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Fostering Quality and Quality Improvement
in the Context of HIV Scale-Up

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Presenter and Speaker Biographies
Bruce Agins, MD, MPH, is the Medical Director of the New York State Department of Health AIDS Institute, where he oversees a staff of 40 individuals involved in guidelines development, quality management and education programs. He is the principal architect of New York’s HIV Quality of Care Program and has over 20 years of HIV-specific QI experience. He is Principal Investigator of the National Quality Center and the NYLINKS programs funded by HRSA. Since 2002, Dr. Agins has applied his experience in the field of HIV QI to the international setting, directing HEALTHQUAL International, which is supported through PEPFAR. HEALTHQUAL is working in 15 countries in Africa, Asia and the Caribbean to provide technical support and coaching to build capacity for quality management as part of sustainable health systems.

Dr. Agins has participated in consultations with WHO and participated as faculty in the Salzburg Seminar devoted to development of guidelines and models of quality management in resource-limited settings. Dr. Agins is an infectious diseases specialist with extensive experience in the oversight of government-sponsored programs. He is a graduate of Haverford College (1975) and Case Western Reserve School of Medicine (1980), and received his MPH from the Mailman School of Public Health at Columbia University in 1994.

Chris Beyrer MD, MPH, is President-Elect of the International AIDS Society and Professor of Epidemiology, International Health and Health, Behavior and Society at the Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health in Baltimore, Maryland. He serves as Director of Johns Hopkins Fogarty AIDS International Training and Research Program, and founded and directs the university’s Center for Public Health and Human Rights. He is Co-Principal Investigator of the newly funded Johns Hopkins Center for AIDS Research (CFAR) and also serves as Associate Director of the Johns Hopkins Center for Global Health. He has extensive experience in conducting international collaborative research and training programs in HIV/AIDS and other infectious disease epidemiology, in infectious disease prevention research, HIV vaccine preparedness, in health and migration, and in health and human rights.

Dr. Beyrer served as Field Director of the Thai PAVE and HIVNET studies from 1992-1996, based in Chiang Mai, northern Thailand, and has done extensive research in the epidemiology of HIV in Thailand, Burma, China, India, South Africa, Malawi, Tanzania, Russia, and Kazakhstan. He authored the 1998 book War in the Blood: Sex Politics and AIDS in Southeast Asia and co-edited the 2008 book Public Health and Human Rights: Evidence-Based Approaches, and co-authored the 2011 book The Global Epidemics of HIV among MSM in Low and Middle Income Countries for the World Bank. He currently serves on the Scientific Advisory Board for the U.S. PEPFAR Program, where he co-chairs the working group on key populations.
Deborah L. Birx, MD is Ambassador-at-Large and Coordinator of the United States Government activities to combat HIV/AIDS globally. Ambassador Birx is a world renowned medical expert and leader in the field of HIV/AIDS whose three decade-long career has focused on HIV/AIDS immunology, vaccine research, and global health. As the U.S. Global AIDS Coordinator, Ambassador Birx oversees the implementation of the U.S. President’s Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief (PEPFAR), the largest commitment by any nation to combat a single disease in history, as well as all U.S. Government engagement with the Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria.

In 1985, Ambassador Birx began her career with the Department of Defense (DoD) as a military trained clinician in immunology, focusing on HIV/AIDS vaccine research. From 1985-1989 she served as an Assistant Chief of the Hospital Immunology Service at Walter Reed Army Medical Center. Through her professionalism and leadership in the field, she progressed to serve as the Director of the U.S. Military HIV Research Program (USMHRP) at the Walter Reed Army Institute of Research from 1996-2005. Ambassador Birx helped lead one of the most influential HIV vaccine trials in history (known as RV 144 or the Thai trial), which provided the first supporting evidence of any vaccine’s potential effectiveness in preventing HIV infection. During this time, she also rose to the rank of Colonel, bringing together the Navy, Army, and Air Force in a new model of cooperation - increasing the efficiency and effectiveness of the U.S. Military’s HIV/AIDS efforts through inter- and intra-agency collaboration. Then known as Colonel Birx, she was awarded two prestigious U.S. Meritorious Service Medals and the Legion of Merit Award for her groundbreaking research, leadership and management skills during her tenure at the DOD.

