



Tom Lantos Human Rights Commission Hearing

Aid Delivery in Haiti: Development Needs, Capacity Building, and Challenges

Panel I Bios

Mr. Thomas C. Adams, Special Coordinator for Haiti, U.S. Department of State



Thomas C. Adams was named Special Coordinator for Haiti in September 2010 by Secretary of State Hillary Clinton. Mr. Adams is returning to the Department after retiring in June of 2008 from a 35-year career in the U.S. Government, with much of it focused on managing foreign assistance.

Mr. Adams was designated Coordinator of Assistance to Europe and Eurasia in February 2005 by President Bush, and served in that position until his retirement, responsible for the design and implementation of all U.S. assistance programs for the 29 countries that emerged from communism in Europe and Eurasia. Prior to that, he served as the Deputy Coordinator for 5 years, and spent 2 years as the Deputy Director of the Department's Management Policy and Planning Staff. He also spent 11 years as a Foreign Service Officer, serving as a management officer in Zanzibar, Hungary, Belgium and the Department of State, and 11 years at

the U.S. Customs Service, rising to become a Director of International Programs.

During his retirement, Mr. Adams taught at the Foreign Service Institute. He also served as the Vice Chairman of the Romanian American Foundation, a \$150 million grant-making organization which supports education and other initiatives aimed at promoting a strong market economy and the rule of law in Romania. He also served on the Board of the Romanian-American Enterprise Fund.

He is the recipient of a number of State Department awards, including four Meritorious Honor Awards, two Superior Honor Awards, the Ben Franklin Award, and the Director General's Cup for the Civil Service. He was the International Affairs Employee of the Year in 1993 at the U.S.

Customs Service for his work on enforcing the economic embargo on Serbia and Montenegro. His languages are French, Hungarian and Swahili.

Mr. Adams graduated from the University of Virginia in 1972 with a B.A. in History. While there, he was editor-in-Chief of the student newspaper, *The Cavalier Daily*.

Ms. Elizabeth Hogan, Acting Assistant Administrator for the Latin America and Caribbean Bureau, U.S. Agency for International Development



Elizabeth (Beth) Hogan is the Acting Assistant Administrator for the Latin America and Caribbean Bureau (LAC), while also serving as the Senior Deputy Assistant Administrator (S/DAA) for LAC. Her responsibilities include oversight of USAID's programs, policies, strategic planning and personnel throughout the region that includes 11 bilateral field Missions, 3 regional Missions and 2 "non presence" country programs. Prior to assuming her role as Senior DAA for LAC, Ms. Hogan served as the Director of the Haiti Task Team, which was created in the aftermath of the 2010 earthquake to provide programmatic and policy support to the USAID Mission in Haiti and serve as the lead communications link between USAID and U.S. audiences.

Ms. Hogan is a member of the Senior Foreign Service with over 30 years of development experience gained from assignments in Latin America (Guatemala and Jamaica), Africa (South Africa) and Asia (India). Ms. Hogan also served as the Senior Development Counselor to the Ambassador to the US Permanent Mission to the United Nations in Geneva.

In addition, Ms. Hogan has held a series of domestic assignments within USAID/ Washington, including Director of South American Affairs, Executive Director of the Advisory Committee on Voluntary Foreign Aid, and Director of the "Biden-Pell" Development Education grants program. She began her development career as a Peace Corps Volunteer in Cote d'Ivoire, West Africa.

Ms. Hogan holds a Master's Degree in International Public Policy from the Johns Hopkins School of International Service and a Master's in National Security Policy from the National War College.

Panel II Bios

Dr. Paul E. Farmer, Chief Strategist and co-founder, Partners In Health; United Nations Secretary-General's Special Adviser for Community-based Medicine and Lessons from Haiti



Medical anthropologist and physician Paul Farmer has dedicated his life to improving health care for the world's poorest people. He is a founding director of Partners In Health (PIH), an international non-profit organization that since 1987 has provided direct health care services and undertaken research and advocacy activities on behalf of those who are sick and living in poverty. Dr. Farmer began his lifelong commitment to Haiti in 1983 while still a student, working with dispossessed farmers in Haiti's Central Plateau. Starting with a one-building clinic in the village of Cange, Partners

In Health's project in Haiti has grown to a multi-service health complex that includes a primary school, an infirmary, a surgery wing, a training program for health outreach workers, a 104-bed hospital, a women's clinic, and a pediatric care facility. Just last year, PIH, in partnership with Haiti's Ministry of Health, opened Hôpital Universitaire de Mirebalais, a 205,000-square foot, 300-bed public facility in rural Haiti with state-of-the-art medical technology that provides care to over 185,000 people. This teaching hospital will also help to train the next generation of Haitian health professionals. Over the past twenty-five years, PIH has expanded operations to twelve sites throughout Haiti and ten additional countries around the globe. The work has become a model for health care for poor communities worldwide: Dr. Farmer and his colleagues in the U.S. and abroad have pioneered novel community-based treatment strategies that demonstrate the delivery of high-quality health care in resource-poor settings.

