

## Participant Biographies



### **Adam Reinhart, USAID**

Adam Reinhart is an agricultural scientist with a focus on food security, rural development, and environmental quality. He currently serves as the Food Security Team Leader in the Office of Food for Peace. Prior to USAID Adam worked on numerous projects in the areas of food security, water quality, pollution prevention, and wastewater reuse. He has also been a diversified vegetable farmer, managed a sustainable farming research institute, and is a former American Association for the Advancement of Science Diplomacy Fellow. Adam received a masters and a PhD in Agronomy and Soil Science from the University of Hawai'i at Manoa in 2000.



### **Amy Mayberry, No Wasted Lives**

As Head of Evidence, Amy's work focuses on the technical and research activities of No Wasted Lives, including management of a portfolio of innovative operational research to generate new evidence and support to the Council of Research & Technical Advice on Acute Malnutrition (CORTASAM) to effectively drive the uptake and use of emerging evidence on acute malnutrition into policy and programmes. Prior to this, Amy worked for The Children's Investment Fund Foundation (CIFF) on the Evidence, Measurement and Evaluation (EME) Team for nutrition.



### **Amy Ostrander, Project Concern International**

Amy Ostrander is the Technical Advisor for Markets & Livelihoods at Project Concern International (PCI). PCI drives innovation from the ground up to enhance health, end hunger, and overcome hardship—resulting in meaningful, measurable change in people's lives. Amy previously worked with Fintrac, Save the Children, and Global Communities, and served as a Leland International Hunger Fellow in Bangladesh and with Peace Corps in Guatemala. Amy holds an MPA in International Development from Princeton University.



### **André Briend, University of Copenhagen, Denmark and University of Tampere**

André Briend (MD, PhD) has more than 30 years of experience in research on child malnutrition. In the late 90's, he played a key role in the development of Ready-to-Use Therapeutic Foods (RUTF) which led to a revolution in the management of severe acute malnutrition. Dr Briend joined WHO in 2004 at the department of Child and Adolescent Health and Development. He retired from WHO in 2009 and is now Adjunct Professor at the University of Tampere, Department for International Health, Finland, and Affiliated Professor, Department of Nutrition, Exercise and Sports, Faculty of Science, University of Copenhagen, Denmark.



### **Andrew Cunningham, JSI SPRING Project**

Andrew Cunningham is a Social and Behavior Change (SBC) Specialist at JSI. On the USAID-funded SPRING Project, Andrew has supported multiple SBC nutrition communication materials for communities in India, Nigeria, Guinea, Sierra Leone, Senegal, and Ghana. Prior to joining SPRING, Andrew supported SBC programs in Guatemala with World Vision and in Madagascar through the Peace Corps. Andrew has a master's degree in public health, concentrating in global health communication from the George Washington University.



### **Andrew Seal, University College London**

Andrew is a Senior Lecturer in International Nutrition at University College London, and works on nutritional problems in populations affected by humanitarian emergencies caused by conflict or disasters. He leads the Nutrition in Crisis Research Group and his interests include the epidemiology of malnutrition in emergencies and methods for the optimization of food assistance. He has led the development of the NutVal software tool for a number of years.



### **Ayten Salahi, Tufts University**

Ayten is an MS/RD candidate in the Food Policy and Applied Nutrition program at Tufts Friedman School of Nutrition Science and Policy, and Simmons School of Nursing and Health Sciences. Her concentrations are in both nutrition interventions (design, operation, and management) and clinical dietetics. She holds a BS in Neuroscience and Psychology from Duke University, and has nearly 10 years of prior research experience in both cellular neuropharmacology and clinical medical device studies. She is a co-founder and organizer for the Boston-based food, nutrition, and agriculture advocacy group, the Friedman Food Policy Action Council (FFPAC).



### **Barbara Best, USAID**

Barbara Best, Ph.D., is the Senior Coastal Resources Advisor in USAID's Bureau of Economic Growth, Education and Environment. In this role, she advises missions and staff on wild-caught fisheries management for food security, nutrition, livelihoods and sustainable, resilient development. She has over 20 years of experience on natural resources management, agriculture and food security. Before joining USAID, Barbara worked at UC-Berkeley, Columbia University, Duke University and Colby College.



### **Beatrice Rogers, Tufts University**

Dr. Rogers is Professor of Economics and Food Policy and Director of the Food Policy and Applied Nutrition Program at the Friedman School of Nutrition Science and Policy, where she has been on the faculty since 1982. Prof. Rogers has over 30 years of experience promoting evidence-based policy and programs related to food security, food consumption, and nutrition in the developing world.

### **Benjamin Safari, Catholic Relief Services**

With a MA in economics (Adelaide University), academic research and policy-making experience, and a career with CRS spanning more than 15 years, Ben joined the Global SCM team as Director in January 2017. He brings strong credentials, and proven experience in designing and leading SCM operations for projects funded by CRS' largest donors such as USAID, USDA and the Global Fund at all levels of CRS (field, CP, regional, and global). Ben has a combination of development and emergency response SCM expertise and field, as well as markets-based humanitarian response leadership. Ben is also a strong networker and negotiator, never afraid of throwing himself in the diplomatic mêlée. Ben is a fun colleague, always making people laugh and always down for happy hour.



### **Blake Stabler, CaLP**

Blake has been working in international relief and development, primarily in agriculture and food security, since 2003. Before joining CaLP, Blake worked as a Market Analyst and a Food Security Analyst for the Famine Early Warning Systems Network (FEWS NET), supporting analysis for East Africa and Central Asia. He is also a Returned Peace Corps Volunteer (Russia 2000-2002). Blake received his master's degree in Diplomacy and International Commerce from the University of Kentucky's Patterson School. He is based in Washington, DC.



