



## **Strategies for International Development Announces New Appointment to the Board of Directors**

Washington D.C., February 5, 2019--- Strategies for International Development (SID) announces the appointment of Ambassador Thomas Armbruster to its Board of Directors.

SID designs, proves, and promotes better methods for helping farmers in developing countries increase income and graduate from poverty. The methods help them increase their income more rapidly, while also reclaiming the land upon which their income depends and ensuring that women participate equally. SID works in Guatemala and Peru, the two countries in Central and South America with the greatest number of rural poor.

Ambassador Armbruster served as Ambassador to the Republic of the Marshall Islands from August 2012 to May 2016. Since leaving the Foreign Service, Armbruster has worked as an international consultant and is currently lead inspector for an Office of the Inspector General report on U.S. Embassy in Bogota, Colombia. Previous inspections include the South Central Asia bureau of the State Department and the U.S. Embassy in Copenhagen.

“I am incredibly impressed with the work that SID has done in Peru and Guatemala. They truly impact lives, helping farmers build the skills to participate actively in the competitive marketplace,” explained Ambassador Armbruster, adding “I am truly honored to be a member of SID’s Board and look forward to being an active contributor to the organization’s success.”

“We are excited about Ambassador Armbruster joining the Board,” said Charles Patterson, Executive Director of SID. “He has excellent experience coordinating with other organizations to address problems of common interest and has offered to use his expertise to increase support and raise awareness of SID’s new regional approach. The regional approach is our latest innovation and it gives large numbers of farmers an opportunity to increase their income and graduate from poverty.”

### **About Strategies for International Development**

Strategies for International Development (SID), founded in 1994, is a nonprofit organization that designs, proves, and promotes better methods for helping poor farmers make the transition from subsistence to successful commercial farming. We collaborate with farmers and local partners to help create sustainable prosperous rural communities, where farmers do not need to migrate to cities or other countries in search of employment and a better life. [www.sidworld.org](http://www.sidworld.org)