



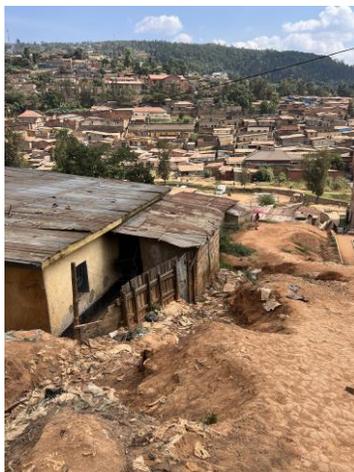
SUPPORTING GLOBAL HEALTH EXPERIENTIAL EDUCATION
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Hannah partnered with the Center for Development Policy (CDP) in Rwanda for her internship. CDP is a nonprofit that contributes to the development of African countries by impacting development policies and programs through evidence based solutions that prioritize local needs. CDP strengthens capacity and promotes brain gain initiatives that are demand driven and informed by policy to address development challenges.

Hannah collaborated with the CDP team to develop an interview guide that was used during focus groups with landlords of both informal and formal settlements. Questions pertained to how they acquired the land, what improvements they have made to the property, and addressed sanitation issues and health concerns. Participant responses revealed concerns regarding safety, sanitation, privacy, lack of space, and the dangers and challenges related to some homes being located on steep hills. Hannah plans to continue coding the qualitative data with her partners using MAXQDA and writing a report to guide future research and guide policy making in Kigali, Rwanda with future housing upgrading projects. This internship provided Hannah with the opportunity to see firsthand the challenges associated with informal and formal settlements. She collaborated with the Center for Development Policy to provide evidence-based policy solutions to impact development and strengthen capacity in Rwanda.

“Being able to meet the people behind the work that I have read about in articles really puts humanity into global health efforts. It was very impactful to meet my partners and see the situations that they are working to improve.”

Key learning takeaways	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Gained an understanding of the public health problems informal settlement dwellers are faced with• Learned how CDP functions and helped to establish a foundation that will guide future projects• Developed an interview guide, conducted focus groups, and analyzed qualitative data to guide future research.
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Mpazi Informal Settlement



Hannah with residents of Mpazi and CDP staff



Collaborating with the CDP team