

Kaiser Examines New U.S. Strategy for PEPFAR in a Town Hall Session with Ambassador Eric Goosby, U.S. Global AIDS Coordinator

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Ambassador Eric Goosby

Ambassador Eric Goosby serves as the United States Global AIDS Coordinator, leading all U.S. Government international HIV/AIDS efforts. In this role, Ambassador Goosby oversees implementation of the U.S. President's Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief (PEPFAR), as well as U.S. Government engagement with the Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria. Ambassador Goosby served as CEO and Chief Medical Officer of Pangaea Global AIDS Foundation from 2001 to June 2009. At present, he is also Professor of Clinical Medicine at the University of California, San Francisco. Ambassador Goosby has played a key role in the development and implementation of HIV/AIDS national treatment scale-up plans in South Africa, Rwanda, China, and Ukraine. He focuses his expertise on the scale-up of sustainable HIV/AIDS treatment capacity, including the delivery of HIV antiretroviral drugs, within existing healthcare systems. Ambassador Goosby has extensive international experience in the development of treatment guidelines for use of antiretroviral therapies, clinical mentoring and training of health professionals, and the design and implementation of local models of care for HIV/AIDS. He has worked closely with international partners on the development of successful HIV/AIDS treatment and treatment-based prevention strategies for high-risk populations. Ambassador Goosby has over 25 years of experience with HIV/AIDS, ranging from his early years treating patients at San Francisco General Hospital when AIDS first emerged, to engagement at the highest level of policy leadership. As the first Director of the Ryan White Care Act at the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Ambassador Goosby helped develop HIV/AIDS delivery systems in the United States. During the Clinton Administration, he served as Deputy Director of the White House National AIDS Policy Office and Director of the Office of HIV/AIDS Policy of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. Ambassador Goosby has longstanding working relationships with leading multilateral organizations, including UNAIDS, the Global Fund and the World Health Organization.

Jennifer Kates

Jen Kates is Vice President and Director of HIV Policy at the Kaiser Family Foundation, where she oversees policy analysis and research focused on the domestic and global HIV epidemics. She has been working on HIV policy issues for twenty years and is a recognized expert in the field. In addition, Ms. Kates works on the Foundation's broader global health policy projects which are designed to provide timely policy analysis and data on the U.S. government's role in global health. Prior to joining the Foundation in 1998, Ms. Kates was a Senior Associate with The Lewin Group, a health care consulting firm, where she focused on HIV policy, strategic planning/health systems analysis, and health care for vulnerable populations. She previously worked at Princeton University, where she served as the Director of the Lesbian, Gay, and Bisexual Concerns Office, and was also the Coordinator of the University's Alcohol and Other Drugs Peer Education Program. Ms. Kates received her masters degree in public affairs from Princeton University's Woodrow Wilson School of Public and International Affairs, and her bachelors in political science from Dartmouth College. She also holds a masters degree in political science from the University of Massachusetts. Currently, she is pursuing a doctorate in public policy at George Washington University, where she is also a lecturer.