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## **Dr. Ronald Waldman Appointed as President of Board of Directors of Doctors of the World-USA**

**(New York, N.Y.)** – Doctors of the World-USA today announced that Dr. Ronald Waldman has been appointed President of the Board of Directors of Doctors of the World-USA, an international humanitarian organization providing medical care to vulnerable populations affected by war, natural disasters, disease, famine, poverty or exclusion.

“For more than three decades, Doctors of the World has been providing healthcare where it is needed most across the globe,” Dr. Waldman said. “I am proud to lead a board that is equally committed to establishing long-term solutions to treat the most vulnerable populations. Together, we hope to provide sustainable solutions that improve health, and save lives.”

A physician specializing in child health in developing countries, Dr. Ronald Waldman has served as a Professor of Global Health with the Department of Global Health at George Washington University’s School of Public Health and Health Services since July 2012. He currently serves as Editor in Chief of the new journal, *Global Health: Science and Practice*.

Dr. Waldman began his career as a volunteer in the World Health Organization’s (WHO) Smallpox Eradication Program, serving for two years in rural Bangladesh. He joined the Epidemic Intelligence Service of the U.S. Centers for Disease Control (CDC) and Prevention in 1979 and was assigned to the Michigan State Health Department, where he became the principal investigator on case-control studies that established the association between aspirin and Reye Syndrome. Dr. Waldman also worked with the Ministry of Health in Somalia and, with colleagues, helped establish the epidemiology of refugee health.

After two years as CDC’s regional epidemiologist based in Abidjan, Cote d’Ivoire, in 1985 he became Director of the Technical Support Division of CDC’s International Health Program Office and worked on child survival projects and disaster response. From 1992 to 1994, he served as Coordinator of the Cholera Control Task Force at the World Health Organization (WHO) in Geneva.

From 1994 to 1999, he was assigned by CDC to be Technical Director of the USAID-funded BASICS program, a global child survival effort. During this time he also worked in emergency relief in the Balkans and Central Africa. In 1999, he became Professor of Clinical Population and Family Health and Professor of Clinical Epidemiology at Columbia University's Mailman School of Public Health, where he was Founding Director of the Program on Forced Migration and Health.

In 2004 and 2005, he was WHO's coordinator during the tsunami emergency in Aceh, Indonesia. In 2007, he became Team Leader for Strategic Preparedness in the Pandemic Influenza and Other Emerging Pandemic Threats Unit of the US Agency for International Development. Three years later, he served as the US government's health sector coordinator in the Haiti earthquake relief effort and, later that year, as Senior Public Health Advisor to the U.N. Humanitarian Coordinator during the Pakistan floods disaster response.

Dr. Waldman received his M.D. from the University of Geneva and his M.P.H. from the then-Johns Hopkins School of Hygiene and Public Health.

#### **About Doctors of the World-USA**

Doctors of the World is an international humanitarian organization providing medical care to vulnerable populations affected by war, natural disasters, disease, famine, poverty or exclusion. Originally established in France in 1980, the Doctors of the World international network now has offices in 14 countries in Europe, Asia and the Americas, including the U.S. office, which launched in 2012. In 2010, Doctors of the World's global network used \$152 million to run 365 programs that provided medical care for more than 1.6 million individuals in more than 70 countries. Learn more about Doctors of the World-USA at [www.doctorsoftheworld.org](http://www.doctorsoftheworld.org).

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