



**Alumni Board Member Gary Newton, MPH '81**

Gary Newton has been part of the international development community for over thirty-five years, twenty-one years resident in six countries in Africa and Asia. He teaches a course on *vulnerable children* at Georgetown University's School of Foreign Service and serves on the U.S. board of Retrak, a UK-based NGO assisting street children in Africa; on the advisory group for Whole Child International, a Los Angeles-based NGO working to improve the quality of residential care for children while they await family based care; and, the Congressional Coalition on Adoption Institute which supports a 200-member bipartisan, bicameral caucus to improve domestic and international policies for vulnerable children and families. Mr. Newton served as a Foreign Service Officer with USAID for 24 years (1987-2011) in a number of positions including as the U.S. Government Special Advisor for Orphans and Vulnerable Children, Mission Director in Namibia, Associate Mission Director in Egypt, chief of the health office in Kenya and Malawi, and deputy director of the HIV/AIDS division in USAID/Washington. Prior to joining the Foreign Service, Mr. Newton worked in Bangladesh for four years on family planning and reproductive health programs, and was a Peace Corps volunteer in Niger. After leaving USAID, he was the Senior Advisor for Public Investment in Children at Save the Children (2013-2014). He has a Master of Arts in Teaching from Smith College and a Master's in Public Health from the Mailman School of Public Health at Columbia University.