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PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

**Jan 2017-
July 2017** **Acting Assistant Administrator, Bureau for Democracy, Conflict &
Humanitarian Assistance (DCHA)**

US Agency for International Development (USAID), Washington, DC

Oversaw all operations, policy formulation, and programs for the DCHA Bureau, with an annual budget of \$5.5 billion and 1000+ personnel in Washington and across the globe. Represented the Agency at the highest levels of international engagement, including serving as the Chair of the United Nations/Office of the Coordinator for Humanitarian Assistance Donor Support Group and co-chair of the Global Alliance on Resilience. Substantive areas included humanitarian assistance, democracy and government, countering violent extremism, and political transitions. Represented the Agency at US Government Principles and Deputies Committee meetings at the National Security Council across an array of policy issues. Provided guidance on policy and program at the Agency level on the transition between Administrations. Provided testimony to full foreign affairs committees in Senate and House on humanitarian relief issues. Served as Head of Delegation to UN World Food Program quarterly meetings, humanitarian Grand Bargain reviews and other humanitarian reform efforts. Represented the Bureau and Agency to the public through press interviews and written forms.

**July 2016-
Dec 2016
& 2006-2008** **Senior Deputy Assistant Administrator, DCHA Bureau
USAID, Washington, DC**

Coordinated and oversaw the work of the Office of Food for Peace (FFP), Office of U.S. Foreign Disaster Assistance (OFDA), and Office of Transition Initiatives (OTI), with combined budgets over \$4.5 billion annually and a staff of 700+. Served as primary advisor to USAID Administrator on humanitarian assistance, relief and development food programs, food security, and USAID engagement in multilateral and bilateral partnerships. Planned and implemented policies and guidelines affecting broad, emerging and/or critical USAID programs in the field of relief and rehabilitation, including advising senior staff at USAID, Department of State, National Security Council, and Members of the United States Congress. Guided the allocation and management of program and operating budgets for OFDA, FFP and ensured resources were consistent with strategic and policy priorities. Established and maintained effective working relationships with high-level individuals, including Members of Congress and their staff, executive branch officials, bilateral and multilateral counterparts, and distinguished members of the public. Co-chaired inter-agency sub-Policy Coordinating Committee on Food Security and Resilience. Represented USAID to the press, the general public, and at senior level gatherings nationally and internationally. Served as initial USG Representative to United Nations Central Emergency Response Fund.

**July 2015 –
July 2016** **Assistant Professor, National War College**

Assigned from home agency (USAID) to teach graduate-level courses on the non-military tools of national security, including strategy, diplomacy, economics, information and cyber-security, and the domestic context of national security decision making, covering the involvement of three branches of government, National Security Council influence, and civil-military relations. Taught elective course in development, humanitarian assistance, and political transitions. Advised American and international students on coursework, writing, management skills, and careers. Served as advisor for a student thesis on food security. Guest lectured at Penn State on “Development, Politics, and National Security.” Participated in studies on dealing with stress in conflict zones. Advised Commandant on his efforts to strengthen national security curriculum.

Additional Teaching Experience:

Adjunct Professor, Tulane University (1992-1995)

Guest Lecturer: Harvard Kennedy School, Fordham University, Pennsylvania State University, University of Florida, University of Pittsburgh, Center for Strategic International Studies, U.S. Institute for Peace

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**July 2013-
July 2015**

Mission Director, USAID/Pakistan

Led a complex institution with 285 staff, three field offices, and a \$2.5 billion annual budget, under difficult political and security circumstances. Oversaw development of agreements with three Pakistani universities on research into water usage, drought resilience, and alternative energy. Worked with local Pakistani non-profits to expand opportunities for women agriculturalists, including exports of dried fruits to the Gulf. Oversaw programs in energy construction and technical assistance, including financing of a natural gas facility, community reconstruction in war torn areas, agricultural research and finance, as well as countrywide health and education projects. Managed development of agricultural investment funds of \$25 million each with three private investment firms, the first such co-financed mechanisms by USAID. Undertook extensive public speaking engagements in Pakistan and in the U.S., including frequent meetings with U.S. Congress. Served as U.S. representative to donor group monitoring implementation of IMF agreement. Led development and management of annual budgets, including negotiations with Congress, Department of State, and other federal agencies.

**Sep 2010-
July 2013**

Senior Deputy Assistant Administrator, Bureau for Food Security, USAID, Washington, DC

Requested by USAID Administrator to return from overseas posting to establish and oversee the new Bureau for Food Security (BFS) as well as manage the \$3.5 billion US Presidential Feed the Future Initiative. Managed development of broad new food security strategy for the United States Government (USG) in consultation with other USG agencies and international partners. Developed new agricultural programs and food security strategies in 20 focus countries in Africa, Asia and Latin America. Lead outreach efforts to explain the new initiative to Congress and a variety of public, academic, civil society, and international stakeholders. Oversaw development of a new agricultural research strategy and monitoring evaluation framework through broad consultation with academic and civil society partners. Developed, present and negotiate budgets with US Congress. Negotiated food security agreements with bilateral partners. Recruited 109 new personnel in a variety of technical, managerial, budgetary, communications, and administrative areas. Consolidated ongoing USAID agricultural and agricultural research programs. Integrated current USAID programs with those of the US Department of Agriculture. Increased support to CAADP and similar organizations in other geographic areas. Initiated new public-private partnerships in food security in Tanzania and Central America. Lead Global Alliance for drought resilience in East and West Africa.