### **Brian Bacon, USAID**

Prior to serving as Acting Deputy Director, Brian led FFP's Global Division and was responsible for oversight of the Middle East, Asia and Latin America food assistance portfolios. Immediately prior to joining FFP, Brian was Senior Policy Advisor with USAID's Bureau for Food Security (BFS). In addition to USAID, during his career Brian has served in the U.S. and abroad with the Peace Corps (Togo), international NGOs, the United Nations, and the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe (OSCE). He holds a Master of International Public Health (MPH) degree from Tulane University with a focus on nutrition and food security, and a Master of Business Administration (MBA) from the Thunderbird School of Global Management.

### **Carlos Grijalva-Eternod, University College London Institute for Global Health**

Carlos Grijalva-Eternod is a researcher at the UCL Institute for Global Health, following his training as a clinical dietician in Mexico and further specialization in public health and child development in the UK. His work focuses on understanding the developmental origins of undernutrition and chronic diseases, the assessing of nutritional and well-being status among infants, children and adults living in vulnerable settings, and the impact evaluation of nutrition-sensitive interventions, such as cash transfers, that are aimed at improving such status. Carlos has worked in Latin America, Africa, Central Asia and Europe with vulnerable communities that experience poverty, environmental challenges such as droughts, or have been forcefully displaced such as refugees. He lives in London.



### **Charles Ibaale, WFP**

Charles worked as an IT supervisor and accountant for 5 years in the manufacturing and Banking industry. He is currently working with United Nations WFP as a data analyst (Supply chain) in Uganda for 18 years since 2000. He also coordinates commodity accounting activities/ manages LESS WFP corporate system in Uganda in liaison with Regional and Head quarter offices. Charles implemented LESS last mile pilot project in Uganda in 2018 using electronic FAMOCO device to capture receipts for deliveries at final distribution sites. He supported Philippines in 2014, South Sudan in 2012 and Chad in 2006 in managing emergency operations as data manager. He trained trainers in commodity management in Kenya and South Africa in 2018/ 2005 respectively.



### **Daniel Raiten, National Institutes of Health**

Educated in history and political science (BA) and animal science/agriculture (BS/MS), Dr. Raiten received his doctorate in Human Nutrition from Penn State University and followed that with a postdoctoral fellowship at the Child Study Center of Yale University Medical School. Dr. Raiten is currently the Program Director for nutrition, National Institute of Child Health and Human Development, National Institutes of Health. In addition to his role as manager of a portfolio of grants covering all aspects of nutrition, maternal and child development, he serves as content expert on numerous USG and international technical working groups. He was also responsible for collaborations with the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation and members of the global food and nutrition community to 1) address factors affecting the safety and effectiveness of interventions for prevention and treatment of iron deficiency; 2) support discovery, development and implementation of nutrient specific biomarkers across the range of uses represented by the global food and nutrition enterprise (the "BOND Project").



**David Silver, Didion Milling**

David leads Didion Milling's efforts to participate and support USAID and USDA programs. Didion provides numerous corn based products and has worked closely with the USDA on humanitarian products for over 25 years.

**David Todd Harmon, MANA Nutrition**

David Todd Harmon is co-founder and Chief Operating Officer of MANA nutrition. He manages the day-to-day operations for MANA Nutrition, a non-profit that manufactures therapeutic food for severely malnourished children.

**Deanna Olney, IFPRI**

Deanna Olney is a Senior Research Fellow and Co-Theme Leader for Nutrition-Sensitive Programs at IFPRI. She has led several comprehensive evaluations of nutrition-sensitive programs in Asia, Africa and Central America to examine impacts of nutrition-sensitive programs on maternal and child health, nutrition and well-being outcomes, understand how impacts are achieved and, in some cases estimate cost-effectiveness. The aim of her research is to improve program implementation, utilization and ultimately effectiveness and cost-effectiveness of nutrition-sensitive programs. Deanna has a Ph.D. in Nutritional Biology from the University of California Davis with a designated emphasis in International Nutrition.

**Diane Holland, UNICEF**

Diane Holland is currently working as a Senior Nutrition Advisor at UNICEF New York with a focus on scaling up programming to provide treatment and care for children with severe acute malnutrition in all contexts, as well as programming to safeguard the nutritional needs and rights of children, adolescents and women affected by emergencies. Prior to joining UNICEF in New York, she has worked in the area of public health nutrition for 15 years with NGOs, academia as well as UN agencies at the country and headquarters level, including capacity development in Afghanistan, nutrition information systems in Sudan, and development of the first Global Nutrition Cluster Coordination Handbook. Recent emergency support has included the response to the Rohingya refugees in Cox's Bazar and South Sudan. She currently represents UNICEF on the IPC Steering Committee.

**Elizabeth Brown, USAID**

Ms. Elizabeth Brown is the Acting Chief for the USAID Office of Food for Peace Technical Assistance, Learning and Planning Division, and is also the Division's Nutrition Security Team Leader. A Foreign Service Officer with USAID, Ms. Brown brings over eighteen years of professional experience to her current role including the design, implementation, management and evaluation of conflict, post-conflict, humanitarian and development programs. With over twelve years of overseas work in Asia, the Middle East, Africa and Central America, she possesses broad technical expertise across many sectors including agriculture, trade, natural resource management, food security, nutrition, health, water, sanitation and hygiene, and local systems strengthening.