From 2005-2014, Ambassador Birx served successfully as the Director of CDC’s Division of Global HIV/AIDS (DGHA) in the CDC Center for Global Health, where she utilized her leadership qualities, superior technical skills, and infectious passion to achieve tremendous public health impact. As DGHA Director, she led the implementation of CDC’s PEPFAR programs around the world and managed an annual budget of more than $1.5 billion. Ambassador Birx was responsible for all of the agency’s global HIV/AIDS activities, including providing oversight to more than 400 staff at headquarters, over 1,500 staff in the field, and more than 45 country and regional offices in Africa, Asia, Caribbean, and Latin America. Recognized for her distinguished and dedicated commitment to building local capacity and strengthening quality laboratory health services and systems in Africa, in 2011, Ambassador Birx received a Lifetime Achievement Award from the African Society for Laboratory Medicine. In 2014, CDC honored her leadership in advancing the agency’s HIV/AIDS response with the highly prestigious William C. Watson, Jr. Medal of Excellence.

Ambassador Birx has published over 220 manuscripts in peer-reviewed journals, authored nearly a dozen chapters in scientific publications, as well as developed and patented vaccines. She received her medical degree from the Hershey School of Medicine, Pennsylvania State University, and beginning in 1980 she trained in internal medicine and basic and clinical immunology at the Walter Reed Army Medical Center and the National Institutes of Health. Ambassador Birx is board certified in internal medicine, allergy and immunology, and diagnostic and clinical laboratory immunology.
Edward Broughton, PhD is the Director of Research and Evaluation for the US Agency for International Development (USAID) Health Care Improvement Project (HCI), Dr. Edward Broughton leads a sizeable implementation research portfolio. His role at URC involves providing support for strengthening the rigor of data collection and analysis, synthesizing outcomes from HCI programs, and sharing lessons learned. Raised in Australia, Dr. Broughton began his career as a physical therapist. His ongoing interest in economics, particularly in decision-making for health, led him away from clinical work and into postgraduate programs in health economics. He completed a Master's of Public Health from the Columbia University Mailman School of Public Health and a PhD from Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health, holding teaching and research positions at both. Dr. Broughton's research focuses on cost-effectiveness, that is, comparing the costs and benefits of certain actions; in the health field, those include the cost of investing in health services compared with potential gains, like improving people's health. At URC, Dr. Broughton largely focuses on analyzing the cost-effectiveness of quality improvement methods. "The criticism about quality improvement is that it is expensive from an economic perspective. We're trying to show that it's not that expensive compared to what you're gaining," he said.

Dr. Broughton has led technical trainings in Afghanistan, Kenya, Nicaragua, Tanzania, and Uganda and is guiding cost-effective analysis of quality improvement projects in several countries, including Ecuador, Guatemala, Mali, Niger, and Russia. Going forward, he will focus on gathering and publishing more cross-border experiences, enabling many countries to pool their research and compare methods and outcomes. He is also leading HCI's institutional review system to ensure it documents its adherence to standards of ethical research.

Annette Brown, PhD serves as Deputy Director of 3ie: International Initiative for Impact Evaluation, in charge of Advancement and Impact Evaluation Services, and she is Head of the 3ie Washington office. She also heads 3ie's HIV/AIDS evidence programmes. She established and continues to lead 3ie's programmes for impact evaluation replication and registration, and she is currently launching 3ie's new joint Evidence for Peace initiative with Innovations for Poverty Action and the World Bank. She is also responsible for planning and managing 3ie's advancement strategy, which encompasses fundraising and membership recruitment and engagement. Until May 2012, she also served as Chief Evaluation Officer, for which she directed 3ie's evaluation office and oversaw grants management and quality assurance for all primary study research funded by 3ie.