**August 2008-
Sep 2010**

Mission Director, USAID/Namibia

Developed and managed USAID/Namibia programs and operations, with an annual budget of \$54 million and staff of 37. Program areas included emergency response, education, democracy and governance, as well as complex, inter-agency HIV/AIDS interventions in treatment, prevention, care and nutrition, and orphans and vulnerable children. Coordinated HIV/AIDS programming with The Global Fund for HIV/AIDS. Represented the USG on various program coordination bodies for HIV/AIDS and served as USG development and emergency response liaison with senior local government officials, heads of international organizations, foreign embassies, and prominent local institutions. Oversaw all budget and finance operations, including annual financial and program planning and reporting submissions to headquarters.

2004-2007

Deputy Director, Office of U.S. Foreign Disaster Assistance (OFDA) USAID, Washington, DC

Oversaw operations management of US Government (USG) international humanitarian assistance. Directed all aspects of OFDA operations, including programs, policy, staff recruitment and development, and administration. Directed expenditure of \$500 million annual budget and provided policy leadership and strategic vision for improved USG emergency relief response within the broader international community. Supervised 150 professional, administrative, and clerical employees, including American and international staff, operating in Washington, DC, and six regional offices worldwide. Represented USG at senior level to other donors, United Nations agencies, implementing partners, academia and host governments, undertaking public speaking, briefings and negotiations on policy and operational issues.

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- 2001-2004 Deputy Director, Office of Transition Initiatives (OTI)
USAID, Washington, DC**
Provided strategic direction for fulfilling OTI mandate of post-conflict political and social reconciliation in US Government priority countries. Directed daily operations, including program and policy guidance, to ensure timely, efficient and effective program impact. Oversaw annual budget of \$100 million+ and supervised professional and clerical staff operating in Washington, DC, and 10 developing countries, ensuring appropriate mix of technical, administrative and clerical skills. Represented Office in senior intra- and inter-agency meetings, undertook public speaking and conducted briefings and negotiations with senior representatives from key Department of State and other USG agencies, Congress, multinational and private sector organizations and foreign countries.
- 1999 - 2001 Director, Africa Regional Office
Office of US Foreign Disaster Assistance, USAID, Nairobi, Kenya**
Oversaw US Government relief operations in 28 African countries with \$90 million+ annual budget. Formulated USG disaster response policies and programs, including disaster mitigation, preparedness and training. Devised transition programs in conjunction with development planners. Oversaw reporting on relief programming as affected by human rights issues. Represented USG at senior level to representatives of United Nations, host governments, non-governmental organizations and regional bodies. Supervised 14 professional staff.
- 1996-1999 Disaster Response Coordinator
USAID, Nairobi, Kenya**
Managed relief and reconstruction efforts arising from bombing of US Embassy in Nairobi. Coordinated flood and drought relief operations in Kenya, managing, monitoring and reporting on USAID grants. Managed USAID conflict resolution programs and advised US Mission on human rights issues in pastoralist areas. Advised USAID on linking relief and development policies and activities. Evaluated relief and capacity building programs in South Sudan and provided recommendations for USG integrated strategic planning.
- 1995-1996 Washington Representative
International Medical Corps (IMC), Washington, DC**
Represented IMC to USAID, non-profit groups and international organizations on policy, field operations and funding issues. Developed successful funding proposals. Served as advocate to Congress and Executive Branch on medical and health issues pertaining to human rights and other issues. Provided management support to California headquarters.
- 1992-1995 Chief of Party (Project Director)
Famine Early Warning System (FEWS), Tulane University
Washington, DC**
Directed implementation of Africa-wide USAID-funded project providing host countries with early warning of famines. Project provided technical assistance to USAID Missions, international organizations and African governments and helped build African early warning systems, including the development of early warning policies and methodologies. Managed 30 professional staff in overseas offices and US. Directed recruitment and placement of headquarters and key field personnel. Prepared and managed multi-million dollar budget.
- 1990-1992 Disaster Operations Officer, Office of US Foreign Disaster Assistance,
USAID, Washington, DC, Sudan, Ethiopia**
Served as Acting Mission Director in the Sudan and as Chief of Staff, Newly Independent States (NIS) Task Force. Managed grants, arranged for technical and logistical support for USAID's programs in Africa and NIS. Formulated policy and planned programs for emergency assistance, development and refugee activities. Served as liaison to United Nations, foreign governments and private voluntary organizations.

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- 1989** **Legal Officer**
United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR), Malaysia
Trained Malaysian civil servants in application of refugee and human rights law, assisting Malaysian government in creation of first asylum program based on internationally accepted processes. Conducted and oversaw status determination cases of Vietnamese asylum seekers. Supervised eight attorneys.
- 1988-1989** **Disaster Relief Coordinator**
USAID, Malawi
Directed field operations for multi-million dollar relief programs. Served as principal advisor to the Government of Malawi on planning and implementation of relief activities for Mozambican refugees and Malawians. Reviewed and managed USAID grants and provided technical and logistical assistance for their implementation. Advised US Mission on human rights issues pertaining to refugees.
- 1984-1986** **Deputy Public Defender**
Los Angeles County Public Defender's Office, Los Angeles, CA
Litigated and tried felony and misdemeanor cases. Interviewed clients, witnesses and police. Evaluated crime reports, forensic evidence and medical reports. Wrote and argued pretrial motions. Researched, wrote and argued appellate cases. Supervised six attorneys in two misdemeanor arraignment courts.
- 1981-1984** **Field Representative, CARE, Uganda and Bangladesh**
Managed emergency and development projects. Developed successful funding proposals. Managed staff of 60.

EDUCATION

- Harvard Kennedy School** **Master in Public Administration, 1987**
Cambridge, MA
- Loyola Law School** **Juris Doctor, Los Angeles, CA, 1979**
Los Angeles, CA
- Humboldt State University** **Bachelor of Arts in Political Science, 1976**
Arcata, CA

- LANGUAGES** **English (native), Spanish (basic), French (basic)**