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### **AIHA Appoints Kelly J. Wolfe as New Director of the HIV/AIDS Twinning Center**

#### ***Twinning Center Program Supports US Government Efforts to Strengthen Health Sector Capacity through PEPFAR and the Global Health Initiative***

**WASHINGTON, DC, May 9, 2011** – The American International Health Alliance (AIHA) announced today that Kelly J. Wolfe has joined its headquarters staff as the Director of the HIV/AIDS Twinning Center, a unique volunteer-driven technical assistance program that supports the President's Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief (PEPFAR) and other US Government efforts to develop sustainable health system capacity in low-resource settings around the globe.

Ms. Wolfe's international development experience spans more than 24 years and includes technical expertise in HIV/AIDS, family planning, and public-private partnerships, as well as leadership and management capacity building of civil society organizations working within the healthcare sector in Africa, Latin America, and the Caribbean.

"We are excited to welcome Ms. Wolfe as a senior member of our team," says AIHA Executive Director James P. Smith. "Her management skills and extensive background in the design, development, and facilitation of programs to strengthen NGOs in the developing world is a natural fit for the Twinning Center's partnership programs, volunteer initiatives, and other complementary programs — many of which focus on strengthening pre- and in-service education and training programs to expand human resources for health in support of PEPFAR."

Prior to joining AIHA, Ms. Wolfe served as Team Leader and Senior Technical Advisor for NGO and Community Development in the Office of HIV/AIDS at the US Agency for International Development (USAID). She has held senior level positions with USAID's Office of Regional and Country Support, Population Services International (PSI), International Planned Parenthood Federation (IPPF), and Interlog, Inc.

Ms. Wolfe earned a Master of Public Health at the George Washington University and a Master of Education from Harvard University.

The Twinning Center was established by AIHA in 2004 with funding support from the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) of the US Department of Health and Human Services. Since then, it has established and managed 45 twinning partnerships in 11 African nations and the Russian Federation, and placed more than 87 highly skilled volunteers who have contributed nearly 900 working months toward developing health sector capacity overseas.

For more information on the HIV/AIDS Twinning Center, visit [www.TwinningAgainstAIDS.org](http://www.TwinningAgainstAIDS.org).

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