

Fellow Placement Examples: Rwanda



Gardens for Health International

Research: Fellow reviewed and revised data collection, management, and analysis processes. They also worked to revise a key baseline survey that was administered to 720 families across 18 health centers.

Health Builders

Health Systems Strengthening: Fellows helped to scale the use of a proven medical device through hospital staff trainings at multiple sites; developing and tracking program process indicators and outcomes. Neonatal premature deaths have been reduced by 4% in the catchment area since the program implementation.

Ministry of Health: Human Resources for Health Program

Knowledge Management and Communications: Fellow developed and maintained the program's knowledge management system and led the development of the communications program, assisting in the capacity building around these efforts to ensure a sustained 50% improvement in the speed, accuracy and volume of information flow.

MASS Design Group

Architecture and Design: Fellows contributed to the design and construction management of hospital facilities, including use of local building materials and focus on innovative approaches to reduce transmission of airborne diseases.

African Evangelistic Enterprise

Community Health: Fellow created nutrition and water, sanitation, and hygiene (WASH) interventions that trained 1,422 community health workers (CHWs) on maternal, infant, and young child nutrition. Fellow developed first-ever nutrition strategic plan that established high-level strategy and developed the organization's nutrition priorities.

The Ihangane Project

Information Technology Systems: Fellow developed the final design of a tablet-based electronic medical record system which facilitates the development and implementation of the application; potentially revolutionizing frontline healthcare delivery systems and the delivery of timely health information.

Other Placement Countries

Clinton Health Access Initiative, Malawi

Partnership Development: Fellows coordinated a three-year, \$4.2 million project to empower HIV-positive women. The project links HIV treatment with sexual and reproductive health education through a consolidated work plan for five local partner organizations.



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Baylor College of Medicine Children's Foundation, Uganda

Development and Fundraising: Fellow helped secure a \$2 million grant to expand Baylor-Uganda's maternal and newborn health program. The fellow also advocated for the creation of a new resource mobilization department and worked with senior leadership to develop a staffing structure and hiring plan and write job descriptions for the new resource mobilization department.

City of Newark, USA

Policy and Program Evaluation: Fellow served as technical lead on the process evaluation of *Let's Move! Newark*, a city-wide version of Michelle Obama's national initiative aimed at eliminating childhood obesity which involved over 65 partners. The report was presented to the Partnership for Healthier America and National *Let's Move!*

Partners In Health

Partners In Health Rwanda is one of many placement organizations that have benefited year after year from the diversity of ways GHC fellows can contribute to the organization's work.

2015-2016: Fellows innovated a new pharmacy stock management system for Butaro hospital to improve drug storage and distribution. As a result, from Sept 2015 to June 2016 the stock data accuracy improved from 90% and maintained a peak score of 98%.

2014-2015: Fellows facilitated the distribution of \$2.3M of medicine through PIH's supply chain, trained 40+ clinicians on quality improvement, and directed a needs assessment across 11 health facilities evaluating quality of care in the treatment of children with acute malnutrition.

2013-2014: New oncology drugs were added to the Rwandan Ministry of Health's National Essential Medicines list due to the advocacy efforts of fellows.

2012-2013: Fellows provided patient education sessions for more than 200 people on proper use and storage of medicines. The trainings improved treatment adherence, leading to greater health outcomes and more cost-effective use of medicines.

2011-2012: Fellows guided product selection, forecasting and supply planning for the pharmaceuticals annual order (90% of the pharmacy program budget) that resulted into a more efficient allocation of financial resources while ensuring best practices and risk minimization.

2010-2011: Fellows implemented and managed the Mentorship and Enhanced Supervision Program, Infectious Disease (MESH-ID) which improves capacity of health centers by providing increased training for nurses and hiring additional supervisors who focus primarily on mentoring nurses and improving health center care.