A Look into the Peace Corps Office of Global Health and HIV – Summer 2021

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Introduction

- Worked with Peace Corps (PC) health specialists in the Office of Global Health and HIV (OGHH)
- Analyzed data and reviewed literature surrounding Peace Corps’ health indicators
- Worked to assist OGHH with COVID programming and course development

Objective of Internship

To better understand Peace Corps’ role in the global health field and the work that volunteers do; to learn about how Peace Corps is structured, its relationship to the US government, and its values.

Reflection

Projects

- HIV Care and Treatment – conducted data analysis and reviewed training sessions
- Supply Chain – Conducted data analysis and literature review
- COVID Course – helped develop online course modules for post staff to train volunteers on COVID in their country
  - Completed LearningSpace Developer Certificate course
- Journal Club – chose article and led discussion for the office
  - Gave feedback on Monitoring and Evaluation online course
  - Attending PC webinars and lectures
  - Familiarized myself with HIV Basics materials

Looking ahead

- I now better understand PC as an organization and its global impact. This is helpful in deciding what kinds of health work I am most interested in.

Questions

- What are PC’s plans for the future of volunteer programming? (post-COVID)
- How can data be collected in the field in the most efficient and accurate ways?

Conclusion

- Learned many new skills including R analysis/troubleshooting, how to run a journal club, ways to ask questions and present on literature, E-learning instructional design, and so much about HIV and supply chain in general
- Better prepared for future work in the health field and the challenges health specialists face

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