



Congratulations to Ms. Evelyn Dawson, Lead Overseas Support Specialist and principal procurement officer for the Africa Region, for 35 years of federal government service. She has been assigned to the PLS staff since 1999 and was promoted to the position of Lead Overseas Support Specialist in 2009. Ms. Dawson's lengthy career also includes employment at the Federal Bureau of Investigations, Washington DC from 1974 to 1977 and the Peace Corps, Office of Volunteer Support Washington, DC from 1977 to 1999.

Peace Corps Chief of Staff, Mr. Stacy Rhodes, presented Mr. Gary Bell, Material Coordinator (contractor), with a Peace Corps Certificate of Appreciation. Mr. Bell voluntarily worked on a declared snow day for non-mission essential federal government Agency personnel after a major snow storm hit the Metropolitan Washington DC area. He braved the elements and quickly assembled and coordinated the special handling of perishable shipments of H1N1 Influenza Vaccine to Albania, Armenia, Mongolia, Thailand, Georgia, Morocco, and the Philippines. His dedication to mission accomplishment resulted in the expeditious delivery of enough vaccine to immunize 800 Peace Corps volunteers in high-risk infection areas. Mr. Bell has worked at the Peace Corps since June 1995.



## H1N1 (Human Swine Flu)

Over the past 10 months, Team PLS has played a major role in preventing the spread and exposure of the H1N1 virus to Volunteers and staff members aboard during a global outbreak. Throughout the crisis, the staff partnered with the Centers for Disease Control, Office of Medical Services, and Country Action Officers to acquire the vaccine and established an aggressive distribution schedule which ensured 8,200 overseas staff members, dependents, Volunteers, and new trainees were vaccinated in a timely manner and skillfully executed 108 expedited shipments throughout 74 countries, valued at \$41K. Most importantly, all high risk personnel were vaccinated in a timely manner.