Dr. Farmer holds an M.D. and Ph.D. from Harvard University, where he is the Kolokotronis University Professor and the Chair of the Department of Global Health and Social Medicine at Harvard Medical School; he is also Chief of the Division of Global Health Equity at Brigham and Women's Hospital, Boston. Dr. Farmer serves as the United Nations Special Adviser to the Secretary-General on Community Based Medicine and Lessons from Haiti.

Dr. Farmer has written extensively on health, human rights, and the consequences of social inequality. His most recent books are *In the Company of the Poor: Conversations with Dr. Paul Farmer and Fr. Gustavo Gutierrez*, *Reimagining Global Health: An Introduction*, and *To Repair the World: Paul Farmer Speaks to the Next Generation*. Other titles include *Haiti After the Earthquake*, *Partner to the Poor: A Paul Farmer Reader*, *Pathologies of Power: Health, Human Rights, and the New War on the Poor*, *The Uses of Haiti*, *Infections and Inequalities: The Modern Plagues*, and *AIDS and Accusation: Haiti and the Geography of Blame*. Tracy Kidder's book *Mountains Beyond Mountains: The Quest of Dr. Paul Farmer, A Man Who Would Cure the World*, chronicles the development of Dr. Farmer's work in Haiti and beyond.

Dr. Farmer is the recipient of numerous honors, including the Margaret Mead Award from the American Anthropological Association, the Outstanding International Physician (Nathan Davis) Award from the American Medical Association, a John D. and Catherine T. MacArthur Foundation Fellowship, and, with his PIH colleagues, the Hilton Humanitarian Prize. He is a member of the Institute of Medicine of the National Academy of Sciences and of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences.

Ms. Loune Viaud, Executive Director, Zanmi Lasante



Loune Viaud, Director of Operations and Strategic Planning at Zanmi Lasante (Partners in Health – Haiti), has worked with the Robert F. Kennedy Center for Justice & Human Rights since 2002, when she received the RFK Human Rights Award. Loune was recognized for her innovative human rights-based approach to establishing health care systems in Haiti. Loune was honored, not only for her groundbreaking work in effective, rights-based HIV/AIDS treatment, but for advocating that health, access to medicine, and clean water are all fundamental rights, and working with the local government and citizens to build the government's capacity to respond to those human rights.

In collaboration with the RFK Center, Loune has worked to transform the international community's interventions in Haiti, many of which undermine human rights, including the rights to health, water, and food. Loune's primary concern has been to address the flow of international donor assistance and loan funds into Haiti that have undermined the Haitian government's ability to fulfill its human rights obligations. Although the Haitian Constitution guarantees the right to health and education, ineffective and poorly coordinated international assistance meant that the Government of Haiti lacked the resources to deliver basic services such as education and health care. Accordingly, the advocacy of Loune and the RFK Center focuses on promoting accountability for the human rights obligations of international interveners in Haiti.

Loune's ongoing work in Haiti took on an even greater urgency when Haiti was hit by a devastating earthquake in January 2010. Loune has since been working to provide health care to the most vulnerable populations and to strengthen the health care sector. Loune also worked in partnership with the government and other organizations to help establish a children's shelter for orphaned and abandoned children, many of whom are disabled. She has testified before the U.S. Congress on the urgent need to strengthen the capacity of the Government of Haiti following the earthquake and to effectively include Haitians in the reconstruction.

Ms. Lisa Davis, Human Rights Advocacy Director, MADRE; Clinical Law Professor



Lisa Davis is the Clinical Professor of Law for the International Women's Human Rights Clinic at the City University of New York School of Law. She also serves as the Human Rights Advocacy Director for MADRE, an international women's human rights organization, where she leads the advocacy and litigation strategies. For over ten years she has worked as an advocate for human rights and has written extensively on international gender and human rights issues, including on women's rights and LGBT rights

and is considered an expert in gender issues in post-conflict / post-disaster settings. Ms. Davis is currently serves as the Coordinator for the Lawyers' Earthquake Response Network (LERN) Gender Working Group. She is a member of the American Bar Association's International Human Rights Committee and the National Lawyers' Guild Working Group on Haiti. She received her J.D. from CUNY Law School where she was editor-in-chief of the Law Review, and her M.A. in International Policy from American University.