Meg Doherty, MD, PhD is the Coordinator of Treatment and Care in the Department of HIV/AIDS at the World Health Organization (WHO) in Geneva, Switzerland and has been in this role since September 2012. She provides overall technical and managerial support to treatment and care for adults, adolescents, children and pregnant women, as well as, the development of the new consolidated global antiretroviral treatment guidelines. Prior to joining WHO, Dr. Doherty was an assistant professor of medicine and faculty member of infectious diseases and public health at Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine. She has more than 20 years of experience working in HIV, infectious diseases and in resource limited settings and recently spent 5 years in Ethiopia leading and scaling up a comprehensive ARV program. Dr. Doherty is a trained epidemiologist, infectious disease specialist and continues to see and care for HIV infected patients.

Dr. Doherty received her MD from Harvard Medical School and her MPH and PhD in Infectious Disease Epidemiology from JHU Bloomberg School of Public Health. She is board certified in internal medicine and infectious diseases.
Chris Duncombe, MD, PhD holds a medical degree from Sydney University and a PhD from the University of Amsterdam. He is currently a Senior Program Officer at the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation, where he manages the portfolio of grants on the optimization of antiretroviral drugs, diagnostics and the delivery of HIV treatment and prevention services. Prior to that, he worked with the HIV Department, WHO in Geneva and was the writer of the 2006 and 2010 adult ART guidelines. He was a clinical trialist with the HIV Netherlands Australia Thailand Research Collaboration (HIV-NAT) in Bangkok for 12 years.

Wafaa El-Sadr, MD, MPH, MPA is a University Professor of Medicine and Epidemiology at Columbia University, the Director of ICAP at Columbia and the Director of the Global Health Initiative at Columbia University’s Mailman School of Public Health. ICAP, the Center she founded and currently directs, works in sub-Saharan Africa and Central Asia in partnership with governmental and non-governmental organizations building in-country capacity for HIV prevention, care and treatment. More than a million individuals living with HIV have gained access to HIV care services and more than 500,000 have received access to life-saving antiretroviral therapy through these programs. ICAP champions a family-focused approach consistent with the one pioneered at Harlem Hospital through multidisciplinary team of providers and based on building meaningful partnerships with governmental and non-governmental organizations within countries.

Dr. El-Sadr has also led efforts to support the capacity of health systems through the many programs that ICAP has established. Her work has also advanced the concepts of health systems strengthening globally for the purpose of confronting major health threats faced by communities around the world. Dr. El-Sadr has led the design and implementation of numerous studies that have furthered the understanding of the prevention and treatment of HIV/AIDS, tuberculosis, and other infectious diseases. She has published widely on these topics. In 2008, Dr. El-Sadr was named a John D. and Catherine T. MacArthur Foundation Fellow and in 2009 she was became a member of the Institute of Medicine. Dr. El-Sadr earned her medical degree from Cairo University in Egypt, an MPH in epidemiology from the Mailman School of Public Health at Columbia University, and an MPA from the Kennedy School for Government at Harvard University.

Ade Fakoya, MD, FRCP is the Senior Disease Coordinator of HIV/AIDS Programming in the Technical Advice and Partnerships Department of the Global Fund. Dr. Fakoya has worked for over ten years as a medical adviser to aid organizations in the United Kingdom, Asia, Africa and Eastern Europe before joining the Global Fund in 2010. As the Global Fund’s senior HIV specialist, Ade sees his main role as making sure that programs supported by the Global Fund are technically strong and that resources are invested to achieve the greatest impact. By the end of this year, Ade will have provided technical, guidance and reprogramming advice on Phase 2 grant renewals totaling more than US $3 billion. “Our programs need to be aligned with the latest scientific findings. For example, we have to make sure that our prevention interventions are more targeted at most-at-risk-populations,” he said. Dr. Fakoya was born and raised in London, served as a medical adviser to the AIDS Alliance in its capacity as a Principal Recipient for the Global Fund’s HIV grant in Ukraine beginning in 2004. Ukraine was one of the first places where a civil society organization took over coordination of a national HIV treatment program.
**Thomas Finkeiner, MD, MPH** is the co-founder and medical director of the company. He holds an MD from Eberhard Karl University Tuebingen, Germany and is board certified in pediatrics and emergency medicine. He also holds an MPH from Tulane University, New Orleans, United States of America in International Health and Development. Over the past 20 years he has been working with the international NGO Médecins sans Frontières and with the United States Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) in numerous countries in Africa; resulting in extensive experience in clinical and public health. Thomas is a firm believer that mobile communication will change the way health care is delivered in future, especially in emerging economies.

