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Kimber Haddix McKay is the Research Manager at The ISIS Foundation, part of the ISIS Group.

The ISIS Group was established in 1998 and consists of ISIS AP, a private placement and corporate advisory business, and The ISIS Foundation, a non-profit organisation, which provides services to people living in poverty in Nepal and Uganda. ISIS AP was established as a “for purpose” business with the principle objective of supporting the work of The ISIS Foundation. Today, The ISIS Foundation helps over 20,000 people in poverty a year.

The ISIS Foundation funds and manages, in partnership with local community groups, numerous health, education and other essential services projects for women and children in remote areas of Nepal and Uganda. ISIS AP has provided millions of dollars in core support costs to The ISIS Foundation since inception.

Kimber joined ISIS close to its inception in the late 1990s. Her training is in medical and demographic anthropology, as well as evolutionary anthropology. She had been living and conducting research in Humla, Nepal since 1995 when she crossed paths with Audette Exel, the founder of the ISIS Group, in Kathmandu. They brainstormed ideas for ISIS’ work in Humla on a month-long walk through Northern Humla in 1998. This led to the development of the research pillar of ISIS’ work, as she went on to conduct many studies on social, behavioral and health changes associated with ISIS’ projects, and to make policy and programmatic recommendations based on their results.

Before working with ISIS, Kimber had worked on issues associated with population patterns and demographic change, and on maternal/child health in Honduras, Nepal and Kenya. After PhD training at the University of California, Davis and post-doctoral training at the University of California, Berkeley, she was a research fellow at the Population Council in Nairobi, Kenya. She was also a research affiliate at Tribhuvan University, Kathmandu.

Currently she serves as Professor of Anthropology at the University of Montana, Missoula and she oversees research, monitoring and evaluation in both Nepal and Uganda for ISIS.

Kimber has a BA, MA and PhD in anthropology and post-doctoral training in demography.