

**IGWG Gender-Based Violence Technical Update II**  
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**Speakers**

**Sarah Bott** is a freelance consultant based in Los Angeles, California, with expertise in adolescent sexual and reproductive health and the health sector response to violence against women in developing countries. As a technical officer at the World Health Organization in Geneva, she helped manage a social science research program on reproductive health in Africa, Asia, and Latin America. As an evaluation officer for the International Planned Parenthood Federation, Western Hemisphere Region, she helped health programs throughout Latin America evaluate their work. Most recently, she has consulted for PATH, the World Bank, and USAID (Futures Group) on the topic of violence against women. Ms. Bott, who holds an MA and a MPH, has written articles and books on the issue of violence, including a review of promising strategies for preventing and responding to violence against women in middle- and low-income countries, a manual for improving the health sector response to gender-based violence in developing countries, and various papers on sexual coercion against adolescents.

**Nata Duvvury**, director of the Gender, Violence, and Rights Team at the International Center for Research on Women (ICRW), is an economist with a special focus on women and development, violence against women, and HIV/AIDS. She designed and led ICRW's extensive project in India on domestic violence, which brought together a wide range of women's NGOs and established research institutions to assure an integrated approach on this issue. Dr. Duvvury is currently leading work on the links between property and inheritance rights for women, intimate partner violence and HIV/AIDS in South Asia and sub-Saharan Africa. She is also exploring community-based interventions to address HIV-related stigma and discrimination and intimate partner violence in India. She is a co-principal investigator of the NIH-funded Randomized Controlled Testing of the Stepping Stones Intervention in South Africa, and a member of the Global Coordinating Committee for the Sexual Violence Research Initiative supported by the Global Forum on Health Research of the Medical Research Council in South Africa.

**Mary Ellsberg** is a senior advisor on Gender, Violence, and Human Rights at PATH, based in Washington, D.C. She currently coordinates the newly launched Inter-American Alliance for Gender Violence Prevention and Health (InterCambios), housed at PATH. Dr. Ellsberg is a member of the core research team of the WHO Multi-Country Study on Women's Health and Domestic Violence, and has co-authored numerous articles on the prevalence and impact of domestic violence on the health of women and children in Nicaragua, Ethiopia, and Indonesia, as well as ethical and methodological aspects of violence research. She is a member of the technical advisory group of the IGWG and a co-author of the recent publication by PATH and WHO entitled *Researching Violence Against Women: A Practical Guide for Researchers and Advocates*.

**Dr. Kent R. Hill** is the newly appointed Assistant Administrator of the Bureau for Global Health, U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID). From November 2001 to October 2005, Dr. Hill served as Assistant Administrator for the Bureau for Europe and Eurasia at USAID. Before coming to USAID, Hill served as president of Eastern Nazarene College in Quincy, Mass., from 1992 to 2001. From 1986 to 1992, he was president of the Institute on Religion and Democracy in Washington, D.C. He taught European and Russian history at Seattle Pacific University from 1980 to 1986. A graduate of Northwest Nazarene College in Idaho, Hill has a master's degree in Russian studies and a Ph.D. in History from the University of Washington in Seattle. He has published books, articles, or reviews on matters related to religion in the former Soviet Union, human rights, intellectual history, and international development. Hill has been a guest speaker on many college and university campuses, and at numerous academic and public policy conferences. He is a noted expert on democracy, international development policy, human rights, and international religious freedom issues.

