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Senior health and economic development advisor. Fully fluent in Spanish. Thirty years of experience in working with Central and South American communities. Fully trained as a contact tracer and served as team leader with Fairfax County Health Department, Fairfax Virginia.

Work Experience

November 2018 – Present – Established a 501c3 Non-Profit – the [Marie Maxey Foundation](#) – to promote better health and education outcomes for Latin American youth. Led fund-raising efforts to finance scholarships for college expenses of Hispanic youth and initiated a youth mentoring program in Fairfax County, Virginia in association with the Congressional Award Program.

November 2016 – October 2018 – Senior Program Manager for youth mentoring, skills training and health of workforce development in USAID Honduras. Provided economic analysis and strategy development for Health and Education Office activities aimed at increasing employment of Honduran youth and designed a ground-breaking concept – [Diaspora Outreach for Honduran Education](#) -- to mitigate out migration by mobilizing US community engagement and private sector investment.

July 2015 – October 2016 – Senior Advisor – Provided analytical and program design advisory services to Texas A&M, Volunteers for Economic Growth Alliance, CNFA, Valbin Corporation, and Dexis. Served as advisor on health and education programs. Worked as a Subject Matter Expert and training facilitator at the Foreign Service Institute – Foreign Affairs Counter Threat (FACT) course.

August 2012 – June 2015 - Senior Program Advisor – USAID Yemen - Designed rural sector strategy to support stabilization and transition to sustainable economic development and better health outcomes. Identified key areas of opportunity, designed a \$24.5 million, five-year program aimed at increasing livelihoods, reducing malnutrition, and leveraging private sector investment in the agriculture sector.

January 2011 – July 2012 – Senior Program Manager – USAID West Bank Gaza – Managed a \$100 million Palestinian Community Assistance Project (PCAP) in Gaza. This program provided social assistance to over 90,000 people, created 87,000 workdays of employment, provided 41,000 people with non-food humanitarian assistance. The project helped youth develop life skills, improved mental health, and supported accelerated learning programs for over 2,000 children.

January 2010 – December 2010 - Senior Development Advisor – USAID Middle East Iraq Reconstruction Office – Led rural development support activities in USAID Iraq, participated in senior level inter-agency meetings, and led discussions and briefings related to Iraq. Provided technical support to the Mission on social and economic issues and served as a development officer supporting program design and implementation.

December 2007 – December 2009 – ePRT USAID Representative – Led design and implementation of USAID funded counter-insurgency program on an embedded Provincial Reconstruction Team (ePRT) in Babil Province, Iraq. Guided implementation of a multi-sectoral development program that integrated activities to support rural livelihoods, increase food security, and improve citizen security.

May 2007 – November 2007 – Migration Advisor – Provided youth migration advisory services to non-profit groups in Mississippi. Helped assess Hispanic migration and education needs. Created demographic maps by county of Hispanic immigrant children based on U.S. Census data. Highlighted need for bi-lingual education and youth health services, and supported fund-raising efforts to provide those services.

September 2006 – April 2007 – Director of Agriculture and Rural Economy for the Millennium Challenge Corporation. Led the design of an \$87 million rural development program in El Salvador aimed at increasing incomes of the poor in former guerrilla-held territory, creating broad-based economic opportunity and improving rural health services.

January 2004 – August 2006 – Senior Officer-in-Charge, Central America and Mexico Office, Latin America and the Caribbean Bureau, USAID Provided strategic analysis and program design support to field mission senior staff implementing a US\$1 billion development program in Central America and Mexico. Identified youth gang prevention as a critical transnational issue and led efforts in developing LAC Bureau response.

July 2002 – December 2003 - Director of the Trade and Agri-Business Program in USAID/Nicaragua. Managed \$100 million program aimed at increasing rural incomes, reducing poverty and improving food security in Nicaragua through trade-led economic growth. Led a team of 12 professionals in managing livelihoods development, food security and improved health programs. Designed and initiated innovative concepts for promoting more economically secure communities.

August 1996 - June 2002 - Director of the Alternative Development Program in USAID/Peru. Guided the design and implementation of a \$350 million rural development program that significantly increased Peruvian exports and helped communities produce over 27,000 hectares of different crops, strengthened more than 300 local governments, and rehabilitated 1,000 kilometers of roads. Program activities promoted stronger communities, improved citizen security, and increased livelihoods.

Education

Bachelor of Science – Agriculture – Mississippi State; Master of Science – Agronomy – Mississippi State; Master of Business Administration – International Development - University of Costa Rica.

Foreign Service Institute (FSI) – Fully Fluent in Spanish (Speaking 3/Reading 3).
Returned Peace Corps Volunteer to Brazil – Tested Fluent in Portuguese (S3/R3).

Independent Study - Completed coursework in strategic analysis (see <https://www.linkedin.com/in/maxeyinfo>) and conducted independent studies in child

migration and education in Honduras and Mississippi including a one-week volunteer assignment with a Teach for America Delta Corps member in Drew, Mississippi.