**Peter Ghys, MD** is the interim director of the UNAIDS Strategic Information and Evaluation Department. He also holds the post of Chief, Strategic Information and Monitoring Division. The Division's main functions include the analysis of levels and trends in the AIDS epidemic, and the monitoring and reporting of progress in the global AIDS response. Dr. Ghys has been with UNAIDS since 1999, working in a number of capacities focused on the analysis of the global AIDS epidemic. From 1992 until 1999, he directed the Sexually Transmitted Diseases section of Project RETRO-CI in Côte d’Ivoire. A physician and epidemiologist, Dr. Ghys is a graduate of universities in the UK and Belgium. He also holds a doctorate in medical sciences from the University of Antwerp.

**Peter Godfrey-Faussett, MBBS, DTM&H, FRCP** is the Science for Action Senior Science Advisor at UNAIDS, professor at the LSHTM and consultant physician at the Hospital for Tropical Diseases. After training in clinical infectious diseases and molecular genetics, he spent five years leading the Zambian AIDS-related TB (ZAMBART) project, an interdisciplinary collaborative research program between the LSHTM, Lusaka Urban District Health Management Team and the University of Zambia. Thereafter he spent a year working with the Global Tuberculosis Programme of the World Health Organization, where he was responsible for developing strategies to address the combined epidemic of TB and HIV. Following his return to London he has maintained an interest in global policies around TB and HIV and served as chairman for the Technical Review Panel of the Global Fund against AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria. A regular member of WHO expert groups, his research interests remain focused on the impact that the HIV epidemic is having on TB control and on interventions to reduce both diseases. He is currently seconded full-time to UNAIDS, where he is the Senior Science Adviser with a wide ranging portfolio including HIV cure, ARV-based HIV prevention, HIV vaccines and synergies between the HIV and the non-communicable disease response.
Eric Goosby, MD currently serves as the Director of the Institute for Implementation Science in Global Health Sciences at the University of California, San Francisco (UCSF). Prior to returning to UCSF, Dr. Goosby most recently served as the United States Global AIDS Coordinator (2009-2013), leading all U.S. Government international HIV/AIDS efforts.

Dr. Goosby served as CEO and Chief Medical Officer of Pangaea Global AIDS Foundation from 2001 to 2009. He also previously served as Professor of Clinical Medicine at the University of California, San Francisco. He 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, focusing his expertise on the scale-up of sustainable HIV/AIDS treatment capacity, including the delivery of HIV antiretroviral drugs, within existing healthcare systems. Dr. 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.

Dr. 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, he has 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. Dr. Goosby has longstanding working relationships with leading multilateral organizations, including UNAIDS, the Global Fund, and the World Health Organization.

Mark Hawken, MD, MPH is the ICAP Kenya country director. In this capacity, Dr. Hawken leads the planning and implementation of the program. He has previously served as the ICAP Tanzania country director. Dr. Hawken has worked in Kenya in field of operational research, particularly in the area of tuberculosis, tuberculosis preventive therapy, and HIV/AIDS. More recently he has been involved in HIV prevention, care and treatment, and PMTCT programs. Dr. Hawken is a New Zealand-trained Physician in Internal Medicine and has a Master’s degree in Infectious Diseases Epidemiology from the London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine.

