



The Ripple Effect of Water, Sanitation and Hygiene on Global Health and Development

Tuesday, March 23, 2010
12:00-1:00 PM

2226 Rayburn House Office Building
Box lunches will be available.

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Speakers:

- **Mandy Moore**, Singer-songwriter, Actress, and PSI Ambassador
- **Ms. Alexandra Cousteau**, Board Member, Global Water Challenge
- **Dr. Greg Allgood**, Director, Children's Safe Drinking Water, P&G
- **Dr. Eric Mintz**, Team Lead, Global WASH Epidemiology, Waterborne Diseases Prevention Branch, CDC
- **Ms. Merri Weinger**, Program Manager, Hygiene Improvement, Bureau for Global Health, USAID
- **Dr. Koki Agarwal**, Director, Maternal and Child Health Integrated Program (MCHIP), JHPIEGO

Around the globe, one out of every six people lack safe drinking water and two out of every five people lack adequate sanitation. Diarrhea—caused by dirty drinking water or unsanitary conditions—is the second leading cause of child death and the most common cause of illness in the world today.

How do investments in simple and cost-effective water, sanitation and hygiene (WASH) projects contribute to overall gains in health, and by extension, development generally? How does this fit into the new U.S. Global Health Initiative? Please join us to explore the answers to these questions.

Speaker Biographies:



American singer-songwriter and actress **Amanda Leigh “Mandy” Moore** joined PSI in 2008 as an Ambassador for its child survival program, which provides children and their families with the education, products, services and care needed to improve their health and save lives in more than thirty countries around the world.

In April 2009, Mandy visited Southern Sudan with PSI, where she visited safe water programs and helped launch a mass distribution of insecticide-treated mosquito nets in partnership with the Southern Sudanese Ministry of Health and the Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria. During her visit, Moore joined a Sudanese mother and her son Jido in their daily trek to retrieve drinking water from the Nile and helped her purify it for other community members. She also met with a group of adolescents at a local school who teach their peers about clean drinking water and the importance of handwashing and hygiene. Mandy has spoken about her time in Southern Sudan at the Condé Nast World Savers Congress and has written about it on The Huffington Post, where she posts about her work with PSI regularly.

Moore has been a fixture in the pop music and filmmaking industry since the late 1990s, having sold over eight million albums worldwide. In 2002 Moore won the MTV Movie Award for her performance in “A Walk to Remember” and had four songs on the soundtrack which went on to sell over four million albums. In addition to other critically acclaimed performances in box office hits such as “Saved,” “American Dreamz” and the more recent “Dedication,” Moore joined HBO’s hit series “Entourage” in 2005 for an arc appearance. Moore’s most recent project, her album entitled “Amanda Leigh,” is a departure from her earlier work with a more sophisticated sound. The album has already received glowing reviews and has been called “an impeccably recorded album of mature songs” by TIME Magazine.

In addition to her work with PSI, Moore continues a wide range of philanthropic efforts including her commitment to the Stand up to Cancer campaign and her ongoing involvement with Trinity Kid’s Care.

Ms. **Alexandra Cousteau**, a globally recognized advocate on water quality and policy, continues the work of her renowned grandfather Jacques-Yves Cousteau and her father Philippe Cousteau, Sr. Alexandra is dedicated to advocating the importance of conservation and sustainable management of water in order to preserve a healthy planet. In 2008, Alexandra founded Blue Legacy International, a not-for-profit project of The Ocean Foundation that develops and distributes traditional and new media projects that inspire people to take action on critical water issues in meaningful ways.

Dr. **Eric Mintz** has been the Leader of the Diarrheal Diseases Epidemiology Team at CDC since 1995, where his professional interests include interventions to prevent cholera, dysentery, typhoid fever, and other waterborne diseases in the developing world.

Ms. **Merri Weinger** has over 30 years experience in public health and development, with a special focus on environmental and occupational health. She currently manages hygiene improvement in the Maternal Child Health Division of USAID's Bureau for Global Health.

Dr. **Koki Agarwal** has been responsible since 2008 for the overall management and strategic and technical integrity of the MCHIP program, the five-year, \$600M flagship program for maternal, neonatal and newborn health funded by the U.S. Agency for International Development, awarded to Jhpiego and partners. MCHIP focuses on reducing maternal, neonatal and child mortality and accelerating progress toward achieving Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) 4 and 5.

Dr. **Greg Allgood** is the Director, Children's Safe Drinking Water at Procter & Gamble and Senior Fellow in Sustainability. Dr. Allgood has been with P&G for 23 years and leads P&G's efforts to provide safe drinking water in the developing world.

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