**Overview and Applications of the USAID Research Translation Toolkit: Considering the Importance of Research Translation**

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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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Christine Power has served as a senior policy advisor within the International Programs department at PRB since March 2018. She has more than ten years of experience in strategic communication, research and policy translation, and developing advocacy strategies to support policy change. She specializes in qualitative policy analysis and is also a trainer with extensive experience strengthening the capacity of youth, researchers, topic experts, and advocates to communicate research findings and encourage a culture of data use in decisionmaking. Christine holds an MS in Global Health from Georgetown University and a BA in International Relations from Boston University.

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