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NO MORE NTDs: MAKING A DIFFERENCE IN NTD CONTROL AND ELIMINATION

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Gayle Smith

Administrator for the U.S. Agency for International Development

Gayle E. Smith is the 17th Administrator of USAID. Administrator Smith oversees a dedicated team of nearly 10,000 professionals working to end extreme poverty, foster sustained and inclusive economic growth, and promote resilient, democratic societies all over the world. Previously, Administrator Smith has served as Special Assistant to the President and Senior Director for Development and Democracy at the National Security Council (NSC), a Senior Fellow at the Center for American Progress, Co- Founder of the ENOUGH Project, and Co-Founder of the Modernizing Foreign Assistance Network. Prior to her U.S. Government service, she worked as a journalist in Africa for over 20 years, where she covered military, economic, and political affairs for the BBC, Associated Press, Reuters, and Boston Globe, among others.

Raj Kumar

President & Editor-in-Chief, Devex

Raj Kumar is the Founding President & Editor-in-Chief of Devex, the media platform for the global development community. A social enterprise dedicated to ensuring global development efforts do more good for more people, Devex was born in 2000 when Raj was a graduate student at the Harvard Kennedy School. Today, there are 100+ Devexers around the world serving a global audience of more than one million aid workers and development professionals. Beginning as a kid in Kerala, India, Raj has witnessed firsthand determined and courageous development work in over fifty countries - it's what drives the Devex mission to "Do Good. Do It Well." He is a member of the Council on Foreign Relations and the Clinton Global Initiative, and chaired the World Economic Forum's humanitarian council.

Dr. Upendo Mwingira

National NTD Program Manager, Ministry of Health and Social Welfare, Republic of Tanzania

Dr. Upendo is a leading public health expert with extensive expertise leading NTD programs. Over the past five years, she has concentrated her efforts to make the Tanzania NTD program one of the most successful programs in the Africa region. Dr. Upendo's contributions in the field of trachoma and lymphatic filariasis in Tanzania and in the Eastern African region are impressive. She was able to attract many donors to her program and has expanded rapidly the mass drug distribution to reach almost all the districts within the past five years despite numerous challenges in implementing NTD program in a vast and densely populated country.

Dr. Edridah Muheki Tukahebwa

Program Manager for the Schistosomiasis Control Programme and the National Coordinator of the Integrated NTD Elimination Program, Ministry of Health, Republic of Uganda

Dr. Tukahebwa has conducted a number of operational and applied health research projects from which she has authored or co-authored peer reviewed articles and has contributed to health systems development by building capacity of technical teams who conduct epidemiological studies for schistosomiasis and worm infections in Uganda. She contributed to the evidence that led to reduction of the lowest height for the tablet pole used in the treatment of schistosomiasis globally and actively participated in the development of NTD Program tools and manuals for Uganda, which other countries have used as models.

Ambassador (ret.) Mary Ann Peters

CEO, The Carter Center

Ambassador Mary Ann Peters joined The Carter Center as its chief executive officer in September 2014. As CEO, Ambassador Peters provides vision and leadership for The Carter Center and oversees program implementation and operations. Before joining the Center, Ambassador Peters was provost of the U.S. Naval War College, and dean of academics at the College of International and Security Studies at the George C. Marshall European Center for Security Studies in Germany. Ambassador Peters served more than 30 years with the U.S. Department of State, including as Ambassador to Bangladesh, leading that mission's efforts in support of the war on terrorism and other key U.S. foreign policy goals. Ambassador Peters earned her Bachelor's degree from Santa Clara University, and her Master's degree from the Johns Hopkins School of Advanced International Studies.

Mark Stoleson, CEO, Legatum Group

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Mark Stoleson is the Chief Executive Officer of Legatum Group, a global investment firm based in Dubai. He has been with the firm for 12 years and served in various capacities including Head of Group Investments. Mark has worked with his partners at Legatum to incubate a number of the firm's key philanthropic endeavours including the END Fund, Freedom Fund, Speed Schools Fund, The Legatum Center for Development and Entrepreneurship at MIT, and the Legatum Institute Foundation in London. Prior to Legatum, Mark was a corporate finance and an attorney with Akin Gump Strauss Hauer & Feld in Moscow, Russia and Dallas, Texas. He earned a BA in International Relations from Occidental College and a JD-LLM from Duke University School of Law.

Andy Wright

Vice President Global Health Programmes, GlaxoSmithKline

Andy Wright is currently the Vice President of Global Health Programmes at GlaxoSmithKline (GSK), responsible for GSK's health and access initiatives in the developing world including; lymphatic filariasis elimination, de-worming of children, malaria education, humanitarian relief, training of healthcare workers, community health programmes and a new strategic partnership with Save the Children. Since 2000, he has been active in the global campaign to eliminate lymphatic filariasis. GSK is a key partner in the global effort, donating albendazole, one of two drugs required, for every country that needs it until the disease is eliminated.

