

SPEAKER BIOGRAPHIES

Nicole Behnam

Nicole Behnam has been working on programs for child-focused protection and education since 1995 and is currently the Senior Orphans and Vulnerable Children Advisor at the PEPFAR Office of the Global AIDS Coordinator. Formerly she worked as the Senior Child Protection Specialist and the Children in Emergencies Specialist at World Vision, before that as a Child Protection Technical Advisor at the International Rescue Committee, as well as a Child Development Director with World Relief Sierra Leone. She has extensive field experience with implementing various projects, including for war-affected children, children on the streets and abandoned children in places as varied as Sierra Leone, Mozambique, Afghanistan and Kosovo, as well as Baltimore and the Caribbean. Nicole has a PhD in Education from the University of Pennsylvania, a MA from the Johns Hopkins School for Advanced International and Public Affairs, where she focused on economics and international development, and a MA in Germanic Languages and Literatures from Harvard University.

John Donnelly

John Donnelly is a vice president and senior editor at Burness Communications, working on its global health and science team. He is founder of Long Tail Media, writing everything from blogs to books and contributing regularly to GlobalPost. And he's the author of *A Twist of Faith: An American Christian's Quest to Help Orphans in Africa*, which will be published in July 2012 by Beacon Press. He was a staff writer for the Boston Globe, Miami Herald and Associated Press, reporting from nearly 100 countries. In 2007-2008, he was a Kaiser Family Foundation media fellow. For the past 15 years, he has focused on global health issues, including opening the Globe's first Africa bureau and covering the politics and policies of health from Washington.

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.

Charles Lyons

President and Chief Executive Officer Charles (Chip) Lyons joined the Elizabeth Glaser Pediatric AIDS Foundation in January 2010 after many years managing and developing programs for leading global nonprofits. With a professional emphasis on children's welfare, HIV/AIDS, and global development, Chip brings to the Foundation a commitment to support those infected and affected by HIV/AIDS. In his role as President and CEO, Chip is responsible for the strategic, programmatic, fundraising, financial, and management operations of the organization.

Prior to joining the Foundation, Chip was Director of Special Initiatives in the Global Development Program at the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation, where he led a team dedicated to global poverty reduction. Prior to his work at the Gates Foundation, Chip spent more than 20 years in increasingly prominent roles with the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF), to include program officer, UNICEF Mozambique; chief of staff to the executive director at UNICEF headquarters; and president and CEO of the U.S. Fund for UNICEF. A longtime advocate for global health, Chip serves on the United States Agency for International Development's (USAID) Advisory Committee on Voluntary Foreign Aid and is a member of the Human Rights Watch Health and Human Rights Advisory Committee where he helped develop the Global Alliance for Vaccines and Immunization (GAVI), serving on the Board of the GAVI Fund and chairing its executive committee from 2004 to 2006. In September 2011, Chip was appointed by President Barack Obama as U.S. Alternate Representative to the UNICEF Executive Board. Chip studied political economy at the New School for Social Research in New York and has a bachelor's degree from Carleton College in Minnesota.

Pauline Muchina

Pauline Muchina comes from the Rift Valley Province in Kenya, where her family still resides. She came to the U.S. to study. When she finished her Ph.D. in 2000, she got involved in advocacy efforts to defend the rights of marginalized and poor communities around the world. Pauline joined UNAIDS in January 2006 as the Senior Women and AIDS Advocacy Officer. She is currently serving as the Senior Partnership Adviser for UNAIDS in Washington, DC. Previously, Pauline worked as the Global Health Council's community and faith-based organization outreach coordinator and with the AIDSMARK team at Population Services International. Prior to moving to Washington, DC, Pauline worked for the AIDS Resource Center and World Council of Churches in New York. Pauline is a member of the Circle of Concerned African Women Theologians and has served on several advisory boards, including Christian Connections for International Health, Foundation for Sustainable Development and Women Deliver. In 2012, Pauline received the United Methodist Church Global AIDS Leadership Award. She holds a Masters in Divinity from Yale University Divinity School and a Ph.D. from the Union Theological Seminary in New York. Pauline believes in saving lives even if it means having the ability to save one at a time.

David Nixon

David Nixon is the founder and director of The NOAH Project, a non-profit mission organization established in July of 2002 in a rural area of Malawi, southeast Africa with a vision for biblical discipleship, comprehensive orphan care, and sustainable community development. He also established a private school for orphans that expanded to 345 children attending grades K-7, receiving two meals per day, clothing and healthcare. David developed partnerships with several international organizations which provided funding, health care, food, community wells, solar irrigation for farming, a grant from USAID's Food For Peace Program, and a distribution network for over 11,000 meals per day during the grant. The project currently provides general support and complete healthcare for five HIV positive orphans, who were registered in the first year. All five children are receiving ARVs, currently doing well, and attending school. In its ten year history, NOAH has lost one orphan and one staff member to HIV/AIDS. David was also the co-founder and president of Solutech Inc. from 2001 to 2008, which developed a software application for use by K-12 educators to manage student data and incentives programs. The application was successfully piloted for four years in two of the largest high schools in North Carolina. He has sole custody of his eight year old grandson, who has been with him since 2008.