



CHC Alumni Leadership Award

Tammy L. Palmer

Tammy Palmer has been a leader in the area of international development and food security, agriculture and nutrition for over 12 years. Tammy was selected as a CHC international hunger fellowship program in July, 2001 with her field placement in Kampala, Uganda, at the U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID). As a fellow, Tammy worked on a number of projects supporting food security, including agency concept papers, microfinance donor's principles research, Bellmon analysis of monetization programs, and evaluating many other PL 480 Title II programs in Uganda. For her policy year in the Leland program, Tammy worked in the Washington, DC office of USAID from 2002-2003, based in the Africa Bureau's Office of Sustainable Development, where she was instrumental in a study on Agriculture Nutrition Linkages in three African countries, and completed a study on USAID's long-term and short-term strategies to combat famine in Southern Africa.

Tammy's areas of knowledge include agribusiness, rural finance, microfinance, and food security. She has managed projects in six countries (Nigeria, Kenya, Tanzania, Uganda, Mozambique, and Peru), working in both the public and private sectors. After her fellowship, she was the East Africa Regional Coordinator for the Global Education Partnership, based in Nairobi, and then was Project Director of the Gender Informed Nutrition and Agriculture (GINA) Project for USAID. In 2007, Tammy joined the Foreign Service of USAID, and completed work in Afghanistan. Most recently, she was the Deputy Director in USAID/Peru's Alternative Development Office and managed its flag-ship activity—the \$84 million "Integrated Development Program," which promotes alternative livelihoods for farmers in Peru's former coca-growing regions. The activity supports alternative crops such as cacao, coffee, and oil palm to transform the economies and lives of farmers in Peru's jungle regions.

In April, Tammy will join USAID/Liberia where she will manage its civil service reform program, working with Liberia's key economic ministries, such as the Ministry of Economic Growth, Agriculture, and Mines. She has received the USAID Agency-wide Meritorius Award in recognition of her senior leadership capabilities and devotion to public service in the U.S. Government.

Tammy holds a Masters degree in Public Affairs from the Woodrow Wilson School of Public Policy, Princeton University, and a Bachelor of Arts in Economics, cum laude, from Williams College.