**Erin Boyd, USAID**

Erin Boyd has more than 10 years of experience in emergency nutrition response covering policy, program management, monitoring and evaluation, coordination, and operational research. She has lived and worked in ten countries with NGOs, UNICEF and USAID. She provided technical guidance and staff management for nutrition surveillance projects and emergency nutrition interventions in Darfur and Ethiopia. She served as Nutrition Cluster Coordinator in Haiti following the 2010 earthquake and worked with UNICEF to scale up the emergency nutrition response in Pakistan following the mega floods in 2010. Her expertise is in the management of acute malnutrition, with particular emphasis in improving the quality and coverage of CMAM and in the prevention of acute malnutrition through improved infant and young child feeding practices.

### **Erin Byrne, International Rescue Committee (IRC)**

Erin Byrne has worked to generate cost evidence across IRC's international and US programs since joining the research team in 2015. In addition to designing the SCAN tool to execute cost efficiency analysis, the IRC also does cost effective analysis for every impact evaluation, and works with teams to apply effectiveness and cost evidence to improve programming.



### **Esther Omosa, International Livestock Research Institute**

Public health nutrition expert with over twelve years of experience in programming livelihood and nutrition interventions to improve food and nutrition security. Currently working with International Livestock Research Institute (ILRI), has previously worked in emergency humanitarian and development programs to address immediate and underlying causes of malnutrition in various contexts in Africa, especially Kenya. Holds a Bachelor of Science in Foods, Nutrition and Dietetics and Master of Public Health and Epidemiology, currently a PhD student.

### **Gaurav Patel, Abbott Nutrition**

Development of fortified, shelf-stable, complete and balanced nutritional products with health benefits. Uses health enhancing functional ingredients to nutritional supplements for all ages. Specialties: Health promoting nutritional product development for all ages. Development of Infant formulas, pediatric nutritional products, disease specific nutritional products, performance formulas, and elderly nutritional formulas to maintain healthy lifestyle.

### **Gilles Bergeron, The New York Academy of Sciences**

Gilles Bergeron (PhD, Cornell 1994) has worked in international nutrition for 28 years. Now Executive Director at the Sackler Institute, and SVP at the NY Academy of Sciences, his prior positions included 18yrs at FANTA (DD for Country Programs), at IFPRI (Research Fellow 6yrs) and at INCAP (3 years). His work has been published in The Lancet, Advances in Nutrition, the Journal of Development Studies, World Development and Food and Nutrition Bulletin



### **Giselle Drouillard-Salom, World Vision International**

Giselle Drouillard-Salom a global strategic marketer influencing approach and LMMS innovation, empowering organizations through knowledge, to drive programs and processes.

### **Greg Olson, USAID**

Greg Olson has worked for USAID for over 12 years, all within the Office of Food For Peace (FFP). He now serves as the Division Director for Program Operations, supervising the Finance and Operations Teams. Prior to joining FFP he worked with the World Food Program in Washington DC and as human rights researcher in South Africa. He holds a Master's in International Public Administration from the Monterey Institute of International Studies and a Bachelor's in International Relations from the University of California, Davis.

### **Gwyneth Cotes, JSI SPRING Project**

Gwyneth Cotes has served as SPRING's Deputy Project Director and Director of Global Initiatives since 2015. Gwyneth has spent the past 15 years supporting, designing, and leading health and nutrition programs around the world, with 9 years spent living and working in Africa. 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. Gwyneth comes to the SPRING project with a strong background in field-level program management and technical assistance, supporting emergency and development programs in a number of countries including Malawi, Sudan, Eritrea, and Ethiopia.



### **Heather Stobaugh, RTI International**

Dr. Heather Stobaugh possesses a unique blend of on-the-ground implementation experience and high quality scientific research in global nutrition. Dr. Stobaugh has a Ph.D. in Food Policy and Applied Nutrition from the Friedman School of Nutrition at Tufts University and currently leads research at RTI International that aims to improve the evidence base behind food and nutrition policies and programs. Her research experience is coupled with eight years of experience working as a consultant and technical advisor for organizations implementing development and emergency nutrition programs around the world.



### **Ilana Cliffer, Tufts University**

Ilana Cliffer is currently a PhD student at the Tufts University Friedman School of Nutrition as well as the Field Research Director on the FAQR field study in Burkina Faso. She earned her MPH Degree in Global Health from Emory University and her BS Degree in Neuroscience from the College of William and Mary. She was a Peace Corps Volunteer in Burkina Faso from 2008-2010. Previously, she worked for CARE, the CDC and the Carter Center.



### **Irwin Rosenberg, Tufts University**

Dr. Rosenberg is a university professor in nutrition and medicine at Tufts and Senior Scientist at the USDA Human Nutrition Research Center on Aging (HNRCA). Formerly Dr. Rosenberg served as Dean of the Friedman School and as the Director of HNRCA. An internationally recognized leader in nutrition science, Dr. Rosenberg has been involved in nutrition and food policy issues ranging from dietary guidelines and reference intakes to international nutrition recommendations.

### **Jack Levis, UPS**

Jack drives the development of operational technology solutions at UPS by using advanced analytics to reengineer current processes to streamline the business and maximize productivity. He has been the business owner and process designer for UPS' Package Flow Technology suite of systems including its award winning delivery optimization, ORION (On Road Integrated Optimization and Navigation). These tools have been a breakthrough change for UPS, resulting in a reduction of 185 million miles driven each year. Jack holds a Bachelor of Arts in psychology from California State University Northridge and a Master's Certificate in Project Management from George Washington University. He is a fellow of the Institute for Operations Research and Management Sciences (INFORMS), receiving their prestigious Kimball Medal and the President's Award, and holds many advisory council positions for multiple universities and associations, including the U.S. Census Bureau Scientific Advisory Committee.

