



Village Health Works (VHW) is a non-profit global health organization operating in Burundi, East Africa. Founded in 2006 by Burundian-American Deogratias Niyizonkiza, whose inspirational story was told by Tracy Kidder in “Strength In What Remains”, Village Health Works mission is to produce a healthy, self-sufficient population by providing quality health care (a prerequisite to productive life) in a dignified environment while addressing the root causes of illness.

To date Village Health Works health center in Kigutu, Burundi has:

- Served over 60,000 distinct patients, the majority of whom are women and children;
- Installed a 14,000-gallon water tank to provide clean water to Kigutu and surrounding areas;
- Constructed a community health center that includes 10-bed in-patient ward; triage area; IT room; community center; staff residence; and malnutrition ward (the only such facility with capacity to treat malnutrition in southern Burundi);
- Employed a local staff of 145 individuals;
- Trained and paid more than 60 community health workers;
- Installed a solar electricity system that powers the entire clinic;
- Connected the health center to the rest of the world via a satellite communications system that connects us to a world-class network of clinicians and supporters;
- Developed a comprehensive food security program that includes on-site agriculture training; and
- Launched an educational initiative and after-school program in direct response to community members’ requests.

Moving forward, VHW seeks to be a center of excellence, a teaching hospital, and a place where those interested in building their own community-driven organizations can come to learn and perfect their craft. While providing the highest quality health care will always be at the heart of our mission, we aim to offer additional programs in education, agriculture, and economic and community development, in response to community needs. Our model is successful as a direct result of our focus on community members as equal partners in all aspects of organizational development; included but not limited to needs assessment, program development and service delivery.

Village Health Works is seeking an intern in their New York office to assist with daily operations for its international operations through the following responsibilities:

- Interface with VHW staff in NY and overseas individuals (including staff in Burundi) on various projects
- Conduct research projects on various topics as requested by the Director, including research on procurement, social media, etc.
- Assist with the mechanics of large mailings and standard office support duties
- Correspond, when appropriate, by phone, e-mail, or in person on behalf of Village Health Works
- Help process donor information
- Perform other related duties as requested or assigned

Interns need to be available during regular business hours for a minimum of 25 hours per week and should be able to commit for three months. Strong communications skills, knowledge of Microsoft Office, patience, and flexibility are critical for this position.

Interested applicants should submit a cover letter and resume to [mmontoya@villagehealthworks.org](mailto:mmontoya@villagehealthworks.org).

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