**Virginia Lacayo** is the co-creator, executive producer, and director of the Entertainment-Education television series, "*Sexto Sentido*" (Sixth Sense), for Foundation *Puntos de Encuentro*, in Nicaragua. "*Sexto Sentido*" is the first Nicaraguan produced soap opera targeting young people regarding social issues such as HIV, sexual and reproductive health and rights, human rights, gender-based violence, poverty, identity, and discrimination. It has had ratings of 70 percent—the highest for any TV series in Nicaragua—and has won international awards and recognition, including the "Freedom Award" at the Gay and Lesbian International Film Festival in Los Angeles 2002; the "SHINE Award" 2004, together with HBO, for its positive approach to sexual health and rights. It is currently one of the finalist of the UNICEF/ANDI Latino American contest of media promoting adolescent and children's rights, among others. During her past four years at Puntos de Encuentro, Ms. Lacayo also integrated the Board of Directors of the Foundation. Three week ago, together with Amy Bank, she was a keynote speaker at the "First Latin American Conference on Entertainment-Education for social change" in Morelia, Mexico. Since September 2004 she has been pursuing a Master Degree in the Communication and Development Program at Ohio University. From 1992 to 1997, she attended the School of Law at Universidad Centro Americana in Managua.

**Ana Flávia Pires Lucas d'Oliveira** is currently an associate professor at the University of São Paulo in the Preventive Medicine Department, Faculty of Medicine. She did her medical residency at the University of São Paulo, where she also received a Master of Science and a PhD. From 1993 to the present she has been the coordinator of the Women's Health Program of the School Health Center Samuel B. Pessoa, University of São Paulo. Dr. D'Oliveira has written widely in peer-reviewed publications on gender-based violence and health care as well as in books on the subject. She has taken part in many research studies on gender-based violence, including the *WHO Multicountry Study on Women's Health and Domestic Violence*.

**Lori Michau** is co-founder and co-director of Raising Voices, an international NGO based in Kampala, Uganda, that works to prevent violence against women and children in East and Southern Africa. Ms. Michau is also coordinator of the GBV Prevention Network with over 100 member organizations in the Horn, East, and Southern Africa. Prior to joining Raising Voices, she was Program Development Coordinator at Jijenge! Women's Center for Sexual Health in Mwanza, Tanzania. She is co-author of "Mobilizing Communities to Prevent Domestic Violence: A Resource Guide for Organizations in East and Southern Africa." She received her MA in Human Rights at Makerere University in Uganda and has been based in the region since 1995.

**Christine Musuya** is the coordinator of CEDOVIP, the Center for Domestic Violence Prevention, Uganda. Ms. Musuya has worked with the Center in different capacities, first as the Local Activism Program Officer directly working with the community volunteers and the communities at the grassroots, as well as Strengthening Capacity department, working with staff of key institutions (police, health care workers and staff). She was formerly with the Uganda Reproductive Health Bureau as youth mobilizer in creating awareness about reproductive health issues and HIV/AIDS. Ms. Musuya holds an Honours Degree in social sciences from Makerere University, Kampala, and is currently pursuing a Master's degree in sociology, while undertaking research focusing on domestic violence. She has worked closely for several years with local institutions and communities with special emphasis on advocating for women's rights and the prevention of domestic violence.

**Elli Nur Hayati** is the senior researcher and facilitator at the Rifka Annisa Research and Training Center (RA-RTC) in Indonesia, and a lecturer at the School of Psychology, Achmad Dahlan University, Yogyakarta. She is also currently a doctoral student at the Umea International School of Public Health at Umea University, Sweden, where she previously received her Masters degree. Ms. Hayati has served in many positions at the Rifka Annisa Women's Crisis Center, including coordinator of the Counseling Division and Executive Director. She has been a trainer in the area of Gender & Violence Against Women for NGOs, GOs, health providers, and police officers; and has written a counseling guide for people whose work is helping women survivors of violence.

