Orrin Tiberi's career path has been one of a global citizen, taking him from living in the U.S. to Ecuador, Uganda, and now, Mozambique. He is a Returned Peace Corps Ecuador Volunteer, an alumnus of Global Health Corps Uganda, and a former PHI/CDC Global Health Fellow based at the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention in the Division of Global HIV and TB.

Growing up in Montana, Orrin first worked on local level public health campaigns that were in tobacco prevention before pursuing his MPH. From there, Orrin grew interested in global health, drawing on his MPH and his education in anthropology while serving in the Peace Corps in Ecuador and Global Health Corps in Uganda.

### THE FELLOWSHIP EXPERIENCE:

Working at CDC is often viewed as "the pinnacle of public health" where it’s possible to make a big impact. Coming from a smaller MPH program with a more limited global network, the fellowship provided a way for him to get his foot in the door at CDC Global with hands-on training. As a first year Fellow, Orrin was based at CDC Headquarters, in Atlanta, Georgia, where he benefited from a wealth of knowledge from global health experts, and focused on monitoring and evaluation projects for South Sudan, Ukraine, the Caribbean and Central America Regional Offices. The next two years, he was based in...
"My experience in the global health arena has reinforced my vision that health should be a right, not a privilege, and I work every day to make that a reality."

Maputo, Mozambique, where he works today for CDC. In Mozambique, Orrin learned Portuguese, bonded with his mentors and worked on large-scale epidemiology projects, such as designing and generating maps using ArcGIS to better envision the HIV epidemic in country. Partnering with teams from Lab, Care and Treatment, Strategic Information, and Program Management Branches he helped improve data quality, reporting and visualization. As a Fellow, he appreciated "the excellent level of support and rapid response time" from the PHI program, and took advantage of hands-on training and learning opportunities.

**His current role for CDC:**

As Data Manager for CDC Mozambique, Orrin builds on his fellowship experience with the Health Systems Branch in his current work with the Health Information Branch. What originally drew him to Mozambique is what he works on today— a database called MozART: one of the longest continual ART patient database in sub-Saharan Africa. He provides technical assistance to the Mozambique National Institute of Health and oversees the management of various HIV and TB national patient databases. Orrin remains committed to improving healthcare access around the world and working collaboratively, "as with the eradication of any contagious disease, we are in this together."

**Countries traveled to with CDC:**
- Mozambique
- South Africa
- Trinidad & Tobago
- Guatemala
- El Salvador

**Favorite trainings as a fellow:**
- SQL training in Kenya
- GIS training in South Africa
- Portugese Lessons

**Advice for future fellows:**

Looking back, the fellowship can be a wild ride, so it’s best to come in with a positive attitude, “seek out opportunities...grow professionally and learn.” Take stock of your interests, what you want to contribute and be your own advocate. Self-awareness and time for reflection are incredibly valuable.