

Global Child Survival Efforts: Every Child Deserves a Fifth Birthday
Speaker Biographies
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Rajiv Shah

Dr. Rajiv Shah serves as the 16th Administrator of the United States Agency for International Development (USAID) and leads the efforts of more than 8,000 professionals in 80 missions around the world. Since being sworn in on Dec. 31, 2009, Administrator Shah managed the U.S. Government's response to the devastating 2010 earthquake in Port-au-Prince, co-chaired the State Department's first-ever review of American diplomacy and development operations, and now spearheads President Obama's landmark Feed the Future food security initiative. He is also leading "USAID Forward," an extensive set of reforms to USAID's business model around seven key areas, including procurement, science & technology, and monitoring & evaluation.

Before becoming USAID's Administrator, Dr. Shah served as Under Secretary for Research, Education and Economics and as Chief Scientist at the U.S. Department of Agriculture. At USDA, he launched the National Institute of Food and Agriculture, a new scientific institute that significantly elevates the status and funding of agricultural research. Prior to joining the Obama Administration, Shah served for seven years with the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation where his positions included Director of Agricultural Development in the Global Development Program, and Director of Strategic Opportunities.

Originally from Detroit, Shah earned his M.D. from the University of Pennsylvania Medical School and his Master of Science in health economics at the Wharton School of Business. He attended the London School of Economics and is a graduate of the University of Michigan. Shah previously served on the boards of the Alliance for a Green Revolution in Africa (AGRA), the Seattle Public Library, and the Seattle Community College District. Dr. Shah is married to Shivam Mallick Shah and is the father of three children. He lives in Washington D.C.

Amanda Glassman

Amanda Glassman is the Director of Global Health Policy and a research fellow at the Center for Global Development, leading work on priority-setting, resource allocation and value for money in global health, with a particular interest in vaccination. She has 20 years of experience working on health and social protection policy and programs in Latin America and elsewhere in the developing world.

Prior to her current position, Glassman was principal technical lead for health at the Inter-American Development Bank, where she led health economics and financing knowledge products and policy dialogue with member countries, designed the results-based grant program *Salud Mesoamerica 2015* and served as team leader for conditional cash transfer programs such as Mexico's *Oportunidades* and Colombia's *Familias en Accion*. From 2005-2007, Glassman was deputy director of the Global Health Financing Initiative at Brookings and carried out policy research on aid effectiveness and domestic financing issues in the health sector in low-income countries. Before joining the Brookings Institution, Glassman designed, supervised and evaluated health and social protection loans at the Inter-American

Development Bank and worked as a Population Reference Bureau Fellow at the US Agency for International Development.

Glassman holds a MSc from the Harvard School of Public Health and a BA from Brown University, has published on a wide range of health and social protection finance and policy topics and is editor and co-author of the books *From Few to Many: A Decade of Health Insurance Expansion in Colombia* (IDB and Brookings 2010) and *The Health of Women in Latin America and the Caribbean* (World Bank 2001).

Jennifer Kates

Jennifer Kates is Vice President and Director of Global Health & HIV Policy at the Kaiser Family Foundation. She oversees the Foundation's policy analysis and research focused on the U.S. government's role in global health and on the global and domestic HIV epidemics. Widely regarded as an expert in the field, she regularly publishes and presents on global health issues and is particularly known for her work analyzing donor government investments in global health; assessing and mapping the U.S. government's global health architecture, programs, and funding; and tracking key trends in the HIV epidemic, an area she has been working in for more than twenty years. Prior to joining the Foundation in 1998, Dr. 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. Prior to that, she directed the Office of Lesbian, Gay, and Bisexual Concerns at Princeton University.

Dr. Kates serves on numerous federal and private sector advisory committees on global health and HIV/AIDS issues. Currently, she serves on the Institute of Medicine's (IOM) Congressionally-mandated evaluation of the President's Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief (PEPFAR) and on an IOM committee commissioned by the White House to identify core indicators for assessing the impact of the National HIV/AIDS Strategy and the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act on HIV/AIDS care in the United States.

Dr. Kates received her Ph.D. in Health Policy from George Washington University, where she is also a lecturer. She holds a Bachelor's degree from Dartmouth College, a Master's degree in Public Affairs from Princeton University's Woodrow Wilson School of Public and International Affairs and a Master's degree in Political Science from the University of Massachusetts.

