



Tom Lantos Human Rights Commission Hearing

Humanitarian Crisis in Yemen

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James F. Jeffrey retired from the Foreign Service with the rank of Career Ambassador in 2012. He is currently the Philip Solondz Distinguished Visiting Fellow at The Washington Institute for Near East Policy, a Visiting Instructor at George Washington University, and member of the Secretary of Defense's Defense Policy Board. Prior to his service as Ambassador in Ankara, 2008-2010, and Baghdad 2010-2012, he served as Assistant to the President and Deputy National Security Advisor in the George W. Bush Administration. Previously he served as Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary for the Bureau of Near Eastern Affairs at the Department of State, where his responsibilities included supervising the Bureau's programs of several hundred million dollars in democracy promotion, peacekeeping, government capacity building, Track II reconciliation, and other assistance funding. Earlier appointments included service as Senior Advisor on Iraq to the Secretary of State; Chargé d'affaires and Deputy Chief of Mission in Baghdad; Deputy Chief of Mission in Ankara and Kuwait; Ambassador to Albania, and Deputy Coordinator for Bosnia.



Scott Paul is Senior Humanitarian Policy Advisor at Oxfam, where he leads the organization's work on emergencies and cross-cutting humanitarian issues. Paul is currently responsible for leading policy advocacy on Yemen and Somalia in the United States. He is also a frequent commentator on the global humanitarian system, the protection of civilians in conflict, and the related issues of humanitarian finance, remittances, and bank de-risking. Before joining Oxfam, Paul initiated CIVIC's work on the conflict in Somalia and directed its Making Amends Campaign. He earlier served as Deputy Director for Government Relations at Citizens for Global Solutions where he led coalition-based campaigns to promote a vision of U.S. foreign policy centered on cooperation and the rule of law. Paul has also worked for the clerk of the U.S. House of Representatives and for a number of organizations focusing on human rights, HIV/AIDS and elections in the former Soviet Union.



Michael Bowers is the Vice President for Humanitarian Leadership and Response at Mercy Corps. He is responsible for leading and supporting Mercy Corps' global emergency operations, enhancing their quality and accountability and ensuring that they bring the greatest benefit to people in need. Mr. Bowers participates in the United Nations Inter-Agency Standing Committee (IASC) Emergency Directors' Group, a unique inter-agency forum for operational coordination, mobilization of surge support to emergencies, policy development and guidance to the decision-making bodies involving key U.N. organizations and global humanitarian partners. From 1999 to 2006 Bowers served as Mercy Corps Country Director in Afghanistan, Albania, Croatia and Kyrgyzstan. In 2007 he served as Regional Program Director for the agency's Central, East and South Asia region. He has directed the agency's activities in sub-Saharan Africa, the Balkans and Asia, managing programs in health, shelter, agriculture and economic development. Prior to joining Mercy Corps, Bowers worked on civic education programs in West Africa for the National Democratic Institute and ARD, Inc., a consulting firm.



Krista Zimmerman joined Save the Children in 2014 and currently serves as the Associate Director for International Humanitarian Policy and Advocacy based in Washington, DC. Her duties include advocating on behalf of children affected by humanitarian crises and ensuring that international emergency response efforts are responsive to the needs of affected communities. She has supported the scale-up of significant emergency response efforts in the Philippines and the Horn of Africa and also works on global refugee issues, South Sudan and Yemen. Prior to joining Save the Children, Ms. Zimmerman worked for Lutheran World Relief as a Senior Policy Advisor and for International Justice Mission as a Deputy Field Office Director. She is a graduate of the University of Notre Dame Law School and Goshen College.



Sunjeev Bery serves as Advocacy Director for the Middle East and North Africa at Amnesty International USA. He works with governments, NGOs, and others to advance human rights across the MENA region. Bery is a frequent guest commentator on major news media, including CNN, Fox News, MSNBC, BBC, Al Jazeera, Al Arabia, and Huffington Post Live. His comments have appeared in a wide range of print media as well, including *The New York Times*, *USA Today*, *Washington Post*, AP, and international newspapers. Bery holds a BA from UC Berkeley and an MPA from the Harvard Kennedy School, where he was a Harvard Public Service Fellow. He is a recipient of the 2007 Asian Law Alliance Community Impact Award and has received commendations from the California State Senate and Assembly for his human rights advocacy.