**Practicum**

**Adolescent Health Program Evaluation**

**Curamericas Global**

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| **Timeframe:** Summer 2020 (preferably July)**Commitment:** 4-6 weeks **Location:** Kisii Town, Kenya | **Supervised by:** Barbara Muffoletto, Program ManagerKevin Kayando Aulla, KIKOP Project CoordinatorAnne Bitengo Nyangweso, KIKOP Community Support Supervisor |

**Application Deadline:** Applications accepted on a rolling basis. Deadline to apply is February 15, 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. One of KIKOP’s initiatives is a young adolescent sexual health education program for public and private middle schools, called the *Uwezeshaii Vijana* (Teen Empowerment) program. The UV program aims to increase sexual health knowledge and strengthen adolescent abilities in making smart sexual health decisions in order to address the increasing incidence of adolescent pregnancies and the resulting consequences such as dropping out of school and maternal deaths.

The UV Program Evaluation (UVPE) practicum student will do a comprehensive evaluation of the first year of the pilot intervention in order to inform the implementation of the project in 2020-21. The UVPE will conduct the evaluation using new and existing quantitative M&E tools, data collected through individual and focus group discussions, and feedback from curriculum facilitators.

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) qualitative research methods
* Experience with conducting program outcome and/or process evaluations
* 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:**

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