

New fellow orientation in Atlanta, GA (2021)



PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

The PHI/CDC Global Health Fellowship Program was a fellowship program funded by the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and implemented by the Public Health Institute (PHI) from August 15, 2017 to August 14, 2023. PHI recruited, placed and supported over 200 recent graduates in public health or a related field to work in CDC's Center for Global Health and other centers in Atlanta, Washington D.C. and country offices abroad.



PHI/CDC Global Health Fellowship Program

By the Numbers

200+

fellows supported
since 2017

28

fellows attended historically
black colleges or universities or
minority serving institutions

7

fellowship tracks

68

fellows participated
in detail assignments

28

country host offices

76

publications made
by fellows

55

fellows responded
to COVID-19

10

fellows responded
to Mpox

2

fellows responded
to Ebola



Our Impact

As recent public health graduates, fellows had the unique opportunity to apply their academic knowledge by gaining practical, first-hand experience working on the front lines of global public health. The PHI/CDC Global Health Fellowship Program supported them along this journey.

94% of fellows received on-the-job experience in their primary study area

From strengthening [surveillance against antimicrobial resistance](#) in Tbilisi, Georgia, to delivering comprehensive and holistic [HIV prevention](#) in South Africa, our fellows have done it all.

99% of fellows plan to continue global health work

When reflecting on the program, alumni expressed appreciation for the knowledge they gained, the people they met, and the impact they made. Read about their experiences in the program [here](#).

55,000 downloads from our podcast featuring fellows and CDC mentors

The [PHI/CDC Global Health Podcast](#) produced a total of 23 episodes highlighting staff, fellows and CDC mentors work ranging from vaccine introduction to health equity and data modernization.

“Before the Fellowship program existed, we did not know what we were missing. Now, it’s difficult to imagine what it will be like without the program. Thank you so much for this *fantastic* journey!”

– Luis A. Morfin; Former Mentor
Deputy Country Director; CDC Mozambique



Fellow Sarah Shaw, MPH, with colleagues in Mozambique (2018)

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program years

PROGRAM OVERVIEW

In assignments that ranged from six months to one year, fellows gained on-the-job experience in global health security, epidemiology, HIV prevention, monitoring and evaluation, strategic information, program management, and/or surveillance. Program highlights included:

- **Professional Development and Networking:** The Consortium of Universities for Global Health offered fellows professional development resources, webinars, and networking events.
- **Emergency Response & Overseas Evacuation:** Fellows participated in CDC emergency response to COVID-19, MPox and Ebola. Program staff supported with evacuating all overseas fellows from their host countries, and as COVID-19 travel restrictions eased, supported with fellows' relocation.
- **Program Expansion and Focus on DEI:** In 2021, the program added global health security as a track and ran a mid-year recruitment cycle prioritizing applicants from Minority-Serving Institutions. New fellows received leadership training from Designing for Systems Innovation and Leadership.
- **Robust Alumni Network:** Top post-fellowship career paths include continued work with CDC, further academic training (MD or PhD programs), and employment at state public health departments.

END OF PROGRAM

In January 2023, CDC decided not to solicit a new Co-Operative Agreement for the fellowship program. Thank you to CDC's Felicia Warren, Patrick Chong, Mike Waldmiller, the Consortium of Universities for Global Health, and the Public Health Institute central staff for all their contributions behind the scenes that made the program a success.



Fellows with former CDC Director, Dr. Rochelle Walensky, at the World Health Summit (2022)

Public Health Institute

Public Health Institute (PHI) was the implementing partner for the PHI/CDC Global Health Fellowship Program. PHI is an independent non-profit with over 200 programs and initiatives that span the globe, dedicated to promoting health, advancing health equity, well-being and the quality of life for people around the world. PHI currently works in over 20 countries and brings a successful history and 18 years of experience working on global health fellowship and recruiting programs. In addition to fellowship programs,

From recruitment to closeout, PHI provided fellows with support in orientation, budget management, reimbursement expenses, travel requests, and policies and procedures. As the program progressed, PHI focused outreach and recruitment efforts on Minority Serving Institutions, including Historically Black Colleges and Universities, Hispanic-Serving Institutions, Tribal Colleges and Universities, and Asian American and Pacific Islander Serving Institutions. PHI's dedication to the PHI/CDC Global Health Fellowship Program not only expanded networks between global health professionals, but also contributed to confirming fellows' career paths and finding their next position. Upon fellows' completion of the program, PHI supported in their transition to post-fellowship roles, including working for the CDC, pursuing higher academic training (PhD, MD), and working for state public health departments.