Anna Heard, PhD Anna Heard is a Senior Evaluation Specialist for the International Initiative for Impact Evaluation’s (3ie) HIV/AIDS evidence programmes. In this role, she directs the Thematic Window on HIV self-testing and the new evidence programme on HIV/AIDS treatment provision. She also provides technical inputs for 3ie’s other HIV/AIDS grant programmes and participates in 3ie’s professional services activities. Anna has been working on topics related to global public health since 2004. Most recently she worked as a consultant for the World Bank, co-authoring a cross-case analysis of verification models for results-based financing of health programmes. Her previous work for the World Bank also includes health policy research across several health services topics. Anna has served as the Director of Policy and Advocacy at Bio Ventures for Global Health, a non-profit dedicated to improving incentives for the biotechnology industry to engage in research and product development for neglected tropical diseases commonly found in low and middle income countries. Anna holds a doctorate in Global Public Health with a focus in Health Systems from Harvard. She has a record of several published journal articles and book chapters, as well as conference presentations.
Gottfried Hirnschall, MD, MPH is the Director of the HIV Department of the World Health Organization (WHO). In this role, Dr. Hirnschall oversees the organization's HIV mandate to provide countries with vitally needed normative and policy guidance to deliver HIV services and build health systems. From 1991 to 2000, Dr. Gottfried Hirnschall coordinated WHO's support to countries in the area of child and adolescent health. He then joined the HIV Department to develop evidence-based policy recommendations on wide-ranging technical and strategic issues. As Director for Partnerships, External Relations and Communications for WHO's "3 by 5" initiative, Dr. Hirnschall engaged a broad range of partners, including people living with HIV, and thereby succeeded in mobilizing support for the unprecedented scale-up of antiretroviral therapy in low-income countries. Between 2005 and 2007, he directed the Caribbean HIV program of PAHO (Pan-American Health Organization), based in Trinidad and Tobago. He then served as WHO/PAHO Senior Adviser for Latin America between 2007 and 2009. Throughout his career, Dr. Hirnschall has given utmost importance to building consensus and fostering collaboration among partners, including the UN family, the Global Fund to fight AIDS, Tuberculosis, and Malaria, the World Bank, bilateral partners, civil society organizations and other advocates.

Dr. Hirnschall received a Medical Degree from the University of Vienna with a specialization in Family Health, and holds a diploma in Tropical Medicine from the Swiss Tropical and Public Health Institute. Dr. Hirnschall also conducted special studies in Health Economics at the London School of Economics and Political Science and obtained a Master's degree in Public Health from the Johns Hopkins University. Dr. Hirnschall has completed the Epidemic Intelligence Service at the Centers for Disease Control in Atlanta, USA. He speaks English, German, French and Spanish.

Eric Ikoona, MD, is the National TB/HIV Coordinator in the AIDS Control Program at the Ministry of Health in Uganda. He is primarily responsible for policy design, directing, monitoring and evaluation of the implementation of TB/HIV interventions in the country. His work also includes capacity building, including designing and implementation of trainings, mentoring, and support supervision. He has a special interest in designing and implementing quality improvement strategies and is a member of the quality improvement central committee at the ministry of health headquarters.

Carla Johnson, RN, BSN, ACRN, is a Nurse Consultant and QI Specialist on the Adult Treatment Team of the HIV Care and Treatment Branch, CDC Atlanta. She has over 20 years of experience in the HIV/AIDS specialty as a clinician, administrator, and educator. Currently, she provides support for monitoring and improving the quality of care and services in CDC-supported HIV/AIDS treatment programs. She also provides consultation to the Office of the Global AIDS Coordinator and other CDC branches on strategic planning and implementation science projects.

Herbert Kadama, MD, is a Senior Medical Officer at the Ministry of Health in Uganda. His work involves monitoring, support supervision, and evaluation of quality of the clinical services delivery in Uganda. He is also involved in capacity building and mentoring of health workers in Uganda on quality improvement in health service delivery; networking and collaborating with implementation partners on issues concerning quality of health service delivery. He lives in Kampala, the capital city of Uganda.
Luiz Loures, MD, MPH joined UNAIDS in 1996 and was appointed Deputy Executive Director of Programme and Assistant Secretary-General of the United Nations in January 2013. He leads UNAIDS’ efforts in leveraging critical support to countries to meet the 2015 global AIDS targets and establish a sustainable response to AIDS. Dr. Loures is a medical doctor with nearly 30 years’ experience in the AIDS response. His engagement ranges from providing medical care to people living with HIV in the early days of the epidemic—to his dynamic involvement in global policy framework development. In 2006, Dr. Loures was granted the Make a Difference Award for his long-standing contribution to the global response to AIDS by O Globo, one of Brazil’s largest newspapers.

