

One Year Later, Where Does the U.S. Response to Ebola Stand?

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BIOGRAPHIES

Jen Kates, Ph.D.

Vice President and Director of Global Health & HIV Policy, Kaiser Family Foundation

Dr. 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 and HIV policy 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 and analyzing major U.S. HIV programs and financing, and key trends in the HIV epidemic, an area she has been working in for twenty-five 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 issues. Currently, she is a member of the CDC/HRSA Advisory Committee on HIV, Viral Hepatitis and STD Prevention and Treatment (CHACHSPT) and is an Alternate Board Member of the Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria. She recently served on the Institute of Medicine's (IOM) Congressionally-mandated evaluation of the President's Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief (PEPFAR), and on two IOM study committees commissioned by the White House to inform the implementation of the National HIV/AIDS Strategy.

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.

Barbara Marston, M.D.

Director, Ebola Affected Countries Office, Division of Global Health Protection, CDC

Barbara "Barb" Marston, M.D., serves as Director for the Ebola Affected Countries Office (proposed) in CDC's Division of Global Health Protection. An infectious diseases specialist with extensive HIV clinical experience, Dr. Marston brings more than 20 years in public health expertise to the division. Dr. Marston has been engaged in CDC's Ebola response since August 2014 and assists in deploying and coordinating international field teams; she will continue to lead health system recovery efforts in West Africa through the division's Ebola Affected Countries Office.

During her CDC career, Dr. Marston has worked on a wide range of domestic and international public health programs. Prior to working on the Ebola response, she led the division's Health Systems Recovery Team in the Emergency Response and Recovery Branch and helped coordinate CDC's response efforts in Haiti following the 2010 earthquake. The Haiti program supported broad public health efforts, including the establishment of general disease surveillance, establishment of a Field Epidemiology Training Program, work toward elimination of Lymphatic Filariasis and Malaria, response to the Cholera epidemic, expansion of access to safe drinking water and sanitation, and work to reduce maternal mortality, control tuberculosis, and strengthen immunization programs. She has worked as a medical epidemiologist in the Care and Treatment Branch of the Global AIDS Program, serving as CDC's

core team representative for Tanzania and Kenya. From 2001 to 2005, she was stationed in Kenya, coordinating HIV care and treatment programs and serving as the overall coordinator of CDC's HIV program activities in Western Kenya. During that time, she supported establishment of more than 90 clinics for people with HIV, and the numbers of Kenyans on antiretroviral treatment grew from hundreds to more than 65,000.

Dr. Marston holds a Bachelors in Biology from Franklin and Marshall College and a medical degree from Temple University School of Medicine. Following Internal Medicine Residency and Chief Residency at Oregon Health Sciences University, she joined the Epidemic Intelligence Service (EIS) in the Respiratory Diseases Branch at the National Center for Infectious Disease. Following EIS, she completed Infectious Disease Fellowship training at Emory University, then joined the Emory Faculty, returning to CDC after several years focused on HIV clinical care.

Dr. Marston has received several awards for outstanding public health service including the Global AIDS Program Humanitarian Award and the Center for Global Health Director's Medal of Excellence in Global Health, an award that commends her contributions to public health in Haiti.

Dr. Marston is the author of several book chapters and over 60 scientific publications related to a range of global public health issues

Josh Michaud, Ph.D.

Associate Director, Global Health Policy, Kaiser Family Foundation

Josh Michaud is an Associate Director for Global Health Policy at the Kaiser Family Foundation, where he helps guide and oversee the Foundation's research and analysis in the area of global health. Dr. Michaud is an authority on a wide range of global health policy issues including financing, the role of the Department of Defense and other U.S. agencies in global health, global health diplomacy, and health security and emerging diseases. Dr. Michaud is also a Professorial Lecturer at the Johns Hopkins University School of Advanced International Studies (SAIS) in Washington D.C., where he has taught courses on global health policy and health and development for the last five years. Dr. Michaud has published a number of journal articles and book chapters, and has regularly lectured and appeared in the media addressing global health issues.

Prior to Kaiser, Dr. Michaud worked as an epidemiologist with the U.S. Department of Defense, and the Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine. He also served as a consultant, and worked with a range of organizations from local health departments to the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation. He holds a Ph.D. in International Health Policy from Johns Hopkins SAIS, an M.A. in Applied Economics from Johns Hopkins University, and an M.H.S. in Epidemiology from the Johns Hopkins University Bloomberg School of Public Health.

Tolbert Nyenswah

Deputy Minister Health for Disease Surveillance and Epidemic Control, Liberia's Ministry of Health

Tolbert Nyenswah, LLB, MPH is a public health leader who has made an enormous impact on public health in disease control programming in West Africa. A lawyer by profession, Tolbert completed his MPH at Hopkins in 2012. He was an effective program manager of the National Malaria Control Program in Liberia, a program that helped to reduce malaria prevalence from 66 percent in 2005 to 28 percent in 2011. Tolbert's work with the U.S. President Malaria Initiative (PMI) has meant he's worked closely with CDC since 2007. He became the Assistant Minister of Health and Deputy Chief Medical Officer for Prevention in 2012, leading the planning and organization of all the national disease control programs. Tolbert rose to prominence during the Ebola outbreak of 2014/2015 which drew him closer to CDC staff at the highest level. The public health response in Liberia was slow in coming, and led to dire consequences. Tolbert persisted in trying to change the response, and by mid-August, he was put in charge of the Incident Management System. He inherited an epidemic characterized by fear and panic, yet through his leadership, optimism, and practical approaches, has used the available resources to build

trust and mount a response to help tame the outbreak. He launched a domestic and international communications program, coordinated the many actors into coherent strategies, and engaged communities. The epidemic reproductive number had reached 2.8 by the summer of 2104, but since mid-August, showed a steady decline, dropping to below 1 in late September — the break point for shrinking an epidemic is 1.0. Tolbert's leadership has saved thousands of lives in Liberia, and has laid a foundation to build sustainable public health systems for the future. The resurgence of Ebola on June 29, 2015 was quickly brought under control due to the immense capacity of the Incident Management Team.