### **Jennifer Burns, CRS**

Jennifer Burns serves as Senior Nutrition Advisor at Catholic Relief Services (CRS) in Baltimore, MD and co-chair of the Core Group Nutrition Working Group. In her role she builds the capacity of colleagues and partners to implement evidence-based nutrition programs and contributes to the agency's strategic planning for international nutrition programming and research. Prior to joining CRS, Jennifer worked for 16 years with a number of organizations, living both in the field and supporting from the US (Sub-Saharan Africa and Southeast Asia), providing technical support to development nutrition and food security programs. She has experience in program development, implementation, monitoring and evaluation. Her research experience includes field work on using animal source foods in young child feeding in Ethiopia; maternal, infant and young child nutrition practices in the Democratic Republic of Congo; using iron-folic acid supplements to address maternal anemia in Madagascar; using indigenous foods to improve young child feeding in Senegal; and improving complementary feeding practices in Timor Leste. Jennifer was a Public Health Educator with the Peace Corps in Kazakhstan. She holds a Master of Science in Public Health degree in Human Nutrition from Johns Hopkins University.



### **Jennifer Rosenzweig, WFP**

Jennifer Kim Rosenzweig, DrPH is the Head of the Knowledge Management for WFP's Nutrition Division, responsible for overseeing the global agenda for generating evidence to better inform decision making, programme design and implementation. Prior to joining WFP five years ago, Jennifer worked in the NGO sector overseeing health and nutrition programmes in the Balkans, Caucasus and Asia. She holds a Masters of Public Health from Johns Hopkins and a Doctorate of Public Health from the University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill.

### **Jo Ann Ratto Ross, US Army Natick Soldier RD&E Center**

Jo Ann has worked at NSRDEC for 28 years executing polymer research projects. For the last 12 years, she has led innovative research projects in CFD focused on Meal, Ready-to-Eat packaging. Her experience spans a variety of fields involving nanocomposites, biodegradable polymers, high barrier polymers, extrusion processing, and multilayer films. She holds a Bachelor of Arts in Chemistry from College of the Holy Cross, Worcester MA and Master and Doctorate degrees in Plastics Engineering from the University of Massachusetts Lowell.



### **Jocelyn Brown, USDA**

Jocelyn Brown is Deputy Administrator, Office of Capacity Building and Development in USDA's Foreign Agricultural Service. In this position, she oversees USDA's international food and technical assistance programs, including the McGovern-Dole Food for Education and Child Nutrition Program, the Food for Progress Program, the Cochran and Borlaug Fellowship Programs and numerous technical assistance projects which promote U.S. Government food security and trade capacity building goals. She holds an MBA Degree with a concentration in international development from George Washington University and graduated magna cum laude from Harvard University with a BA Degree in American Literature.



### **Juan Andrade, University of Illinois**

Dr. Andrade develops and implements technologies and strategies to reduce micronutrient deficiencies in food insecure countries worldwide. He designs and evaluates diagnostic tools to identify populations at risk, and then, develops cost-effective fortification strategies to address their nutrition needs. He leverages his work in different countries to create study abroad programs to train the next generation of competent leaders in food engineering and nutrition.

### **Judy Canahuati, USAID**

Ms. Canahuati has worked for more than 30 years in supporting maternal, child nutrition, and health programs in over twenty countries in Latin America, Asia, and Africa, working with non-governmental organizations, governments, and international organizations. Ms. Canahuati began her professional career as outreach coordinator for the first mobile-unit family planning project on the continental U.S. and went on to support the national breastfeeding program in Honduras. Ms. Canahuati worked as the Senior Technical Advisor to the Wellstart Expanded Promotion of Breastfeeding Program. For several years, she directed the largest bilingual school in Central America, in San Pedro Sula, Honduras. Returning to the US to live in 2001, Ms. Canahuati worked with the CARE Health, Emergency, Food and HIV units. For the last five years, she has been working with USAID's Food for Peace office focusing on HIV and maternal and child nutrition





### **Jukka Leppänen, University of Tampere**

After completing my Ph.D. (UTA, 2004), I have worked as a postdoctoral researcher at the University of Minnesota (Institute of Child Development), Harvard Medical School, and Tampere (2004-2009), and as an Academy Research Fellow/group leader at the University of Tampere School of Medicine (2010-). A central aim of my research is to develop electrophysiological and eye-tracking based techniques to examine neurocognitive functions in humans, particularly those involved in coding emotional information. Among the many potential applications of this research, my current work is focused on markers that predict (and potentially underlie) children's behavioral problems.

### **Julia Crowley, The TOPS Program/Save the Children**

Julia is a Program Manager, providing award management, financial, and technical support across various sectors of The TOPS Program. She has previously worked on both international and domestic health issues, including providing programmatic and backstopping support to Family Health International projects in Africa and the Middle East. Julia has lived and worked in South Africa, where she helped the Center for Disease Control and Prevention's South Africa's Monitoring and Evaluation team with their PEPFAR reporting. Julia has a Masters degree in Global Health and Population from Harvard School of Public Health.



### **Katherine Arnold, Save the Children**

Katherine Arnold is a Senior Specialist on Monitoring, Evaluation, Accountability, & Learning (MEAL) with Save the Children. She advises on MEAL for USAID FFP-funded programs in Somalia, Nepal, Burkina Faso, Guatemala, South Sudan, and Ethiopia. Katherine previously worked at the United Nations Foundation, where she managed humanitarian energy programs and research; and at Columbia University, where she conducted field research on human rights violations in DRC and WASH practices in refugee camps. Katherine has an MPH from Columbia University, and speaks Bambara and French.

