**Practicum**

**Process Evaluation and Qualitative Operational Research – Care Groups**

**Curamericas Global**

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| **Start Date:** Spring or Summer 2020  **Commitment:** 6-8 weeks  **Location:** Kisii Town, Kenya | **Supervised by:**  Barbara Muffoletto, Program Manager  Kevin Kayando Aulla, KIKOP Project Coordinator  Anne 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 Process Evaluation (PE) practicum student will work directly with KIKOP staff to conduct a quantitative process evaluation on the delivery of Care Group lessons, as well as a qualitative analysis on the experience of participants.

Process Evaluation – Care Groups

This quantitative analysis will assess the delivery of care groups in the Iranda catchment. The goal is to uncover intervention strengths and weaknesses in relation to quality of implementation, attendance and vital events capture. The project includes the revision and narrowing of indicators, analysis, and the sharing of results through a formal report and in-person presentation to project staff.

Qualitative Research – Care Groups Training Cascade

This study involves analyzing interviews from each level of the Care Group training cascade (Health Promoters, Care Group Volunteers, and mothers) in order to find out what is going well and what changes should be considered and better understand motivation and barriers to participation. This qualitative study is intended to complement the quantitative results of the process evaluation and to inform recommendations for areas of improvement and new tools or strategies to increase program fidelity. This project involves revising existing interview guides, conducting/arranging interviews, and analyzing the results.

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) 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
* Experience creating tools for qualitative research or analyzing qualitative data is desired.
* Intermediate to high abilities in MS Excel (or strong interest in learning how to use Excel for data analysis)
* 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:**

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](mailto:bmuffoletto@curamericas.org)