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Douglas Webb is the Manager of Health and Innovative Financing at the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), where he focuses on infectious and chronic epidemic response governance and the social determinants of health. In 2014–2015, he was seconded to be a Deputy Director in the UN Mission for the Ebola Emergency Response (UNMEER) in West Africa.

Douglas has formerly served UNICEF in Ethiopia, Zambia and its Regional Office in Kenya. He has also worked in civil society as the Global HIV/AIDS Adviser for Save the Children UK. His doctoral thesis examined HIV/AIDS in Southern Africa (University of London) and he has published over 50 articles and book chapters.



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Renaud Meyer is the UNDP Resident Representative to Thailand. He has previously held a number of senior positions with UNDP, such as Country Director in Nepal and the Philippines and Deputy Country Director in Afghanistan and China. In addition, Renaud has served four years in Headquarters as the Special Assistant to the UNDP Associate Administrator in the Executive Office and as Special Assistant to the Director of the Bureau for Development Policy.

Before joining the United Nations, Renaud worked in Tunisia for the French Ministry of Foreign Affairs. He holds a Master's in International Relations and Development Studies from the University of Strasbourg and graduated from the *Institut d'Etudes Politiques* of Strasbourg.



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Dr. Meseret Zelalem Tadesse is the Director of the Maternal, Child and Adolescent Health and Nutrition Directorate at the Federal Ministry of Health (FMOH) and a member of House of Peoples' Representatives in Ethiopia. She is also the Secretary of the national food and nutrition coordination body and engaged in several advisory boards, such as the WHO Technical Advisory Team for the African region. Prior to her current role, she served as the Chief of Staff in the Office of the Minister at FMOH and the Medical Director of the Gondar University Hospital, among other positions.

Meseret is an alumina of the African Nutrition Leaders Network and a member of the ENN/Ethiopian Nutrition Network. She obtained her MD from the University of Gondar in Ethiopia.



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Charles Asiimwe is a Senior Nutrition Advisor at the Uganda Nutrition Action Plan (UNAP) Secretariat, housed by the Office of the Prime Minister. In this capacity, he provides technical assistance (TA) for the implementation of the national nutrition plan under the leadership of the Commissioner for Strategic Coordination and Implementation, liaising with multiple stakeholders in the country. This includes the provision of TA to over ten ministries, 135 districts and 11 cities on nutrition governance.

He started his career working as a nutritionist at the district level and has since held a number of positions (national and regional) before joining the UNAP Secretariat. Charles holds a M.Sc. in Applied Human Nutrition and B.Sc. in Food Science and Technology.



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Mr. Jonathan Veitch was appointed as the UNICEF Pacific Representative in August 2021 and is based in Suva, Fiji. In this capacity, he oversees UNICEF's programmes and operations in the Cook Islands, Fiji, Kiribati, the Marshall Islands, the Federated States of Micronesia, Nauru, Niue, Palau, Samoa, the Solomon Islands, Tokelau, Tonga, Tuvalu and Vanuatu.

Prior to his current appointment, Mr. Veitch was the Deputy Director of the Private Fundraising and Partnerships Division at the UNICEF office in Geneva, where he was responsible for the relationship with the Fund's 33 National Committees. He brings with him extensive experience working on children's issues at the country and global level, especially in dealing with complex emergencies, peacebuilding and maternal and child health.



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Leslie Elder is a Senior Nutrition Specialist at the World Bank, with more than 25 years of experience in international public health, focusing on infant and young child feeding practices and maternal and adolescent nutrition. Previously, Leslie was the Senior Director of Newborn Health and the Deputy and Acting Director of the Saving Newborn Lives program at Save the Children/US. She has additional professional experience supporting various USAID-funded nutrition and health projects as well as earlier stints at the World Bank.

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