

A Vital Resource: Exploring USAID's Research Translation Toolkit

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Julie MacCartee has served as a Program Officer with the Research Division within the Innovation, Technology, and Research Hub at USAID since September 2021. She supports research-to-action activities, university partnerships, and USAID's fellowship programs. Previously, she spent eight years in USAID's Bureau for Resilience and Food Security (RFS) as a Knowledge Management and Learning Specialist. In RFS, she co-designed and served as a COR for a large contract; facilitated webinars, trainings, co-creation workshops, and other events/processes; oversaw USAID's Agrilinks.org platform; and provided technical support on food safety & nutrition. While at USAID, Julie has served as a leader with the Insect Protein Working Group, the RISE DEIA trainer task force, and the Lactation Community of Stakeholders. Julie holds an MS in Agriculture, Food, and Environment and an MPH in Public Health Nutrition from Tufts University, as well as a BS in Biology from Duke University. In her spare time, she enjoys choral singing, reading, and spending time with her two daughters.

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Emmanuella Delva, Ph.D. currently serves as the Acting Managing Director and Deputy for Research Policy in the U.S. Agency for International Development's Innovation, Technology, and Research Hub. In this capacity, she oversees programs that are centered around building scientific research capacity in higher education institutions based in low- and middle-income countries and Agency policies/practices designed to improve/facilitate the coordinated generation and use of scientific evidence within USAID. Emmanuella's 11+ years at USAID began as an American Association for the Advancement of Science (AAAS) Science and Technology Policy Fellow, where she served as an advisor to the Senior Coordinator of Gender Equality and Women's Empowerment. Emmanuella also served as a higher education advisor at USAID/Indonesia, where she led the United States Government's commitment to assisting the Government of Indonesia in enhancing the quality of higher education, with particular focus on increasing the quality of higher education in fields related to science, technology, engineering and mathematics. Emmanuella holds a Ph.D. in Biomedical and Biological Sciences from Emory University and a B.S. in Chemistry from the University of Richmond.

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