**Practicum**

**Health Curriculum Development & Training**

**Curamericas Global**

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| **Start Date:** Spring or Summer 2020**Commitment:** 4-8 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 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.

The Health Curriculum Development & Training (HCDT) practicum student will work directly with KIKOP staff to develop training materials on various health topics to be taught to Community Health Volunteers (CHVs) and Health Promoters.

Lessons for CHVs

KIKOP provides monthly meetings to collect data and provide refresher trainings to CHVs. Trainings last 30 minutes to 1 hour, are highly interactive and review the key takeaways of annual trainings sessions. Lessons include topics such as: nutrition for pregnant women, danger signs during pregnancy, diarrhea prevention and treatment for children. The HCDT practicum student will develop 6 lessons over the course of the practicum.

Lessons for Health Promoters

The Care Group curriculum uses behavior change methodologies to influence maternal behavior at the household level. Care Group lessons use concise and clear messaging along with games, pictures and hands-on activities to encourage knowledge gain and behavior change in mothers living in low-resource, rural communities. The HCDT practicum student will develop new lessons based on project priorities using both existing lesson plans and the creation of new materials to create a minimum of 5 lessons over the course of the practicum.

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
* Flexible and open to doing whatever is needed to meet program goals
* Interest in program management and 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.

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