### **Kathryn Reider, World Vision**

Kathryn Reider is the Senior Technical Advisor for Nutrition for World Vision US. She has over 15 years of experience in technically supporting and managing international nutrition and health projects funded by USAID, private foundations, and other donors. Currently, she advises on project design and management and provides capacity building support to the partnership in nutrition, behavior change programming and integrated program models. Kathryn holds a Master of Science degree in nutrition from the Friedman School of Nutrition Science and Policy at Tufts University and a Bachelor of Arts degree from the University of Illinois.



### **Kerstin Hanson, MSF**

Kerstin Hanson is an American pediatrician who came to MSF immediately following her residency. In the year between the end of residency and the start of her neonatal fellowship, Dr. Hanson went on a series of missions to Chad, Nigeria, and Haiti. She earned her BS Degree in Biology and African Studies from the University of Michigan College of Literature, Science of Arts, her MD Degree from Wayne State University School of Medicine and her MPH Degree in Global Health/Maternal & Child Health from Harvard's T.H. Chan School of Public Health.





### **Keziban Tasci, Northeastern University**

Keziban is a graduate student in Industrial and Mechanical Engineering Department at Northeastern University. She holds a M.S. in Operations Research from Northeastern University and a B.S. in Mathematics from Yildiz Technical University in Turkey.

### **Koen Peters, WFP**

Koen Peters is a project manager in the Supply Chain Planning unit of the World Food Programme. After finishing a Master's degree in Operations Research at Tilburg University, he decided to apply his optimization knowledge to support humanitarian operations. For the last few years, he has been leading optimization initiatives at the World Food Programme, developing user-friendly tools to ensure that WFP can reach as many beneficiaries as possible. Meanwhile, he is pursuing a PhD in humanitarian analytics at Tilburg University.

### **Kristen Cashin, FHI360**

Kristen Cashin has over 15 years of experience in international public health and nutrition. She oversees FANTA's work in Uganda and provides leadership and technical guidance to global activities related to maternal, adolescent, and child nutrition; food security; community-based programming; capacity strengthening; program design; and monitoring and evaluation. Kristen has a master's degree in Food Policy and Applied Nutrition from the Friedman School at Tufts University.

### **Laetitia Ouedraogo, IRSS**

Laetitia is a Medical Doctor, graduated from the Free University of Brussels with a PhD in Public Health. She also holds a master degree in Public Health Nutrition and health program management, and a master degree in Biostatistics. She has over 14 years' experience in managing and supporting diverse initiatives designed to enhance health systems and programs in developing countries, coordinating clinical trials, and nutrition interventions. She served as senior researcher, from 2002 to 2016 at the "Institut de Recherche en Sciences de la Santé" (IRSS), a collaborative Centre for FAQR project Burkina Faso. She led the IRSS research team in the cluster randomized controlled trials aimed at comparing cost effectiveness of iso-caloric amounts of four foods (CSWB, SC+, RUSF, and CSB+) for prevention of wasting and stunting, in Sanmatenga, funded by USAID.

### **Maria Kasparian, Edesia**

Maria Kasparian is the Executive Director at Edesia, a non-profit organization based in Providence, RI, U.S.A. Edesia is dedicated to the treatment and prevention of malnutrition for vulnerable people in the developing world through manufacturing a range of fortified peanut-based ready-to-use foods (RUFs). Edesia annually produces and exports over 10,000 metric tons of products, which it has shipped to over 50 countries in partnership with humanitarian players including USAID, USDA, UNICEF, and the World Food Programme. Her prior experience includes ecology/conservation work in Madagascar with the School for International Training (SIT); education and public health-focused Peace Corps service in Bangladesh; and capacity-building at a rural development NGO (Street Survivors India) in West Bengal, India, as a William J. Clinton Fellow with the American India Foundation.



### **Maria Wrabel, Tufts University**

Maria is the REFINE Research Assistant for the Food Aid Quality Review at Tufts University. She is a recent graduate from the Friedman School at Tufts, where she earned an MS in Food Policy and Applied Nutrition with concentrations in nutrition interventions and multisectoral humanitarian assistance. She also holds a MSc in International Development and Humanitarian Emergencies from the London School of Economics. In addition to working with FAQR, she is a research assistant at the Feinstein International Center.



### **Mark Manary, Washington University in St. Louis**

Dr. Manary's professional goal is to 'fix malnutrition for kids in Africa'. To this end, he developed ready-to-use therapeutic food and used RUTF in home-based therapy. He did the first clinical trial with this food in 2001. He is currently formulating and evaluating new foods for pregnant women at risk for poor outcomes, and treat acute childhood malnutrition. He also recognizes the importance of work to prevent childhood malnutrition, and is exploring legumes and animal source foods as complementary foods. He believes solutions for malnutrition will incorporate improved agriculture, and hence have close relationship with USAID's global food security program.

### **Mark Moore, MANA Nutrition**

Mark Moore is the co-founder of MANA Nutrition, one of the world's leading suppliers of Ready to Use Therapeutic Food (RUTF) the frontline defense against severe acute malnutrition. MANA's production facility employs more than 60 people and supplies partners such as UNICEF, the World Food Program, World Vision, Doctors without Borders and USAID to aid in their efforts in fighting malnutrition in more than 50 countries across the globe.



### **Matt Nims, USAID**

Matthew Nims has over 17 years of international development and emergency programming experience. Currently, he is the Acting Director of USAID's Office of Food for Peace (FFP). He has been with USAID since 2000, most recently serving as Deputy Director. His career with USAID began in Indonesia, where he worked for three and a half years managing and overseeing development and emergency food assistance programs. He then served in Washington, DC for four years backstopping Asia and Latin America for Food for Peace, responding to the Asian Tsunami as well as several cyclone and other disasters. Mr. Nims also worked on a broad portfolio of health and HIV prevention programs in Guyana for a year, followed by another year posting in Afghanistan managing energy and water infrastructure creation programs. Starting in August 2011, he began serving as the Deputy Director of FFP and since January 2017 is the acting Director of the office. With a \$2 billion per year budget, FFP is the U.S. Government's lead in addressing food insecurity worldwide in both emergency and development situations. Mr. Nims was a Water and Sanitation Technician in the Dominican Republic with Peace Corps and has a Master's Degree in International Public Health from Emory University.