**Dean Peacock**, the South Africa Program Manager for EngenderHealth, has worked in South Africa, the United States and Latin America for the past 11 years to end men's violence and to promote egalitarian, non-abusive models of masculinity that improve the lives of men, women, and children. He is coordinator of the Men as Partners Network and also provides ongoing training and technical assistance to a wide range of organizations on the development and implementation of the Men as Partners (MAP) Program. Previously, Mr. Peacock founded and directed the Men Overcoming Violence (MOVE) Youth Program, coordinating the delivery of prevention, intervention and early intervention services to young men in the San Francisco Bay Area. After co-authoring the *Agenda For the Nation To End Violence Against Women*, he developed and coordinated the *Building Partnerships Initiative to End Men's Violence*, for the Family Violence Prevention Fund. He has a BA in International Development from the University of California at Berkeley and a Masters degree in Social Work from San Francisco State University. Mr. Peacock has written numerous articles for professional publications and delivered many presentations on men, masculinities, gender equality, and public health.

**Diana Prieto** is Gender and Policy Technical Advisor in the Office of Population and RH of USAID. She co-chairs the Interagency Gender Working Group (IGWG) with her colleague Michal Avni. Ms. Prieto has worked at USAID for almost five years, including two years as Gender Advisor in the Office of HIV/AIDS. As Gender Advisor in PRH, she works to build capacity around gender, to integrate gender into CAs and Mission PHN portfolios, and to promote gender transformative strategies in the achievement of RH/HIV/MH objectives. Prior to joining USAID, Ms. Prieto worked in the LAC Gender Unit at the World Bank; on violence prevention among youth as part of the Battered Women's Shelter in San Antonio, Texas; and at the Children of the Andes Foundation in Colombia, South America, a non-profit organization working with street children in Bogota. Ms. Prieto holds a Masters in Public Policy from Georgetown University.

**Julie Pulerwitz** is Research Director of the Horizons Program, a 10-year global HIV/AIDS operations research program funded by USAID and led by the Population Council and partners. She is seconded from the Program for Appropriate Technology in Health (PATH) to the project. Well known for her groundbreaking work in evaluation, Dr. Pulerwitz's main areas of research and program development include HIV/AIDS, gender and sexuality, male involvement in reproductive health, stigma and discrimination, and migration issues. She has been working in the field for over 10 years, initially living and working in Puerto Rico as a HIV/AIDS Health Educator and Trainer for the Puerto Rican Red Cross. Dr. Pulerwitz has published in a number of prestigious journals and has been a guest lecturer at Universities all over the country. She was a Saltonstall Fellow at the Harvard Center for Population and Development Studies, and a recipient of the Outstanding Young Investigator Award from the Population, Family Planning & Reproductive Health Section of the American Public Health Association. Trained as a behavioral scientist, she received her masters and doctoral degrees from the Harvard School of Public Health, as well as a graduate degree from the University of Buenos Aires School of Public Health.

**Sangeeta Rege** is in charge of CEHAT's work with the health sector on domestic violence. CEHAT, based in Mumbai, means "health" in Hindi and is the Center for Enquiry into Health and Allied Themes. Ms. Rege has a degree in psychology and did post graduate work in social work. While working in rural India on a project called Foundation for Ecological Restoration (FES) on women's livelihood issues, she says she was "impacted by the violence that women shared with us in informal meetings and their cultural ways of coping with the same." She returned to Bombay and began working in the area of gender-based violence, particularly on a new aspect: a hospital-based crisis center. She has been part of the project since its inception and has worked to create a feminist model in counseling which "values the woman and her experiences, understands the praxis in which she negotiates, and sees a commonality with other women." Ms. Rege has coordinated training-of-trainer courses for training health care providers on violence against women, has coauthored a guide on suicide prevention guidelines with a focus on domestic violence, and has written several articles on working in a hospital-based crisis center.

**Shereen Usdin** is co-founder of the internationally acclaimed Soul City Institute for Health and Development Communication in South Africa. Dr. Usdin qualified as a medical doctor at the University of Witwatersrand and holds a Masters degree in public health from Harvard University. She works primarily in the areas of development communication, HIV/AIDS, violence against women, health and human rights. She is the author of "The No-Nonsense Guide to HIV/AIDS" and was awarded the Shoprite Checkers Woman of the Year Award in Health in 2004 for her contributions.