

William David McKinney, retired Foreign Service officer with the U.S. Agency for International Development, died September 8, 2022, in Wellington, New Zealand, at the age of 82. Mr. McKinney was born in Boston, Massachusetts, on January 27, 1940. He earned a bachelor's degree from Fisk University in 1963 and a master's degree from the University of California-Berkeley in 1969. In 1965 he joined the Peace Corps and went to India. From 1975 to 1978, he was a program officer for UNICEF in Bangladesh. He joined the Foreign Service in 1979. Overseas assignments for Mr. McKinney included India; Ghana; Pakistan; Jordan; Yemen in 1993, where he was mission director; Almaty, Kazakhstan; and Baku, Azerbaijan. In Washington, Mr. McKinney's assignments included assistant program officer in 1979 and a detail to the National War College in 1989. From 1991 to 1993, he served as vice president of the American Foreign Service Association. He retired in 2004. In retirement, Mr. McKinney did contract work for USAID in Banda Aceh (2005), Iraq (2006), Lebanon (2009–10), and Ukraine (2012–13). From 2007 to 2008, he also undertook a contract for the New Zealand Agency for International Development in Wellington, covering the Cook Islands, Kiribati, and Samoa. While accompanying his wife on her New Zealand government posting to the Solomon Islands, Mr. McKinney worked for the Global Fund to fight HIV/AIDS, tuberculosis, and malaria. Mr. McKinney also served on the boards of international schools in Islamabad, Amman, and Baku. In 2020, he recorded his oral history with the Association for Diplomatic Studies and Training. Mr. McKinney is survived by his wife Kirsty; his children Iain, Ayesha, Raj and Keith and their spouses; and two grandchildren.