



JOB OPPORTUNITY

EVIDENCE GENERATION AND LEARNING INTERN (2 POSTS)

WHO WE ARE

The Strategic Purchasing Africa Resource Center (SPARC) is a resource hub aimed at strengthening strategic purchasing capacity in sub-Saharan Africa. Our vision is to empower countries with knowledge and practical tools to make access to affordable and quality health care a reality for all. SPARC is a complimentary resource and partner to the many health financing initiatives on the African continent and globally. Amref Health Africa supports SPARC as the institutional host and Results for Development (R4D) as the core technical partner. An advisory committee made up of key global, regional, and country stakeholders provides additional input and guidance to SPARC's approach and activities.

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THE OPPORTUNITY

Are you interested in helping to document a bespoke approach to technical assistance in Africa? Are you excited to leverage your existing public or private sector experience to support health financing reforms across Africa? Are you eager to learn from, and document country engagement processes and experiences from health systems strengthening experts across Africa? Then this is the perfect role for you.

We are seeking two motivated and detail-oriented interns to join our Evidence Generation and Learning team. As an intern, you will have the opportunity to contribute to our organization's efforts in gathering, analyzing, and disseminating evidence to inform health systems strengthening programs and initiatives. This role offers hands-on experience in research, data analysis, and knowledge management, making it an ideal opportunity for individuals interested in pursuing a career in public health, research, or evidence-based decision-making.

The interns will support the development of relevant tools, processes, and systems to ensure the systematic documentation of SPARC's work in Africa.

KEY RESPONSIBILITIES

- Assist in literature reviews and synthesis of existing research to support the development of evidence-based strategies and interventions.
- Collaborate with team members to collect, clean, and analyze quantitative and qualitative data related to SPARC's work in countries
- Contribute to the creation of data visualizations, reports, and presentations to effectively communicate findings and recommendations to internal and external stakeholders.

- Support the design and implementation of concept notes for SPARC projects.
- Contribute to the organization's knowledge management system by organizing, cataloging, and maintaining a repository of research articles, reports, and other relevant resources.
- Stay up-to-date with the latest developments and conferences in public health research and evidence-based practices.

REQUIRED QUALIFICATIONS AND COMPETENCIES

- Recently completed a bachelor's or master's degree in public health, epidemiology, social sciences, or a related field.
- Strong interest in evidence-based public health, research, and data analysis.
- Excellent organizational skills and attention to detail.
- Proficient in using Microsoft Office Suite (Word, Excel, PowerPoint).
- Basic knowledge of research methodologies.
- Effective communication skills, both written and verbal.
- Ability to work collaboratively in a team environment and independently when required.
- Prior experience in literature reviews, data collection, or research is a plus.

DURATION

Three months minimum. Renewable as needed

HOW TO APPLY

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THE POSITION

The Health Financing Country Engagement Intern will play a crucial role in supporting the health financing initiatives and projects within our organization's global health program. This position is designed to provide an opportunity for professional growth and hands-on experience in the field of health financing, international development, and public health. The intern will collaborate with cross-functional teams to assist in the implementation, monitoring, and evaluation of health financing strategies in various countries. The role involves research, data analysis, project coordination, and communication with stakeholders.

KEY RESPONSIBILITIES

- Conduct literature reviews and research on best practices in health financing reforms across various countries.
- Synthesize findings to contribute to the development of evidence-based recommendations and policy briefs.
- Support the coordination of activities among cross-functional teams and external partners.
- Contribute to the development of databases and dashboard for tracking key indicators
- Support the organization of workshops, training sessions, and knowledge-sharing events.
- Support the development of technical presentations, reports and other materials to and from country engagement activities.
- Assist in maintaining regular communication with internal teams and external partners.

REQUIRED QUALIFICATIONS AND COMPETENCIES

- Recently completed a bachelor's in public health, epidemiology, social sciences, or a related field.
- Strong interest in health system strengthening, health policy, and health governance.
- Solid research and analytical skills, with the ability to interpret and synthesize complex information
- Excellent organizational skills and attention to detail.
- Proficiency in data analysis tools and data presentation tools like Power BI, Tableau
- Proficient in using Microsoft Office Suite (Word, Excel, PowerPoint).
- Basic knowledge of research methodologies.
- Effective communication skills, both written and verbal.
- Ability to work collaboratively in a team environment and independently when required.
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DURATION

Six months minimum. Renewable as needed

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