

Within Our Reach: A Candid Conversation Among Funders About Eliminating Vertical Transmission

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MODERATOR

Daniel Jae-Won Lee is the Executive Director of the Levi Strauss Foundation. Daniel has extensive experience with international non-governmental organizations in the fields of human rights, HIV/AIDS and social justice. Before joining the Levi Strauss Foundation, he served as Senior Program Officer for Asia and Pacific at the International Gay and Lesbian Human Rights Commission (IGLHRC) and on the founding board of the Massachusetts Asian AIDS Prevention Project.

He is currently on the Board of Directors of Funders Concerned about AIDS, the International Advisory Board of the Astraea Lesbian Foundation for Justice, the Asia-Oceania advisory panel of the Global Fund for Women and the Corporate Committee of the Council on Foundations. He received an AB magna cum laude in Religion and History from Princeton University and a Master of Divinity from Harvard University.

WELCOME ADDRESS

Jan Beagle (New Zealand) has served as Deputy Executive Director, Management and External Relations, UNAIDS since 2009. Previously, Ms Beagle served as Deputy Director-General of the United Nations Office in Geneva and United Nations Assistant Secretary-General for Human Resources Management.

Ms Beagle has over 30 years of experience in the political, development, management and interagency areas of the United Nations' work, as well as extensive experience in change management. She has also served in senior positions in the Executive Office of the Secretary-General, UNDP, the United Nations Department of Management and Department of Political and Security Council Affairs. Prior to joining the United Nations, Ms Beagle served in her country's diplomatic service.

PANELISTS

Dr. Mitchell Besser joined the University of Cape Town's Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology in 1999 to develop services for pregnant women living with HIV and to help prevent the transmission of HIV from mothers to their children (PMTCT). Recognizing the need for an education and psychosocial support program that would contribute to PMTCT services achieving the best medical and social outcomes, Dr. Besser founded mothers2mothers (m2m) in 2001.

Through m2m, mothers with HIV are employed to work in health centers, educating and supporting pregnant women and new mothers with HIV; reducing the workload of doctors and nurses and increasing the effectiveness of interventions that reduce the number of babies born with HIV and keep

mothers healthy and alive to raise their children. The program now provides services in more than 640 health care facilities in nine countries in Africa, with more than 2 million contacts with woman each year, reaching 20% of the HIV-positive pregnant women in the world. Dr. Besser, a graduate of Harvard Medical School, has received Global Health Council's Best Practice Award, Skoll Award for Social Entrepreneurship, Presidential Citizens Award of the United States Government and is an Ashoka and Schwab Fellow.

Dr. Shaffiq Essajee is the Medical Officer for Pediatric AIDS Care and Treatment within the HIV Department at the World Health Organization. Until recently he served as the Director of Clinical Operations for the Clinton Health Access Initiative. He is a member of the pediatric faculty at New York University and Associate Director of NYU's International HIV Program. He has been caring for children with HIV for the past 15 years, and in 2001 he began Kenya's first public pediatric HIV clinic.

Dr Essajee is a graduate of the Oxford University Medical School, and completed his residency in pediatrics at the University of California, SF before coming to join the Pediatric Infectious Disease Division at NYU. In addition to his work as a clinician and public health advocate, Dr. Essajee is also a research scientist and has been supported the NIH Center for AIDS Research and the Doris Duke Charitable Foundation.

Ms. Rolake Odetoynbo is the Founder of Campaign to End Pediatric AIDS Nigeria, the Project Director of Positive Action for Treatment Access (PATA), an Alternate Board Member representing Communities Living with and affected by the 3 diseases at the Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria, and a Member of the Interim Steering Group, ITPC.

An activist, advocate, writer, trainer, public speaker, and television producer, Ms. Odetoynbo has over ten years of experience fighting for the rights of people with disabilities and persons living with HIV and AIDS. She engages in HIV/AIDS policy development around issues of treatment, research and ethics and she advocates for inclusive programming, particularly for women living with HIV. Ms Odetoynbo is a 2007 graduate of the African American HIV University (AAHU) Los Angeles, California.

Dr. Christian Pitter is a pediatrician and Director of the Elizabeth Glaser Pediatric AIDS Foundation's Global Technical Policy Unit. He is responsible for the development, dissemination, and implementation of global technical policies and standards. Dr. Pitter also serves as an assistant adjunct professor of pediatrics at the University of California, San Francisco.

Prior to joining the Foundation, Dr. Pitter served as the principal advisor for antiretroviral treatment programs for the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) Global AIDS Program in Uganda. He has also served as an advisor to the World Health Organization, UNICEF, and other organizations. Dr. Pitter completed his undergraduate education at Yale University, earned his medical degree from Emory University School of Medicine, and received his master's in public health from the Harvard School of Public Health.