Previously, Dr. Loures was Director of the Political and Public Affairs Branch of UNAIDS where he managed strategic and political processes to promote UNAIDS’ vision and enable effective implementation of the corporate agenda. Prior to this, Dr. Loures was the Director of UNAIDS’ Executive Office, overseeing strategic direction and assisting the Executive Director in implementing the UNAIDS strategy. He also managed UNAIDS’ activities in the Americas and Europe as the Associate Director of the Country and Regional Support Department. Before joining UNAIDS Dr. Loures served in various capacities within the Ministry of Health in Brazil. He participated actively in the creation and consolidation of Brazil’s National AIDS Programme—which is widely recognized today as being one of the most effective in curbing the epidemic. Dr. Loures was directly responsible for designing the programme for universal access to antiretroviral therapy for people living with HIV in Brazil. In the early 1980’s as a pioneer in the AIDS response, Dr. Loures diagnosed some of the first patients with AIDS-related illnesses in Brazil. Born, raised and educated in Brazil, Dr. Loures completed his medical studies at the Federal University of Minas Gerais, specializing in critical care. He holds an MPH degree from the University of California at Berkeley and speaks Portuguese, Spanish, English and French.

Chewe Luo, MD, PhD is a pediatrician and public health specialist from Zambia, holds a medical degree from Zambia and did her postgraduate training up to PhD level at the University of Liverpool in the UK. She has over 15 years extensive experience in both HIV research and programming. She is a senior program adviser and technical team leader for country program HIV scale up in Programme Division with UNICEF headquarters in New York. She has previously served as a UNICEF HIV regional adviser for Eastern and Southern Africa in Nairobi and as a UNICEF HIV technical adviser in Botswana at a time when Botswana government was scaling up its PMTCT program and initiating its HIV treatment program. Before joining UNICEF, she worked as a pediatrician at the University Teaching Hospital in Zambia where she spearheaded key infectious disease research related to malnutrition, diarrheal disease, tuberculosis and HIV.
Mohammed Rashad Massoud, MD, MPH, FACP is a physician and public health specialist internationally recognized for his leadership in global health care improvement. He is the Director of the USAID Health Care Improvement (HCI) Project and the newly awarded USAID Applying Science to Strengthen and Improve Systems (ASSIST) Project. He is Senior Vice President of the Quality and Performance Institute at University Research Co., LLC (URC), and leading URC’s quality improvement efforts in over 30 countries applying improvement science to deliver better results in global health priority areas. He has a proven record of strong leadership and management. Previously, he was Senior Vice President at the Institute for Healthcare Improvement (IHI) in Cambridge, MA, responsible for its Strategic Partners – IHI’s key customers working on innovation, transformation, and large-scale spread, such as HRSA’s Health Disparities Collaborative, Kaiser Permanente, The NHS Institute for Innovation and Improvement in the UK and the DHHS Indian Health Service.

Dr. Massoud previously served as Associate Director of the USAID Quality Assurance and Workforce Development Project (QAP 2 and 3) responsible for the Project’s activities in Europe and Eurasia/ Asia and the Middle East. Dr. Massoud pioneered the application of collaborative improvement methodology in several middle- and low-income countries. He helped develop the WHO strategy for design and scale-up of antiretroviral therapy to meet the 3x5 target; large-scale improvement in the Russian Federation; improving rehabilitation care in Vietnam; developing the Policy and Regulatory Framework for the Agency for Accreditation and Quality Improvement in the Republic of Srpska; and developing plans for the rationalization of health services in Uzbekistan. He founded and for several years led the Palestinian health care quality improvement effort. He was a founding member of, and Chairman of the Quality Management Program for Health Care Organizations in the Middle East and North Africa, which helped improve health care in five participating Middle East countries. He has worked on health care quality improvement for the Harvard Institute for International Development and the Palestine Council of Health. He also served as a Medical Officer with the United Nations Relief and Works Agency, and he has consulted for and collaborated with several NGOs, KPMG, UNICEF, the World Bank, and WHO. Dr. Massoud is a regularly invited speaker at international conferences and chaired the April 2012 Salzburg Seminar: “Making Health Care Better in Low and Middle Income Economies: What are the next steps and how do we get there?” Dr. Massoud speaks English, Arabic, Russian, and basic French.

