

Peace Corps Office of Global Health and HIV



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Introduction of Internship

- Work closely with the Gender Specialist in OGHH
- Work to ensure a gender lens was integrated into PC programs and manuals and PCV projects

Objective of Internship

To work with the Gender Specialist, which allowed me to further my passion and curiosity for the topic of gender equity, which I am involved with at school, and to gain experience outside the Princeton sphere by integrating the topic into initiatives on a broader scale

Work profile

- Assisted the Gender Specialist on several gender-related projects
- Gathered and compiled information to make information more accessible to PCV and staff
- Reviewed current PC materials
- Generated new PC materials

Reflection

- Gender LibGuide
- Gender Newsletter
- Review of 'peer education' in Peace Corps manuals and materials
- Review of Peace Corps Skillz Coaching Guide
- Summary of GRS and Gender in the Health Sector documents



- The **Gender LibGuide** is a resource for use by Volunteers and staff that compiles PC manuals and materials that highlight ways to **encourage, educate, and engage communities** in topics relating to **gender equity**
- The **Gender Newsletter** revitalizes the Gender COP so members of the COP can share stories and tips and it introduces the Gender LibGuide to the COP

- **PC Skillz Coaching Guide** is a manual presented by PC and GRS-inclusive language and helpful information not presented in other manuals
- 2015 article questioned the effectiveness of **peer education** as an interventional method (see where PC recommends peer education and search recent studies)
- **Summary documents** for the PC and GRS relationship as well as for Gender in Health Sector

Looking ahead

- Becoming a PCV
- Previous misconceptions I had of the organization were dispelled and I was encouraged by the consideration and effort that goes into Peace Corps programming and into creating long-lasting, effective programs in the communities served
- Continued friendships and professional relationships with coworkers

Conclusion

- Better understanding of the complexity behind gender programming integration in response to differing cultural values of persons and communities

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