Michael McCurry

Mike McCurry is a partner at Public Strategies Washington, Inc., where he provides counsel on communications strategies and management to corporate and non-profit clients. McCurry is a veteran political strategist and spokesperson with nearly 35 years of experience in Washington D.C. McCurry served in the White House as press secretary to President Bill Clinton (1995-1998). He also served as spokesman for the Department of State (1993-1995) and director of communications for the Democratic National Committee (1988-1990). McCurry held a variety of leadership roles in national campaigns for the Democratic ticket from 1984 to 2004.

McCurry began his career on the staff of the United States Senate, working as press secretary to the Senate Committee on Labor and Human Resources and to the committee's chairman, Senator Harrison A.

Williams, Jr. (1976-1981). He also served as press secretary to Senator Daniel Patrick Moynihan (1981-1983). McCurry serves on numerous boards or advisory councils including Share Our Strength, the Junior Statesmen Foundation, the Children's Scholarship Fund, the Wesley Theological Seminary, and the United Methodist Commission on Communications. He is co-chairman of the Commission on Presidential Debates.

McCurry received his Bachelor of Arts from Princeton University in 1976 and a Master of Arts from Georgetown University in 1985. He is currently pursuing a master's degree in theology at Wesley Theological Seminary.

Ariel Pablos-Méndez

Dr. Ariel Pablos-Méndez is Assistant Administrator for Global Health at the U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID), a position he assumed in August 2011. Nominated by President Obama in March, Dr. Pablos-Méndez joined the USAID leadership team with a vision to shape the Bureau for Global Health's programmatic efforts to accomplish scalable, sustainable and measurable impact on the lives of people in developing countries as envisioned in President Obama's Global Health Initiative. In his capacity as Assistant Administrator for Global Health, he will focus his efforts to further advance the goals and reformatory recommendations expressed in the Presidential Policy Directives, Quadrennial Diplomacy and Development Review, and USAID Forward. By fostering new working relationships and maintaining existing partnerships, Dr. Pablos-Méndez will direct the Bureau's activities and approach toward a standard of technical excellence in implementation science.

Dr. Pablos-Méndez is an experienced public health physician who most recently served as Managing Director at The Rockefeller Foundation where he led the Foundation's global health strategy on the transformation of health systems in Africa and Asia. He first joined the Rockefeller Foundation in 1998, spearheading public-private partnerships in research and development for diseases of poverty, the Foundation's strategy on AIDS care in Africa, and the Joint Learning Initiative on Human Resources for Health. He also served as Director of Knowledge Management at the World Health Organization (WHO) in Geneva, where he established WHO's first eHealth unit. Dr. Pablos-Méndez is a Board-certified internist and until recently was practicing as a Professor of Clinical Medicine and Epidemiology at Columbia University. He has served in various Boards and international commissions and received his M.D. from the University of Guadalajara's School of Medicine and his MPH from Columbia University.

Caryl Stern

Caryl M. Stern is the President and CEO of the U.S. Fund for UNICEF. She joined the organization in 2006 as Chief Operating Officer and served as Acting President for a short time before assuming her current position in May 2007. Previously, Ms. Stern served as Chief Operating Officer and Senior Associate National Director of the Anti-Defamation League (ADL), and prior to that had a ten-year career in higher education, most recently as a Dean at Polytechnic University in New York.

Ms. Stern is a member of the Boards of the United Nations International School, WE ARE FAMILY Foundation and the Martin Luther King Memorial Project Foundation, as well as an advisory Board Member of the WNBA. She is the co-author of *Hate Hurts: How Children Learn and Unlearn Prejudice* (Scholastic, 2000) and *Future Perfect: A Model for Professional Development* (NACA, 1987). In

December 2000, Ms. Stern was named one of "25 Mothers We Love" by Working Mother Magazine. In 2009, she was honored with the "Empowering Woman Award" from the General Federation of Women's Clubs and the "Woman of Influence" award by the Jewish Women's Foundation. In 2010, she was named a "Role MOMel" by Moms and the City on NYDailyNews.com. Ms. Stern holds a Bachelor's degree from SUNY Oneonta, where she was named "Outstanding Alumna," and has a Master's degree from Western Illinois University. She has also completed the course work towards a Ph.D. in higher education at Loyola University in Chicago. Ms. Stern has served as a Charter Member of the U.S. Fund for UNICEF Kiwanis Club since September 2010. Ms. Stern is married and has 3 sons and a granddaughter.