



## **Program Monitoring & Evaluation Internship in Kilifi, Kenya**

Kupenda for the Children has an ongoing opportunity and is currently accepting applications for Program Monitoring, Management & Evaluation Internship positions. Internships involve working with our project team in Kilifi County, Kenya to track the reach and impact of our Advocacy, Education and/or Medical programs. Individuals with experience in research, program management and data analysis are encouraged to apply. Internship can take place in the U.S. (with remote supervision from Kupenda's American team) or in Kenya (with on-site supervision from Kupenda's Kenyan team).

### **Why We Exist:**

In many areas of the world, people impacted by disability are viewed as cursed, leading to their neglect, abandonment, abuse, rape, and murder. According to the World Health Organization "A billion people in the world, 15% of the population, have a disability severe enough that it limits their participation in family, community and political life."

### **Our Mission:**

Equipping children with disabilities to achieve their God-given potential through advocacy, education and medical intervention. The Children We Serve: Kupenda works with children and youth who have long-term disabilities including physical, cognitive, sensory, and emotional health issues.

### **Where We Work:**

Our work is focused in the Kilifi region of Kenya but our model and materials are also being used in parts of Tanzania, Sierra Leone, Malawi, Zambia and Haiti and are relevant for use in all developing nations.

### **Our Programs**

#### ***Advocacy:***

When people learn about the needs of children with disabilities and how they can respond -- the majority do. We inspire this response by organizing locally-led public awareness days and educational workshops for leaders, families and communities. Participants in these sessions develop more loving, inclusive attitudes toward children with disabilities, which often inspires them to provide direct assistance, such as education access and medical intervention.

#### ***Education:***

Access to school gives children with disabilities the opportunity to reach their full potential -- whether that means going to college or simply learning to hold a cup. We support education access by providing school fees, constructing special needs educational facilities, and hiring and training caretakers and special needs educators.

#### ***Medical Intervention:***

We promote the health of children with disabilities by connecting them to medical care, nutrition support, and therapy (e.g., speech, occupational, and physiotherapy). We also advocate for reduced medical fees, provide referrals, construct medical facilities, and support access to medical equipment and corrective surgeries.

**Internship Description:** The Intern will provide critical research, program management and analysis of data across the Kupenda program portfolio including the development and use of data collection tools to track the reach and impact of Kupenda's Education, Medical and Advocacy programs, with special attention to our disability training program for pastors, government officials and traditional healers. There is a particular need for those with mhealth data collection talent.

Intern will also be responsible for collating, analyzing and reporting on program data and training our field staff to do the same. This internship is a great opportunity to learn about M&E and gain experience in applied research as well as current, pressing global disability justice issues and international disability advocacy.



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Applicants that can commit to longer engagements are preferred. There is some flexibility in duration.

Higher skilled interns, such as those at the Doctoral Level may draft manuscript(s) for peer reviewed journals, reports, and other documents related to monitoring and evaluation, particularly as it relates to disability advocacy.

### **Learning Objectives**

- Gaining experience in the field of M&E.
- Gaining a greater understanding of international health projects by working on cross cutting M&E projects to support disability advocacy programs and priorities.
- Gaining experience reporting program outcomes to private philanthropists, foundations and government funders (including the United Kingdom's Department for International Development, DFID).
- Gaining a greater understanding of data analytics and evaluation principles.
- Deepening skills in collaboration and coordination within a complex organizational and implementation structure.
- Participating in professional development activities provided through Kupenda for the Children and DFID as agreed upon with on site-manager.

### **Qualifications:**

- Currently enrolled bachelors, master's or doctoral degree candidate in non-profit management, economics, statistics, public health, global health, public policy, and/or related program; or, completion of such a program within the past 12 months.
- Coursework and/or hands-on experience with evaluation methods, including survey design and administration preferred.
- Knowledge and understanding of M&E systems and global health M&E issues related to developing countries.
- Proficient with Microsoft Office Suite programs, such as Word, Excel, and PowerPoint.
- Strong written and oral communication skills in English.
- Strong organizational and interpersonal skills.
- Ability to work independently and in a fast-paced environment with short turnaround times while maintaining high standards.
- Strong interest in global health and monitoring and evaluation.
- Exceptional oral and written communication skills
- Strong attention to detail and organizational skills
- Demonstrated maturity to work successfully in high-pressure situations with good humor, grace, and a positive attitude.

**To Apply:** Please send letter of interest, resume, writing sample, weekly availability (days/hours), and contact information for two references to Jessica Charles at [jessica@kupenda.org](mailto:jessica@kupenda.org). Interested individuals may arrange to speak with Jessica prior to applying.

Internships opportunities are ongoing. **Use "Monitoring and Evaluation Internship" as the subject of your e-mail.**

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