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I am very pleased to see the progress that has been made over this past year for children in adversity. The excitement that came out of the Evident Summit has continued and cumulated in this well thought out Action Plan. I commend Dr. Boothby and his staff for leading a very inclusive whole-of-government approach. Our USAID staff were deeply involved in this work, and we are committed to its goals and objectives. We will be working closely with our USAID missions to ensure that children under five have the support and attention to both survive and thrive as they develop. We also see important opportunities to better integrate our programs that focus on children, especially the HIV/AIDS OVC work with the other health and development activities. Having worked on international children programs for 30 years, I am truly encouraged by the vision, commitment and dedication of those working on ensuring children have a better future. It's an honor to be part of this team.