Global Public Health Internship at UNAIDS, Geneva, Switzerland

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Four tracks:

- Global Health
- Environment, Energy, and Economics
- Humanitarian Action
- Global Social Innovation

Global Health Track

- Equip students to join in the fight against HIV/AIDS, tuberculosis, malaria, and other pressing health challenges
- Provides students with both an academic and experiential perspective on how intergovernmental institutions, public-private partnerships, and non-governmental organizations shape global health policy
- Combines internships with global health stakeholder organizations in Geneva and an intensive one-week course on “Health Policy in a Globalizing World”
Overview of the Joint United Nations Programme on HIV/AIDS (UNAIDS)

- Founded in 1996 as the primary advocate for accelerated, comprehensive and coordinated global action to tackle the HIV/AIDS epidemic
- An innovative partnership that leads and inspires the world in reaching universal access to HIV/AIDS services
- Co-Sponsors include:
  - UNHCR
  - UNDP
  - UN Women
  - WHO
  - UNICEF
  - UNFPA
  - ILO
  - The World Bank
  - WFP
  - UNODC
  - UNESCO

- Branches
  - Executive Branch
  - Programme Branch
  - Management and Governance Branch

The Prevention Division of UNAIDS Secretariat provides strategic leadership and guidance on effective approaches to achieve the prevention targets of reducing the number of new HIV infections by 75% in 2020 and by 90% in 2030, towards the ultimate aim of Zero new HIV infections. It develops and promotes strategies, policies and programmatic approaches to sustainably reduce new infections in both generalized and concentrated epidemics, generates and disseminates strategic information and prevention program guidance to regions and countries; champions the development and implementation of state-of-the-art behavioural, biomedical and structural prevention methods; strengthens linkages between prevention and treatment, gender and human rights initiatives and programs; and establishes and partnerships and alliances for prevention.
Prevention Division Intern

Developing a bi-monthly Prevention Update

• Ensure connectivity between UNAIDS staff at Headquarters, country and regional offices and strengthen communication on prevention between all levels

Assisting the prevention division with its communication strategy, including specific products and processes

• The prevention division is organizing monthly webinars with strategic intervention advisors at regional and country level that address and provide updates on different prevention-related thematic requested by staff

Research on topics related to prevention

• Exploratory research on sex workers’ use of information and communications technologies (ICTs) for work and health information needs for all the different regions
Country Impact and Sustainability
Department

Office of Policy Coordination and Programme Communication
Global Financing and Partner Coordination Division
Country Programme Gap Analysis and Accountability Division

- Identifying resource gaps in key populations
- “15 by 15” - A Global Target Achieved
  - In March 2015, UNAIDS achieved 2011 goal by providing antiretroviral therapy to the 15 millionth person.
- How AIDS Changed Everything - MDG6: 15 Years of Lessons of Hope from the AIDS Response
  - In 15 years we have reduced number of new HIV infections from 3.1 million to 2.0 million. If we would have stayed dormant, 30 more million people would have been infected with HIV, 7.8 million more would have died and 8.9 million more children would have been orphaned due to AIDS.

Country Programme Gap Analysis and Accountability Intern

Evaluating annual country budgets

- Monitor the annual budgets of 9 out of 30 Fast-Track countries (Botswana, Democratic Republic of the Congo, Ethiopia, Indonesia, Kenya, Malawi, Nigeria, South Africa, South Sudan, and Zambia)
- Gaps in resources

UNAIDS Internal Publication, *HIV-End Game*

- 30 Fast-Track countries Angola, Brazil, Cote d'Ivoire, Cameroon, Chad, China, Democratic Republic of the Congo, Ethiopia, Haiti, Indonesia, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Jamaica, Kenya, Lesotho, Malawi, Mozambique, Nigeria, Pakistan, Russia Federation, South Africa, South Sudan, Swaziland, Uganda, Ukraine, United Republic of Tanzania, U.S., Vietnam, Zambia, and Zimbabwe
- Monitor percentage of PLHIV receiving ART, percentage of HIV+ PW receiving PMTCT, percentage of reduction of new infections in adults 15+ by 2020.
## Lessons Learned

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<td>Identified the ethical, social and legal issues implied by public health interventions</td>
<td>Application of evidence-based approaches in the development and evaluation of social and behavioral science interventions</td>
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<td>Political, cultural, historic factors and their effects on key populations</td>
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