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CASSIE LAIBLY – MONITORING AND EVALUATION TECHNICAL SUPPORT PROGRAM, UGANDA- 2023

Master of Science in Global Health Equity

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Cassie partnered with the Monitoring Evaluation Technical Support (METS) Program in Uganda. METS collaborates with the Ministry of Health and other partners to improve HIV service quality and strategic information. The mission of METS is to strengthen health systems in Uganda through innovative capacity building approaches for an evidence based and effective HIV response. Cassie visited several HIV clinics in rural and urban locations throughout Uganda. Visiting these clinics provided her with an understanding of how the program is implemented at a regional and national level.

“My internship provided an opportunity for me to grow so much as a person. I have a great foundation now that I can take with me in the future.”

“During my internship I had to pivot and ended up gaining a new skill set. I found this profound passion for policy and looking at the psychosocial outcomes of policy.”

Cassie collaborated with the METS team to submit an IRB and began to analyze deidentified data to support the goals and mission of METS. Cassie gained skills in using the R-Tool and Stata to analyze and interpret data and to develop graphs to understand HIV infection rates stratified by age, sex, and priority populations. Cassie also began developing a policy brief to address an anti-homosexuality act that was recently passed in Uganda. Her work with METS provided a variety of personal learning and growth opportunities as well as contributed to the important and impactful work being done to strengthen health systems in Uganda and implement an effective HIV response.

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| Key takeaways | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Learned how METS fits into the public health and healthcare system in Uganda • Developed a stronger skillset in quantitative data analysis and statistical analysis • Gained experience in global health research focused on HIV |
| Next Steps | Cassie plans to continue developing a policy brief, analyzing data, and writing her results for publication. |



Visiting the METS location in Kampala, Uganda and meeting Dr. Edgar Kansiime.



Visiting Kisenyi Health Center Four and meeting with the data collection and input team