interagency and external community. His expertise includes capacity development, youth development, technology for development, program design/implementation, training design and facilitation, and public - private sector partnership development.

Mr. McCabe previously worked with: Creative Associates International as Sr. Associate for Capacity Development, and Chief of Party for the Panama Youth At Risk Program; Peace Corps as Chief of Programming and Training for the Inter-America and Pacific Region, and Deputy Director for Peace Corps Dominican Republic; Youth Service America as Vice President; the Inter-American Foundation as Country Representative for Mexico, Venezuela, Panama; and UNICEF as National Programs Officer for Dominican Republic. He received his Master's in Public Administration from Princeton University and his Bachelor's of Science Degree in International Relations from Georgetown University.

Dr. Carlos A. Monteiro**Professor of Nutrition and Public Health, University of São Paulo**

Dr. Carlos Monteiro chairs the Center for Epidemiological Studies in Health and Nutrition. His research lines include methods in population nutritional and dietary assessment, secular trends and biological and socioeconomic determinants of nutritional deficiencies and obesity and other nutrition-related chronic diseases, food processing in the food system and human health, and food and nutrition programs and policies evaluation. In these areas of knowledge, he has published numerous books and book chapters and more than 150 articles in scientific journals. More recently, he supported the Ministry of Health in Brazil in the development of the internationally acclaimed new dietary guidelines for the Brazilian population. Dr. Monteiro is member of the Brazilian Academy of Sciences since 2008 and he has served on numerous national and international nutrition expert panels and committees. Since 2010, he is member of the World Health Organization Nutrition Expert Advisory Group on Diet and Health and, in 2015, he was part of the Working Group on Science and Evidence of the WHO Commission on Ending Childhood Obesity. In 2010, he received the PAHO Abraham Horwitz Award for Excellence in Leadership in Inter-American Health.

Dr. Themba Nduna**Nutrition Advisor, USAID**

Dr. Nduna has been with USAID/Zimbabwe mission for over 4 years in the Food for Peace (FFP) office, also known as Humanitarian Assistance and Resilience (HAR) office. He works with the mission's other two technical units - Economic Growth (EG) and Health Population and Nutrition (HPN) - to ensure sound, coordinated, and integrated nutrition programming. Dr. Nduna provides technical support to four development activities, two Feed the Future funded crop and livestock development activities and two Food for Peace funded development food assistance activities. The USAID/Zimbabwe mission nutrition portfolio is comprised of both nutrition-specific and nutrition-sensitive type interventions. Dr. Nduna is an experienced public health nutritionist with experience in both emergency and non-emergency nutrition programming. He has worked and consulted with national and international not-for-profit organizations that include the Zimbabwe Red Cross Society, Catholic Relief Services, Save the Children UK, UNICEF and Action Against Hunger. He has worked in Zimbabwe (his native country), Indonesia, South Sudan, Sudan (Darfur), Swaziland, Ethiopia, Nigeria, Somalia and the United Kingdom in various capacities that include as an International Nutrition Consultant, Senior Nutrition Advisor, Emergency Nutrition Coordinator, Nutrition Surveillance Advisor, Honorary Researcher and in senior management roles as Head of Nutrition and Head of Hunger Reduction Units. Dr. Nduna holds degrees in human nutrition and public health, including a PhD in Public Health, an MSc in Health Services and Public Health Research both from the University of Aberdeen, United Kingdom, a Master of Public Health (MPH)-University of the Western Cape-South Africa, and a BSc in Human Nutrition-University of Zimbabwe. He is also a graduate of the African Nutrition Leadership Program.

Ms. Anne Peniston**Chief of the Nutrition and Environmental Health Division, USAID**

Ms. Anne Peniston oversees U.S. Government development assistance in nutrition programs in more than 20 countries. Ms. Peniston has worked in domestic and international public health for more than 30 years as a clinician, researcher and program manager. In addition to serving immigrant populations with the Virginia Department of Health, her international public health experience includes Peru, the South Pacific, Indonesia and Nepal, with 21 years living and working in Asia. She has managed USAID programs across the public health spectrum (nutrition; family planning; maternal, newborn and child health; infectious diseases; HIV/AIDS) for more than 20 years at USAID Missions in Indonesia and Nepal and at headquarters in Washington. She holds a Master's of Science in Nursing from the University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill; a Bachelor's of Science in Nursing from Carlow University, Pittsburgh, PA; and a Bachelors of Arts in Spanish from St. Mary's College, Notre Dame, IN. Her original research has focused on traditional health and food practices in pregnancy, childbirth, and the post-partum in the Southern Andes and ethnographic research on immunizations and vaccine-preventable diseases in eastern Indonesia.

