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Kelly Clements has served as Deputy Assistant Secretary since March 2010 with responsibility for humanitarian issues in Asia and the Near East, the Office of Policy and Resource Planning, and the Comptroller's Office in the Bureau of Population, Refugees, and Migration. She served from April – August 2014 as Acting Deputy Chief of Mission at U.S. Embassy Beirut, Lebanon. As Deputy and then Director, she led the Office of Policy and Resource Planning from 2002 - 2010, where she was responsible for the Bureau's strategic planning, policy development, budget, and performance activities. She currently guides the Bureau's substantial humanitarian policy portfolio and articulates to the Department and interagency community sound stewardship of financial resources of over \$2 billion provided annually to major international and non-governmental organizations to protect and assist refugees, conflict victims, and vulnerable migrants worldwide.

Clements' career with the State Department began as a Presidential Management Intern in 1990. Early in her tenure, she was detailed to the Office of the U.N. High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) in Bangladesh to assist and protect over 200,000 refugees fleeing Burma in 1992. She was also a member of the State Department's Iraq Task Force on Kurdish Refugees and Displaced Persons in 1991, which coordinated the U.S. Government's emergency response to the flight of 1.8 million Kurdish refugees to Turkey and Iran.

From 1993-1996, Clements served at the U.S. Mission to the United Nations in Geneva, Switzerland on a foreign service appointment. Shortly thereafter, she became Special Assistant to the Under Secretary of State for Global Affairs where she was responsible for communicating humanitarian policy issues to Department leadership. She was then the Bureau's Congressional and Non-Governmental Organization Liaison. Clements was deployed to Albania in 1999 to respond to the outflow of one million refugees from Kosovo and in early 2000, she was appointed Senior Emergency Officer for Europe, the NIS, and the Americas and later served as Balkans Assistance Coordinator.

Ms. Clements has a B.A. in International Studies (1988) and an M.A. in Urban Affairs (1990) from Virginia Tech. Clements is a career member of the Senior Executive Service.

Clements is married with two children.