

Practicum
Youth Friendly Services Health Facility Assessment
Curamericas Global

Timeframe: Summer 2020
Commitment: 4-6 weeks
Location: Kisii Town, Kenya

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Application Deadline: Applications accepted on a rolling basis. Deadline to apply is February 1, 2020.

Compensation: All practicum positions are unpaid. Students must be able to cover their own travel and lodging expenses. Affordable lodging can be arranged by Curamericas Global prior to travel.

Position Purpose and Description:

The KIKOP Project works to reduce the rates of infant, child, and maternal mortality in the Kitutu Chache Sub-County of Kisii, Kenya through community-driven health education and health facility improvements. As part of a new initiative focusing on adolescents, KIKOP launched a youth friendly services assessment tool in order to improve health services for teens and young adolescents in government health centers in Kisii County.

The Youth Friendly Services Health Facility Assessment practicum student (YFSP) will work with Ministry of Health (MoH) and KIKOP staff to conduct health facility assessments in three partner facilities. The YFSP will create a report outlining strengths and gaps of each facility, work with staff report results to MoH personnel and draft an action plan for each facility. If qualified, and dependent on action plan developed, the YFSP may also provide one-on-one guidance and training for project and health facility staff and/or assistance with developing a YFS manual .

All practicum students are asked to allocate a maximum of 15% of their time to assist with tasks outside of their immediate job description in order to meet urgent project needs and support the Curamericas Global team. These tasks may include things like notetaking during site visits and meetings with community leaders, data entry, or assistance with quality monitoring.

About Curamericas

Curamericas Global is a world class, global health NGO that has been saving the lives of mothers and children in low-resource communities for the past 36 years. Curamericas Global works in partnership with communities and local NGOs to implement evidence-based strategies through community-led, long-term projects that empower communities to take control of their own health. Curamericas' projects embody our shared values of equity, compassion, and empowerment through data-driven decision making to create programs that are sustainable through partnership and changes in individual behavior and social norms.

Selection Criteria:

- (Required) Graduate of undergraduate program or enrolled in, or graduate of, a master's or other post-bachelor's degree in public health, international health, education, social sciences or related degree
- Highly motivated and results oriented
- Experience with (or desire to learn) about youth friendly services and adolescent health
- Flexible and open to doing whatever is needed to meet program goals

- Interest in program evaluation, East Africa, teen health, and/or international community health practices and principles

Other notes:

No prior medical training is required, however those with an interest or experience in the medical field are encouraged to apply. Curamericas and KIKOP are flexible to project start and end dates, however we highly encourage students to spend a minimum of 4 weeks at the project site in Kenya. Students may complete part of their practicum before and/or after their time at the project site either remotely or at Curamericas Global's office in Raleigh, NC.

Application Instructions: Please send completed application, resume, writing sample (2- to 3-page portion), and cover letter to bmuffoletto@curamericas.org