Paolo Miotti, MD is a pediatrician and infectious disease specialist. Dr. Miotti is a graduate of Milan Medical School in Italy and Johns Hopkins University in Baltimore, USA. He was for several years on the faculty of the Department of Epidemiology, Johns Hopkins School of Public Health before he moved to the NIH. Dr. Miotti has worked in Europe, Africa and Asia.

He is currently with the Office of AIDS Research at the U.S. National Institutes of Health, where he focuses on issues related to chronic diseases in PLHIV and implementation science.
Nneka Mobisson-Etuk, MD, MPH, MBA, is the Executive Director of African Operations, Institute for Healthcare Improvement (IHI), and is responsible for the operations and implementation of IHI's existing work in Africa, as well as for developing IHI's portfolio in Africa as part of the organization's work in low- and middle-income countries. Previously, she was Vice President of Community Health and Population Health Management at the Connecticut Hospital Association, where she built broad-based constituencies to address health disparities, provided leadership to hospitals in the area of population health management, and devised statewide health initiatives to better address community health and reduce costs. As a consultant for McKinsey & Company, she worked primarily in the area of strategy development for payors and providers, health care IT, and pharmaceutical companies. Before joining McKinsey, Dr. Mobisson-Etuk completed a pediatrics residency at The Children's Hospital of Philadelphia. At The World Bank, she worked on investing in private health care in resource-poor countries and developing the health care strategy for Africa. She has significant clinical and public health experience, particularly in the area of pediatric HIV. She earned a bachelor's in Mechanical Engineering from MIT, her MPH from Emory University Rollins School of Public Health, and her MD and MBA from Yale University.

Edward Moses, MaiKhandu Malawi, Program Manager is a Quality Improvement Advisor with 5 years of experience in Quality Improvement and 10 years of experience in Quality Control and Quality Assurance. He has risen within the organization from Post of Data Coordinator to Program Manager. He is currently studying towards attainment of a Master Degree in Project Management (70% Complete). He has previously studied with ACCA/PAECM in the Foundation and Fundamental Stages of ACCA. He studied with University of Malawi, The Polytechnic and obtained a Diploma in Laboratory Technology Majoring in Chemistry. Edward has previously worked for Lafarge Malawi as a Laboratory Chemist and Statistical Process Control Analyst, Pharmanova Pharmaceuticals as an Analytical Chemist and Rainbow Paints Ltd as a Paint and Resin Chemist. He has gained vast experience in Statistical Process Controls, Quality Control and Quality Assurance from his past employment. He is also a certified Iso 9001:2000 internal auditor certified by SGS and is certified by Institute of Healthcare Improvement, USA, as a Quality Improvement Advisor.

Patrick Mwidunda, MD is a Public Health Specialist working with the Ministry of Health and Social Welfare of Tanzania at the National AIDS Control Program as the Head of the Quality Improvement Unit. He was trained as a medical doctor at the Kilimanjaro Christian Medical College and thereafter at the Universite Libre De Bruxxele in Brussels, Belgium for Public Health Training. Dr. Mwidunda worked as a medical doctor at Bugando Medical Centre (a referral and teaching hospital) in Mwanza and later as a District Medical Officer in Mwanza on the lake zone of Tanzania for six years before moving to MoH.