### **Melanie Thurber, USAID**

Melanie Thurber is a nutrition specialist with experience in designing, managing, monitoring, and providing technical assistance for development and emergency food and nutrition activities. Currently based at USAID/Ethiopia, Melanie worked for USAID/Food for Peace in Washington D.C. and in Mauritania. Melanie has also worked with Counterpart International in Mauritania, The Grandmother Project in Senegal, Johns Hopkins School of Public Health in Baltimore, and as a rural health educator in Southern Arizona and was a community health volunteer in Mauritania. Melanie holds a bachelors degree in International Development from the University of Arizona and a Masters of Public Health from Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health.



### **Melissa Chapnick, Washington University in St. Louis**

Melissa Chapnick RD, MS, MPH is the research coordinator for the E3 Nutrition Lab within Washington University's Brown School. The E3 Nutrition Lab is led by Dr. Lora Iannotti and focuses on research themes including: small livestock development for improving young child nutrition; animal source foods during the complimentary feeding period; implementation science; and evaluation research. Ms. Chapnick currently supports several projects aimed at improving maternal and infant nutrition in Haiti and Ecuador. She holds a Master of Science in Nutrition and Dietetics and a Master of Public Health from Saint Louis University and is a Registered Dietitian.



### **Michael Joseph, Tufts University**

Michael recently received his Ph.D. in Grain Science from Kansas State University. Prior to this, he worked in food industries in India. He has experience in rice fortification and has helped transfer the technology to partners in India, Brazil, and Dominican Republic.



### **Nancy Aburto, WFP**

Nancy Aburto joined the World Food Programme as a Nutritional Adviser in 2013 and continues to work for WFP as the chief of the Nutrition Specific Unit within the Nutrition Division. She is also currently an Adjunct Professor at Emory University's Rollins School of Public Health. Previously, Dr. Aburto worked at the WHO as was a scientist in the Department of Nutrition for Health and Development. Other prior experience includes time as a Health Scientist Officer and Epidemic Intelligence Service Officer for the U.S. Center for Disease Control and Prevention. Dr. Aburto is an author and contributor to numerous scientific publications on a variety of health, nutrition and related issues and is a frequent lecturer across the globe.

### **Natasha Lelijveld, Hospital for Sick Children**

Natasha Lelijveld is a public health nutritionist specializing in translational research for acute malnutrition and stunting. She completed her PhD on the long-term effects of acute malnutrition at UCL and has since supported research at London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine and Action Against Hunger UK. Most recently she has been supporting a trial of a "combined protocol" for severe and moderate acute malnutrition treatment, including longer-term follow-up and cost-effectiveness.



### **Nina Schlossman, Global Food & Nutrition**

Dr. Schlossman provides consulting services on global food and nutrition issues, markets, programs and policy. She is experienced in the full spectrum of food and nutrition, from programs and policy to physiological and scientific aspects and market analysis. She directs overall strategy at GF&N Inc. and provides technical assistance, research, evaluation, marketing and training services to private and public-sector clients in food product development. She holds a Doctorate in International Nutrition from the Tufts University School of Nutrition Science and Policy and a Masters of Science in Nutritional Biochemistry and Metabolism and in International Food and Nutrition Policy from MIT.

### **Odile Caron, MSF**

Odile has a MSc degree in Food technology and processing, as well as a food sciences engineering degree. After 5 years in the private sector, she joined MSF (Medecins Sans Frontieres) and she has been in the International Office team for Quality Assurance of Medical Products since 2010. Her role is to develop the QA system to ensure quality of specialized food used within MSF programs, on the entire supply chain from the qualification of manufacturers to the end beneficiary (food safety, product specifications, GMPs, HACCP, GSPs, GTPs, GHPs...). She works in close collaboration with USAID, UNICEF, WFP and other organizations.



### **Omar Dary, USAID**

Dr. Dary is a Nutrition Specialist of the Bureau for Global Health of USAID. He joined USAID in October 2013, but has been working with USAID projects since 2002. Before, he led the Micronutrient Group, and the Nutritional Biochemistry and Food Composition Laboratories at INCAP. He has been an advisor to WHO, UNICEF, FAO, WFP, IAEA, PAHO, the CDC, and similar institutions. He has a BS in Biology, and a PhD in Biochemistry. He has provided technical assistance for the last 28 years to more than 40 countries in the area of micronutrient interventions and nutritional surveillance.



### **Ozlem Ergun, Northeastern University**

Professor Ergun's research focuses on the design and management of large-scale networks, particularly global logistics and supply chain networks that are dynamic and partially decentralized. Over the last decade, Dr. Ergun has taken a leadership role in the use of analytical systems thinking and mathematical modelling in applications with societal impact. She has worked with organizations that respond to humanitarian crisis around the world, including: USAID, FEMA, USACE, CDC, AFCEMA, UN WFP, UNHCR, IFRC, CARE USA, and MedShare International.



### **Patrick Webb, Tufts University**

Dr. Webb is the Alexander McFarlane Professor of Nutrition at the Friedman School of Nutrition Science and Policy at Tufts University. As Chief of Nutrition in World Food Programme (2003-2006), he oversaw programs in 30 countries and played a key role in organizing response to food and nutrition needs in many emergencies. This underscores Prof. Webb's globally recognized leadership in defining policies and actions relevant to food aid. Prof. Webb is also the Director of the Nutrition Innovation Lab, which generates empirical findings relevant to USAID programming in agriculture, health, and nutrition. Oxfam Great Britain and Tufts to increase the use of evidence-based research in humanitarian policy and practice. That activity produces systematic reviews of topics on humanitarian action. Prof. Webb was one of the core authors in the 2013 Maternal and Child Health Lancet Series.

