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Susan Bird

Susan Bird is the Senior Regional Livelihoods Officer for UNHCR based in Bangkok. She advises UNHCR operations in Asia regarding ways to foster refugees' self-reliance in accordance with the Global Compact on Refugees. These include promoting economic opportunities, decent work, job creation, and entrepreneurship programmes for host community members and refugees. Prior to joining UNHCR, Susan was a Program Officer with the Ford Foundation and the Regional Director for Oxfam America in Central America, Mexico and the Caribbean. She holds degrees from Drake University and the University of Chicago.

Sisay Sinamo Boltena

Sisay Boltena holds a Ph.D. in Medicine from Addis Ababa University Medical Faculty, a Ph.D. in Public Health Nutrition from the University of the Western Cape, and a Master's degree in of Public Health from the University of the Western Cape. He has a broad range of experience in developmental and emergency health and nutrition projects/programs and strategy and sectoral guidance development. Sisay is experienced in staff management, mentorship, and capacity- building in Africa and has worked in multi-country and multi-sector programs design and technical support, establishing partnership and networking with major national, regional, and global health and nutrition organizations to ensure adherence to quality and global standards. He has made major contributions to the institutionalization of emergency nutrition program (CMAM, IYCF in emergency coverage, and SMART) across the World Vision countries, including in 26 Africa countries.

In July 2017, he joined Seqota Declaration (SD) Federal Program Delivery Unit at MoH in the capacity of Senior Program Manager for the Seqota Declaration Federal Program Delivery Unit. The Seqota Declaration is the Ethiopian government commitment to end stunting among children under 2 years in 2030. He is also an Africa Nutrition Leadership Program alumni, sub-

regional coordinator of Africa Nutrition Society, and member of Food and Nutrition Society of Ethiopia.

Siemon Hollema

Siemon Hollema is a food security specialist. He has over 15 years of experience in developing food security information systems, emergency needs assessments, food assistance targeting and monitoring and evaluations. He has led and coordinated humanitarian emergency response programs for WFP and has been team leader for numerous inter -agency assessment missions. He holds a master's degree in general economics, speaks English, French, Dutch and Friesian and gets by in Indonesian, German and Italian. He has worked for WFP, FAO and ESCAP. He is Senior Regional Programme and Policy Adviser for WFP in Bangkok, where he oversees WFP's food security analysis for Asia and the Pacific region.

Luca Russo

Luca Russo is an agricultural economist with a wide field experience, particularly in Africa. His main area of expertise is food security and resilience in protracted crises and related policy and analytical frameworks. Dr. Russo currently works at FAO as Senior Food Crises Analyst and Strategic Adviser in the Management Team tasked with overall implementation FAO Strategic Programme on Resilience, where he leads major food security and resilience related analytical works, such as the Food Security Phase Classification (IPC), Early Warning for Early Action (EWEA), and the Resilience Index for Measurement and analysis (RIMA). Luca also leads FAO work in promoting resilience in fragile and conflict-affected contexts.

Hamidou Traore

Hamidou Traore is Executive Director of the Institute of Environment and Agricultural Research (INERA) in Burkina Faso. He holds a Ph.D. from University Montpellier II, Sciences et Techniques du Languedoc, France and specializes in weed science, natural resources management and stewardship, food security and nutrition, and research management. He is a Fulbright scholar of Purdue University and has been awarded the Chevalier de l'Ordre National of Burkina Faso.

Rob Vos

Rob Vos is Division Director of the Markets, Trade, and Institutions Division at the International Food Policy Research Institute (IFPRI). He holds a Ph.D. and an M.Sc. with honors in Economics from the Free University of Amsterdam, Netherlands. Prior to joining IFPRI, he was Director of Agricultural Development Economics at the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO), responsible for economic analysis and policy support for sustainable agricultural development and food security. In that capacity, he was responsible for FAO's flagship publications the 'State of Food Insecurity in the World (SOFI)' and the 'State of Food and Agriculture (SOFA).' He also served as FAO director for social protection, rural employment, and gender equality and as coordinator of FAO's strategic program for rural poverty reduction.

Rob has extensive academic and advisory work experience covering a broad range of development issues, including trade policy, inequality and poverty; financing for development; poverty and social policy analysis; and macroeconomic and general equilibrium modeling for development policy.

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