Velephi Okello, MD, MPH is the National Coordinator for the HIV Care and Treatment (ART) Programme in the Ministry of Health, Swaziland. She has been in this position for the past 8 years. She graduated from Mbarara University of Science and Technology in 2001 with a Bachelor of Medicine and Bachelor of Surgery Degree. In 1991, she graduated from the University of Swaziland with a Bachelor of Science Degree, majoring in Biology and Chemistry. Dr. Okello has also received a Masters in Public Health Degree with majors in Health Care Management and Policy from the Harvard School of Public Health. She has vast experience in providing leadership in the ART Programme and in developing strategies for the integration of antiretroviral therapy services within TB treatment services and PMTCT services.
Luisa Isabel Fernandes Pereira, MD, MPH, is the ART Site Adviser for the CDC and works to coordinate QI activities and perform site visits. She obtained her medical degree from “Medicinski facultet u Beogradu” in Yugoslavia in 1999, her certificate of tropical medicine from Prince Leopold Institute of Tropical medicine in Belgium in 2004, and her MPH from the London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine in 2000. Before starting her current position, she worked with Médecins Sans Frontières (MSF) in DRC, Kosovo, and Angola, and served as a medical officer with the International Organization for Migration in Nauru, providing care to asylum seekers from Afghanistan and Syria. Finally, from 2005-2011, Isabel worked as a medical doctor with ICAP in Maputo, Mozambique, coordinating the support provided by ICAP in this health area and providing medical consultations.

Miriam Rabkin, MD, MPH, is an Associate Professor of Medicine and Epidemiology at Columbia University’s Mailman School of Public Health, and Director for Health Systems Strategies at ICAP Columbia. Her work focuses on HIV and health systems, access to HIV services in resource-limited settings, and the design, delivery and evaluation of chronic care programs for HIV and non-communicable diseases (NCDs). She has supported the implementation of HIV programs across sub-Saharan Africa, as well as health systems research and training in multiple countries. Her current research interests include the impact of HIV scale-up on health systems and the intersection of HIV and NCDs in lower-income countries. Dr. Rabkin teaches at Columbia’s College of Physicians & Surgeons and the Mailman School of Public Health, where she works with MSPH colleagues to design and deliver distance education courses on Health Systems Strengthening and Quality Improvement for mid-career professionals at CDC, USAID and health ministries around the world. Dr. Rabkin received her medical degree from Columbia University’s College of Physicians and Surgeons and her master’s degree in public health (epidemiology) from the Mailman School of Public Health.

Ermame G. Robin, MD, MPH, is a Senior Consultant for the Haitian National Program Fighting Against HIV/AIDS (PNLS). He has over 25 years of experience as a Public Health specialist and project manager. During the past 10 years he’s been involved mostly in the fight against HIV/AIDS and Tuberculosis as the HIV/AIDS Program Director for AIDS Healthcare Foundation (AHF) and Management Sciences for Health (MSH) of a USAID project-funded to scale up care and treatment for People living with HIV/AIDS in Haiti (2005-2013) implemented in over 171 health centers throughout the country’s 10 sanitary department. He has worked with all level of health systems from service delivery to policy, in Florida and Haiti. Dr. Robin has co-authored several publications of Norms and Management of HIV/AIDS in Adults, Adolescents, in Children and Pregnant women under the hospice of the Haitian Ministry of Health and Population (MOH). He studied Public Health and Epidemiology at the University of Miami School of Public Health, holds 2 degrees in Public and Hospital Hygiene from the Free University of Belgium, School of Public Health.
Michel Sidibé, MS was appointed Executive Director of UNAIDS and Under-Secretary-General of the United Nations by Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon in 2009. Michel Sidibé’s vision of zero new HIV infections, zero discrimination and zero AIDS-related deaths has echoed around the world. Under his leadership UNAIDS works to ensure that no one is left behind in the response to HIV and that everyone in need has access to lifesaving HIV services. He initiated the global call to eliminate HIV infections among children and his global advocacy has firmly secured HIV at the top of political agendas. His idea of shared responsibility and global solidarity has been embraced by the international community and has encouraged increased ownership of their epidemics by countries most affected.

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