Denise Rollins
Senior Coordinator, Africa Ebola Unit, USAID

Denise Rollins recently rejoined USAID in March as the new Senior Coordinator for the Africa Ebola Unit after having retired in October 2014. She is overseeing the Africa Bureau's response to one of the largest public health crises in the world. Prior to retiring, she served as USAID's Acting Assistant Administrator for Asia overseeing USAID's Asia Bureau portfolio covering 32 countries in Central Asia, South Asia, East Asia, and the Pacific. The Bureau manages a complex portfolio of development programs of more than \$1.2 billion. Ms. Rollins was a member of the U.S. Senior Foreign Service attaining the rank of Minister Counselor.

Ms. Rollins has more than 25 years of international experience. Prior to her appointment to the Asia Bureau, Ms. Rollins was named in 2007 as USAID's Mission Director in Bangladesh, where she provided executive leadership for four years to USAID's largest development program in South Asia, implementing a \$200 million assistance program in one of the United States' most important partners in Asia. The Bangladesh program included programs in support of the President's four initiatives – Global Health, Food Security, Global Climate Change, and Global Engagement – designed to improve maternal and child health, combat malnutrition, increase economic growth, foster democratic governance, tackle corruption, and respond to disasters and provide humanitarian assistance.

Before her appointment in Bangladesh, Ms. Rollins served as USAID's Deputy Mission Director in South Africa, where she oversaw development programs addressing health, education, local government service delivery, and private sector development, including USAID's largest HIV/AIDS program in the world, funded under the President's Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief. She has also served in Ghana, Uganda, and Nigeria, three of USAID's largest development programs in Africa, as well as in Jamaica.

Before joining USAID, Ms. Rollins was the Senior Program Officer at the African-American Institute, Procurement Agent for Stronghold (Nigeria) Limited, a Nigerian trading company based in London, and Legislative Assistant for two members of the U.S. Congress.

Ms. Rollins earned a Master of International Public Policy degree at the Johns Hopkins University School of Advanced International Studies, majoring in international economics and finance, and a Bachelor of Arts degree in economics at Howard University. She is a native of Detroit, Michigan.

Rabih Torbay
Senior Vice President of International Operations, International Medical Corps

Rabih Torbay is Senior Vice President for International Operations and oversees International Medical Corps' global programs in some 35 countries on four continents and thousands of staff and volunteers. Torbay has personally supervised and managed the expansion of International Medical Corps' relief and development programs into some of the most challenging humanitarian environments in the world, including Sierra Leone, Iraq, Darfur, Liberia, Lebanon, Pakistan, Afghanistan, Haiti, Libya, and Syria. Most recently, Torbay expanded programs into Nepal by establishing International Medical Corps' first relief programs in the country in the aftermath of the April 2015 earthquake.

As the organization's senior representative in Washington, D.C., he serves as International Medical Corps' liaison with the U.S. government, including with the U.S. Agency for International Development and the U.S. Departments of State, Defense, and Health and Human Services.

Raised in Lebanon, Torbay worked as a civil engineer until early 1999, when he joined International Medical Corps' humanitarian efforts in Sierra Leone during the civil war. Following the September 11 terrorist attacks in the U.S., Torbay was first deployed to Pakistan and then to Afghanistan for eight months as the team leader of International Medical Corps' regional Emergency Response Team.

In October 2002, Torbay was named International Medical Corps' Vice President of International Operations and was based out of the organization's headquarters in Los Angeles. In 2003, he led International Medical Corps into Iraq as the first non-governmental organization to enter the country and one of the first to enter Baghdad after the war. He remained in Iraq for seven months, designing and managing a comprehensive relief and development initiative.

Torbay led International Medical Corps' Emergency Response Team into Darfur in 2004, where programs he helped establish currently provide relief to more than 230,000 people in some of the areas most affected by the ongoing crisis. In July 2006, after war broke out in Lebanon, Torbay managed International Medical Corps' emergency relief efforts for residents trapped by fighting in the southern part of the country.

After the devastating Haiti earthquake in 2010, Torbay organized and deployed International Medical Corps' Emergency Response Team, which was on the ground and providing services 22 hours after the quake. Similarly, Torbay managed and closely supervised the organization's emergency response efforts in Japan after the 2011 earthquake and tsunami, India after the 2013 cyclone and the Philippines after Typhoon Haiyan in 2013. Since the crisis in Syria began in 2011, Torbay has been overseeing the organization's robust relief effort helping Syrians inside the country as well as refugees in neighboring countries. In addition to overseeing the organization's emergency response efforts in the Central African Republic and South Sudan, Torbay currently oversees International Medical Corps' response to the Ebola outbreak in West Africa, the complex emergencies in Yemen and the earthquake in Nepal.