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Summary

Public servant with over 20 years of extensive public health, development and foreign affairs experience within U.S. government in leading, managing, designing, and implementing large-scale, multi-sectoral, domestic and global health and development programs, valued at over \$100 billion USD and saving millions of lives. Member of the Senior Executive Service (SES) with strong and proven global leadership, management, budgetary, program, and bipartisan Congressional experience. Particular expertise with data-driven programming, interagency coordination in HIV/ AIDS programs through the U.S. President's Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief (PEPFAR) - the largest foreign assistance program for global HIV/AIDS, and programs and public-private partnerships for adolescent girls' and women's issues and broader health.

Experience

UNAIDS

Assistant Secretary General / Deputy Executive Director, Programs January 2023 - Present (10 months)

Geneva, Switzerland

U.S. Department of State

8 years 10 months

Principal Deputy US Global AIDS Coordinator & Special Rep. for Global Health Diplomacy

June 2022 - January 2023 (8 months)

Acting U.S. Global AIDS Coordinator & Special Rep. for Global Health Diplomacy

January 2021 - June 2022 (1 year 6 months)

Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary (PDAS) for PEPFAR June 2018 - January 2021 (2 years 8 months)

Serves as second in command to the U.S. Global AIDS Coordinator and supports the daily oversight, coordination, leadership, management, and implementation of the U.S. President's Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief (PEPFAR) to ensure that all its activities and resources, including its annual budget of approximately \$6 billion in over 50 countries is as impactful, effective, and efficient as possible.

Deputy Coordinator for Strategy and Global Health Diplomacy August 2016 - June 2018 (1 year 11 months)

Directed and oversaw PEPFAR's public affairs, policy and Congressional efforts.; PEPFAR's adolescent girls and young women's portfolio as well as the global health diplomatic efforts with foreign governments, diplomatic corps to advance the U.S. mission of global health, beyond HIV.

Chief Of Staff

April 2014 - August 2016 (2 years 5 months)

Led and directed a full reorganization of the State Department's Office of the Global AIDS Coordinator and Health Diplomacy (S/GAC) to institutionalize the structure and secure the human resources required to effectively lead, coordinate and provide oversight of PEPFAR's goals, objectives and milestones for the future. Designed and led development of the Determined, Resilient, Empowered, AIDS free, Mentored and Safe (DREAMS) public-private partnership—an interagency global health reducing HIV prevention and empowering adolescent girls and young women across 15 countries. Established and maintained relationships and represented S/GAC with a variety of governmental agencies, health organizations, and foreign governments throughout the global health development and foreign affairs community.

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention Senior Public Health Advisor October 2013 - April 2014 (7 months)

Developed the rationale, initial policy and programmatic strategy for global health security activities to advance the U.S. mission of global health broadly, including an outreach strategy for internal and external communications, public affairs, policy and Congressional efforts.

U.S. Department of State Senior Public Health Advisor

September 2011 - September 2013 (2 years 1 month)

Designed, led, managed and coordinated the Saving Mothers, Giving Life public-private partnership—an interagency global health effort for reducing maternal deaths globally by up to 50% in targeted districts by: developing models of quality maternal health services through district health network strengthening to achieve maximum, sustainable impact; galvanizing the American public to create a domestic constituency to support saving mothers' lives around the world; and engaging new public and private partners around the world to co-invest in saving mothers.

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention 10 years 1 month

Senior Public Health Advisor April 2006 - September 2011 (5 years 6 months)

Supported the leadership, management, and oversight of division-wide operations both at Headquarters and in 40 countries to implement CDC's mission and the goals in full support of the global HIV/AIDS response of the U.S. President's Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief. Worked technically on global public health systems strengthening metrics and supported the fiscal and programmatic transition of the blood safety and treatment programs to local ownership.

Health Scientist September 2001 - April 2006 (4 years 8 months)

Planned, developed, implemented, and evaluated interventions to address comprehensive adolescent health in school and community settings. in the US. Synthesized research and translated findings into resource materials for national, state and local health and education partners. Provided national and international leadership on intervention research, synthesis, dissemination, and program activities to promote the critical health objectives related to adolescents and young adults. Provided technical assistance to state and local Departments of Education and Health and national and international partners on activities related to the promotion of health behaviors among youth, especially adolescent girls and young women. Led CDC's interagency and multidisciplinary National Initiative to Improve Adolescent Health, which worked to create strategic partnerships between key over 100 organizations, agencies, and professional associations to catalyze national efforts to improve the health, safety, and well-being of adolescents and young adults ages 10-24.

UNICEF

Public Health Consultant January 2000 - May 2001 (1 year 5 months)

Engaged with multilateral global partners, including UNDP, WHO, UNFPA and UNICEF country offices to document lessons learned of policy and program recommendations on issues affecting adolescents in crisis situations and the prevention of HIV/AIDS/STIs among these youth. Created a resource database of adolescent information, statistics, and references, accessible by all UNICEF field offices. Developed global advocacy material that focused on adolescent development and participation, youth development. Contributed to the adolescent component of the Future Agenda for Children and Adolescents.

Education

UNC Gillings School of Global Public Health

Doctor of Philosophy - PhD, Public Health · (August 2009 - September 2013)

Yale School of Public Health

Master of Public Health - MPH, Global Health/Epidemiology · (August 1999 - May 2001)

University of California, Los Angeles

Bachelor of Science - BS, Biology/Biological Sciences, General · (September 1994 - June 1998)