“My experience has been life changing. I wish all public health practitioners interested in a career in global health had this same opportunity.”

– Cristine Gutierrez, MPH
Former PHI/CDC Global Health Surveillance Fellow for
CDC Central America Regional office in Guatemala



Centers for Disease Control and Prevention



 [CDC Website](#)

The PHI/CDC Global Health Fellowship Program supported the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's (CDC) role as a leader in the response to emerging global public health needs and challenges by offering competent and well-educated early career professionals training opportunities working on the front lines of global health. PHI and CDC's Center for Global Health worked in conjunction with CDC offices around the world to develop, fund, and implement the program, and to place fellows in CDC host offices in Atlanta, Washington DC, or overseas in one of the CDC's 60+ locations.

The CDC is one of the major operating components of the Department of Health and Human Services. Whether diseases start at home or abroad, are chronic or acute, curable or preventable, human error or deliberate attack, CDC fights disease and supports communities and citizens to do the same.

CDC increases the health security of our nation. As the nation's health protection agency, CDC saves lives and protects people from health threats. To accomplish this mission, CDC conducts critical science and provides health information that protects our nation against expensive and dangerous health threats, and responds when these arise.

12

CDC divisions
hosted fellows

291

CDC mentors
participated in the
program since 2017

28

country host offices

Consortium of Universities for Global Health Partnership

In January 2018, PHI brought on partner, Consortium of Universities for Global Health (CUGH) to collaborate and support program activities. CUGH is a non-profit organization based in Washington, DC which facilitates interdisciplinary collaborations between academia and other sectors to share and implement knowledge to address global health challenges.

CUGH led the outreach strategy and professional development activities for the PHI/CDC Global Health Fellowship Program. CUGH recruited and managed the Global Health Workforce Panel, which consisted of a team of volunteers from academia who are experts in at least one of the seven program's technical tracks. CUGH hosted an annual conference with over 2,000 scientists, students and implementers from academia, NGOs, government and the private sector who present, learn and collaborate to address some of the pressing challenges our world faces. PHI/CDC fellows were CUGH members and had direct access to the CUGH network and benefits.

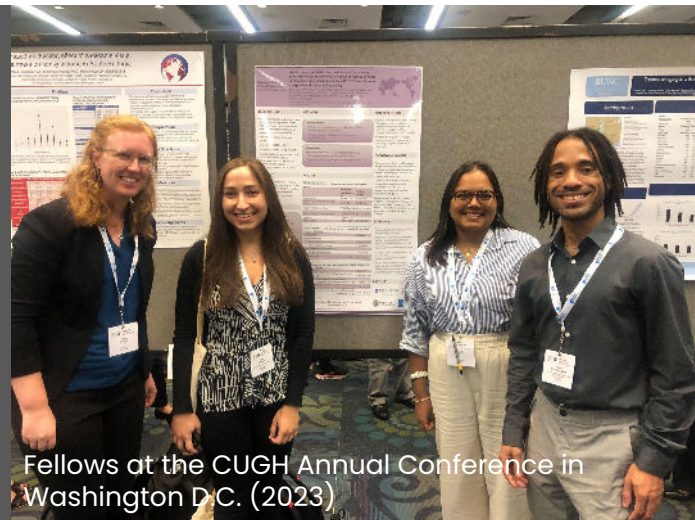


170

academic Institutions

6

conferences offered
during the fellowship



Fellows at the CUGH Annual Conference in Washington D.C. (2023)

Fellow's Emergency Response Work

COVID-19

Fellows participated in detail assignments within CDC's Emergency Operations Center COVID-19 Response Teams. Fellows conducted surveys, analyzed data, provided technical assistance, and monitoring global mitigation measures and analytics to inform guidance to countries about when to enact, remove, and reinstate mitigation measures.

Mpox

Fellows participated in detail assignments with CDC's Mpox Response Taskforce. They led the effort to count new cases of Mpox around the world by scanning a variety of sources and gathering data and recording data in data systems. These data were the primary source used for [CDC's 2022 MPox Outbreak Global Map](#).

Ebola

Fellows participated in detail assignments that focused on analyzing data from Ebola line lists, infection prevention, and control assessments of healthcare facilities. Fellows also collected findings which were used to inform future Ebola outbreak response trainings.



From left: Fellow Kaylee Kim, MPH, with colleagues in Botswana (2021); Fellow Paola Rullan Oliver, MPH, with colleagues in Mozambique (2022)