Dr. Teshome Gebre

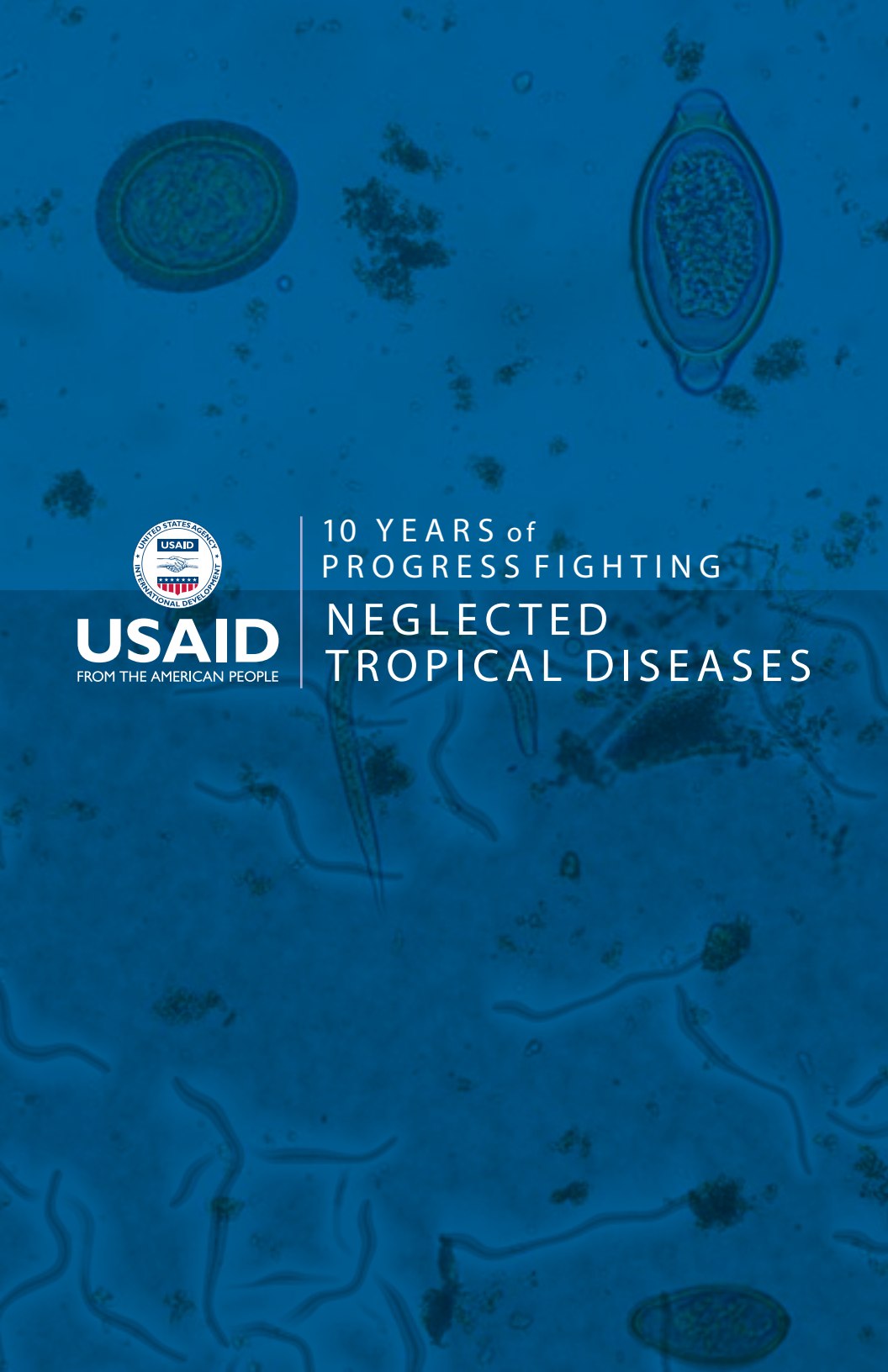
Regional Representative for Africa,
International Trachoma Initiative

Teshome Gebre, PhD, is ITI's Regional Representative for Africa, based in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia. As a senior ITI representative, he liaises with governments of trachoma endemic countries and other stakeholders, planning comprehensive programs, ensuring epidemiologic justification for the drug donation, and assessing adequacy of resources for program implementation. He also provides technical support for the development, implementation and evaluation of sustainable trachoma elimination programs, often in collaboration with integrated Neglected Tropical Disease (NTD) initiatives. Before joining ITI, Dr. Teshome was Country Representative for The Carter Center's health programs in Ethiopia for 16 years. He established such health programs as Guinea Worm Eradication, and prevention and control of lymphatic filariasis, onchocerciasis, trachoma and malaria.

Claire Moran

Head Human Development Department, Department for International Development (DFID), United Kingdom

As Head of the Human Development Department, Claire leads a department of 60 staff who shape DFID policy thinking on nutrition, health services, sexual and reproductive health and rights, water, sanitation and hygiene. The Department works on cross-cutting human development themes, such as girls and women, early childhood development, and adolescents and provides funding for global public goods for human development to improve the international architecture and build knowledge and evidence. Claire is a member of the Global Financing Facility Investors Group and Family Planning 2020 Reference Group. Previously, Claire led the DFID Migration Department and was Head of the Fragile States and Conflict Group in DFID's Conflict, Humanitarian and Security Department. From 2008 to 2011, she was the Development Counsellor at the British Embassy in Washington DC.



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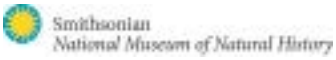

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