Dr. Rafael Pérez-Escamilla**Professor of Epidemiology and Public Health, Yale School of Public Health**

Dr. Rafael Pérez-Escamilla's global public health nutrition and food security research program has led to improvements in breastfeeding programs, iron deficiency anemia among infants, household food security measurement and outcomes, and maternal, infant and young child community nutrition education/counselling programs. His health disparities research involves assessing the impact of community health workers at improving behavioral and metabolic outcomes among Latinos with type 2 diabetes. He has published over 200 research articles, 2 books, and numerous journal supplements, book chapters, and technical reports. He is a member of the U.S. National Academies of Sciences, Engineering and Medicine (NASEM) Food and Nutrition Board. Dr. Pérez-Escamilla has been a senior advisor to maternal-child community nutrition programs as well as household food security measurement projects funded by WHO, PAHO, UNICEF, FAO, UNESCO, UNDP, CDC, USDA, USAID, The World Bank, the Gates Foundation, and the Governments of Mexico, Brazil, and Colombia. He obtained his BS in Chemical Engineering from the Universidad Iberoamericana in Mexico City and his MS in Food Science and his PhD in Nutrition from the University of California at Davis.

Ms. Abigail Perry**Senior Nutrition Adviser, UK Department for International Development**

Ms. Perry has a breadth of nutrition experience developed whilst working with a range of NGOs and academic institutions over the past 15 years. She has worked for DFID since 2011 and currently leads the UK's engagement with the Scaling Up Nutrition movement and other global initiatives. She provides technical and policy leadership for DFID's nutrition investments, including in areas such as adolescent nutrition, nutrition-sensitive food systems, addressing malnutrition in humanitarian emergencies, and effective management of acute malnutrition.

Ms. Abigail Kaplan Ramage
Independent Consultant

Ms. Abigail Kaplan Ramage is a UK-based independent consultant with over 15 years of experience providing technical assistance to international nutrition and health projects. Ms. Ramage supported SPRING and the WHO to draft the consolidated guidelines for adolescent girls' nutrition and is currently working on a systematic review entitled *The Effect of Women's Empowerment Strategies on Adolescent Girls Nutritional Status* registered with the Campbell Collaboration. She has worked across the globe for numerous organizations including Save the Children, The Aga Khan Foundation, The Nike Foundation, and The Partnership for Child Development, and Population Services International. She holds an MS in Food Policy and Applied Nutrition and an MA in development economics from Tufts University.

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Dr. Ramakrishnan is a Professor in the Hubert Department of Global Health (tenured 2004 and promoted to Full Professor in August 2013) in The Rollins School of Public Health and Director of the Doctoral Program in Nutrition and Health Sciences in the Graduate Division of Biological Sciences and Biomedical Sciences at Emory University, Atlanta, GA, USA. She is nutritionist by training and her areas of expertise are maternal and child nutrition, birth outcomes and early childhood growth and development; omega-3 fatty acids, micronutrients during pregnancy and early childhood, nutritional anemias; iron and vitamin A deficiency; multiple micronutrient malnutrition; nutritional assessment; evaluation of maternal and child health programs; multigenerational effects of early childhood nutrition on offspring health and development. Dr. Ramakrishnan is known internationally for her expertise in maternal and child nutrition and is the senior author or co-author of over 110 research articles in national and international peer reviewed professional journals (h-index: 20); 11 book chapters; edited 4 Books, Monographs and Proceedings; 8 Reports and theses; over 90 Abstracts and Conference Presentations; 25 Invited Presentations (Seminars, Workshop and Symposia at national and international meetings).

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Dr. Pura Rayco-Solon joined the Evidence and Programme Guidance Unit, Department of Nutrition for Health and Development (NHD) at the World Health Organization in Geneva, Switzerland as Epidemiologist (infectious diseases and nutrition) in 2015. She has over 15 years of experience maternal and child nutrition and a solid background in epidemiology, public health nutrition and infectious diseases.

Dr. Marie T. Ruel
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Dr. Ruel has worked for more than 25 years on policies and programs to alleviate poverty, food insecurity and malnutrition in developing countries. She has published extensively in nutrition and epidemiology journals on topics related to maternal and child nutrition, with a focus on program evaluation and implementation science research. Her current research focuses on the evaluation and strengthening of a wide range of integrated, multi-sectoral development programs in the areas of agriculture, social protection and health, and at building the evidence on their role in reducing maternal and child malnutrition globally. Prior to IFPRI, she was head of the Nutrition and Health Division at the Institute of Nutrition of Central America and Panama/Pan American Health Organization (INCAP/PAHO) in Guatemala. Dr. Ruel received her Ph.D. in International Nutrition from Cornell University and her Masters in Health Sciences from Laval University in Canada.

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Ms. Sharma has more than 12 years of experience in the field of nutrition and public health, system's strengthening and policy advocacy. She works as Micronutrients Specialist, with the Nutrition Programme Division, at UNICEF headquarters. She has worked extensively on the scaling up of public health nutrition programmes in India, focusing on adolescent anemia control programme, bundling of Vitamin A supplementation and deworming, management of severe acute malnutrition, infant and young child feeding and establishment of State Nutrition Mission. She also has the experience of working within the government public health system as a Programme Manager with the Department of Health. Ms. Sharma has worked with various International organizations, on gender, adolescent reproductive and sexual health and life skills. She holds an MPH from Tulane School of Public Health and Tropical Medicine, New Orleans, USA, as well as a Master's in Business Management, from India.

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Dr. Alison Tumilowicz

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