### **Paul Alberghine, USDA**

Paul Alberghine, Senior International Program Specialist, has worked at the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA), Foreign Agricultural Service's Food Assistance Division since 2010. In this role he managed USDA's Micronutrient-Fortified Food Aid Products Pilot (MFFAPP) administered under the McGovern-Dole Food for Education and Child Nutrition (McGovern-Dole) Program. Under MFFAPP, USDA committed to developing and field testing new or improved micronutrient-fortified food aid products designed to meet the energy and nutrient needs of populations served by McGovern-Dole. Mr Alberghine also serves as the nutrition and food fortification lead in the division and manages the Haiti, Liberia and Senegal country portfolios under McGovern-Dole. Mr. Alberghine holds a Bachelor of Arts and Master of Education degree from Loyola University Maryland. Before joining USDA he worked at the Global Child Nutrition Foundation (GCNF) starting in 1999 leaving as Program Director.





### **Peggy Koniz-Booher, JSI 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 technical and management experience. She currently serves as the Team Lead and Senior Technical Advisor for SPRING's nutrition and SBCC programming. Ms. Koniz-Booher has lived and worked in more than 25 countries where she has designed and supported multiple behavior change and communication programs focused on 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 currently in use in more than 20 countries.



### **Quentin Johnson, Quican, Inc.**

Quentin provides consulting services to UN agencies, national donor aid agencies and international NGOs on staple food fortification. He is the Coordinator of the Technical Training and Support Group of the Food Fortification Initiative, an international network of private sector industry, public sector and civic sectors promoting staple cereal food fortification worldwide.

### **Richard Boyd, USDA**

Since 2013, Richard Boyd has worked with USAID to identify and develop USDA/AMS services to help ensure the quality and safety of specialized food aid items purchased by USAID. He also coordinates USDA/AMS inspection of food components used in combat rations purchased by the United States military and he heads the AMS Child Nutrition Labeling Office. Additionally, he serves as Chair of the Codex Committee on Processed Fruits and Vegetables.

### **Richard Lankas, World Vision**

Richard is the Last Mile Mobile Solution (LMMS) Product Manager for World Vision. He is based in Washington DC and leads the product development team for LMMS. Richard has over 10 years of experience developing and implementing last mile innovations in the humanitarian sector.



### **Ricky Speck, Michigan State University**

Ricky is a faculty member of the School of Packaging at Michigan State University. His research interests include packaging dynamics/distribution testing, packaging environmental sustainability, and product/package life cycle assessment. He teaches undergraduate courses covering paper packaging, packaging machinery, and environmental impact of packaging, and graduate level courses in advance package dynamic testing and basic packaging materials. He holds a PhD in Packaging from MSU and a master's degree in electrical engineering from Southern Methodist University.

### **Robert Pocius, Omnidegradable Packaging Supplier**

After many decades of supplying regular flexible packaging to major corporations, the effect it was having on the environment came to my attention. I decided to investigate what could be done. We looked at PLA, Oxo-Bio and "new" Cellophane. All were green-washing. Fortunately we came across a new development and decided to research it thoroughly. It was the real deal. Omnidegradable in Oceans, Landfills, Home Composts and Food Safe, all proven by Independent Lab studies. Remnants are Water, CO<sub>2</sub> and a small amount of Biomass, all beneficial to plant growth. Available in all plastic types.



### **Rufino Perez, USAID**

Rufino Perez (Ruffo) is a food scientist with a PhD from Michigan State University, Michigan USA. Before joining USAID/FFP in 2013 as Senior Food Technology Advisor, Dr. Perez worked for six years for Kraft Foods, both as corporate nutrition and ingredient principal scientist as well as corporate food safety and quality expert. Patented research work includes micro encapsulation technologies in flavor delivery and food safety ingredients, as well as dehydration technologies. He has vast experience on global food safety programs, particularly in HACCP-based systems conceived and developed through the Global Food Safety Initiative (GFSI), in both capacities: implementation and auditing. Currently Dr. Perez is the main food technology, biotechnology and food safety resource within USAID Food For Peace Office, supporting country missions, local suppliers and assisting throughout USAID food aid supply chain.

### **Sally Abbott, USAID**

Sally Abbott is a Senior Nutrition Advisor in USAID's Bureau for Food Security. She provides technical assistance in nutrition-sensitive agriculture programming and practices and nutrition-related monitoring and evaluation. She holds a MS and PhD from Tufts University's Friedman School of Nutrition.

### **Sara Fikru, Presenter**

Dr. Sara Fikru was born in Hararghe Regional State, Arer town in 1987 G.C. She attended her primary and high school education at Noterdam Primary School and Dire Dawa compulsory secondary high school, located in Dire Dawa city, Ethiopia. She then joined Hawassa University in November 1999 E.C and graduated with doctorate degree on veterinary medicine and BA degree on sociology simultaneously and graduated in July 2003 E.C& master's degree in Applied Human Nutrition.



### **Saskia de Pee, WFP**

Saskia de Pee is Senior Technical Advisor for Nutrition at the United Nations World Food Programme (WFP) where she leads the 'Fill the Nutrient Gap' team and is Adjunct Associate Professor at the Friedman School of Nutrition Science and Policy, Tufts University, Boston and at Human Nutrition, Wageningen University, the Netherlands. She has worked in public health nutrition for more than 20 years, focusing on science as well as practical applications, policies and strategies.



### **Saul Guerrero, Action Against Hunger**

Saul Guerrero is the Technical Director at Action Against Hunger USA. Prior to joining Action Against Hunger in 2010, he worked for Valid International supporting UN agencies, NGOs and national governments in the design, implementation and evaluation of community-based management of acute malnutrition interventions in over 16 countries in Africa and Asia. In 2012, he created the Coverage Monitoring Network (CMN), an inter-agency initiative to evaluate the reach of nutrition services worldwide. In 2015, he co-founded the No Wasted Lives initiative, a collaboration between UNICEF, the Children's Investment Fund Foundation, ECHO, the UK's Department for International Development and Action Against Hunger to accelerate the scale up of treatment for acute malnutrition.

### **Shane Prigge, WFP**

For the past 12 years, Shane Prigge has worked to improve all aspects of foods used as humanitarian assistance from the development of nutritious food through to the safe production of food and supply chain optimization to handle the food. He has worked closely with farmers, food manufacturers, governments and partners to improve the production and delivery of foods used in humanitarian contexts.



### **Stephen Vosti, University of California, Davis**

Vosti received his PhD in economics from the University of Pennsylvania and was a Postdoctoral Fellow with the Rockefeller Foundation in Brazil. He was a Research Fellow at the International Food Policy Research Institute, where he managed research projects that measured the effects of changes in land use and land cover on poverty, economic growth, and environmental sustainability, and identified the roles of public policy in managing these trade-offs/synergies. Vosti currently leads a team that is developing tools to enhance the cost-effectiveness of micronutrient intervention programs and policies in developing countries. Vosti has substantial field-based research experience in Bangladesh, Brail, Burkina Faso, Cameroon, Ethiopia, Ghana, Kenya, Malawi, and Pakistan.



### **Steve Collins, VALID Nutrition**

Steve Collins is a medical doctor with a doctorate in nutrition who started working in emergency relief in 1985. He developed Community based Management of Acute Malnutrition (CMAM) in 1998 and has been the central figure behind the development and expansion of CMAM using Ready to Use Foods (RUFs) since.



### **Susan Roberts, Tufts University**

Roberts is an internationally-recognized nutrition and weight management researcher, and developed the online iDiet program. In her lab at the USDA Human Nutrition Center at Tufts University she studies how to improve behavioral weight management programs by combining research advances in the science of behavior change, clinical nutrition and neuroscience. She has published more than 250 research publications and three popular books, has an H-index of 61, and has been a member of national committees making dietary recommendations.

### **Tahmeed Ahmed, icddr,b**

Dr. Tahmeed Ahmed oversees nutrition-related research and services at icddr,b, which includes obtaining funds, facilitating member research, and collaborating with international agencies and academic institutions. Dr. Ahmed is also an Adjunct Professor of Public Health Nutrition at the James P. Grant School of Public Health, BRAC University. He has extensive experience in both clinical and field research on nutrition and infectious disease. He holds a PhD in Pediatrics from University of Tsukuba, Japan, and an MBBS in Medical Science from University of Dhaka, Bangladesh.



### **Taylor Quinn, JUST Inc.**

Food systems that work for everyone, everywhere? Taylor is dedicated to building systems where food is delicious, nutritious, affordable, and local. Leveraging his academic background as an anthropologist and practical background as a social entrepreneur, Taylor spends his days with farmers, food processors, government officials, and most importantly, people living in extreme poverty. Taylor has developed JUST's first line of products in the complex business landscape of Liberia, and is now scaling outside West Africa.

### **Vance Fortenberry, ProAmpac**

Vance spent his career in Packaging in positions related to Technology, Product Development, Production, and Quality. He has over 30 years of experience in the Flexible Packaging industry, including the last 6.5 years with Gateway Packaging, now ProAmpac, a leading global flexible packaging company. ProAmpac has been involved in efforts to improve the packaging of several bagged food aid products.



**Virginia Vaughn, The TOPS Program, Save the Children**

Virginia spent the first half of her career managing development programs in Africa. After completing a graduate degree in Distance Learning, she turned her focus to guiding adults through a learning process. For the past 15 years, she has worked as an Instructional Designer. Since 2016 Virginia has been based at Save the Children where she is using her expertise in the design, production and delivery of training methodologies and materials.



**Weijia Jing, Northeastern University**

Currently pursuing Master's degree in Industrial Engineering. Graduated from Beijing Institute of Technology and Polytechnic University of Catalonia majoring in Mechanical and Industrial Design. Had an 8-month working experience at BMW Group R&D center, where developed interest in supply chain management and operation research. Gladly now having a chance to be part of the Food Aid humanitarian program, fighting together to make the earth a better place!



**Ye Shen, Tufts University**

Ye Shen leads the cost-effectiveness work stream as the Cost Specialist and Data Analyst for the Food Aid Quality Review (FAQR) Project at Tufts Friedman School of Nutrition. Prior to FAQR, she has contributed to GIS mixed methods research, and has worked on issues related to breastfeeding and breast-milk substitutes at the World Health Organization. Ye graduated from Johns Hopkins with a MSPH in International Health- Human Nutrition and a certificate in public health economics. She has a B.A. in International Relations from Tufts.



**Zeina Maalouf-Manasseh, FHI 360**

Dr. Maalouf-Manasseh is a public health researcher with a focus on maternal and child nutrition and 11 years of experience in clinical and implementation research both in the US and around the globe. She is currently a technical advisor for nutrition research at FHI 360's Food and Nutrition Technical Assistance (FANTA) project, managing a portfolio of research trials and activities on the treatment and prevention of malnutrition.