

Agency: Betasab, Inc.
Domestic Supervisor: Keith Williams, US Program Director
Field Address: Lafto Sub-City, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia
Field Supervisor: Firewoyni Fransou, Ethiopia Program Director
Start Date: January 2014
End Date: May 2014
Number of hours/week: 30



Practicum title: *Follow-up survey to May 2012 "Baseline Needs Assessment"*

The organization:

Betasab, Inc. is a nonprofit organization based in Brooklyn, New York and Addis Ababa, Ethiopia. Our goals are to:

- Provide vulnerable Ethiopian women and children with the means to a secure future through a holistic package of services
- Empower women by providing infrastructure for income-generating activities
- Stop the cycle of poverty and lack of education in the Lafto neighborhood of Addis Ababa

We create permanent homes of seven or eight children headed by two women, and provide these new families with housing, nutritious food, high-quality education, clothing, healthcare, and recreation. We now support twenty-one children and six women in our Group Homes.

Our needs:

In 2012, we commissioned a survey of 500 households in the area in which we operate. This study, led by Jennifer Foth, MPH, forms the baseline of our understanding of the needs in our neighborhood. The statistics we found are staggering. Of area children, 15% are orphaned; 38% do not sleep on a mattress; 36% go to bed hungry at least twice per week.

We would like to conduct a follow-up assessment to see if and how the needs of our neighborhood have changed. We would also like to determine, if possible, to what extent our programming has had an effect on any improvements seen in the area.

We also want to continue the quality-of-life improvements our women have made by building infrastructure so that they and other local women can take their financial futures into their own hands through income-generating activities.

Responsibilities:

Conduct Follow-Up Child Needs Assessment

- Using the Baseline Child Needs Assessment (2012) as a template, design a follow-up survey
- Review existing data/health records, develop health survey and focus group/key informant interview questions to identify health priorities and develop health profile for the population (NB: translators and community health workers will be used to develop and administer culturally appropriate questions)
- Conduct focus groups/key informant interviews and conduct survey
- Select health issue(s) to prioritize for interventions

Provide support for Women's Empowerment Program

- Conduct background research supporting the tenets of our Women's Empowerment Program.
- Work with appropriate staff, community members, and authorities to determine what steps need to be taken to enact the various elements of the program.

Collect media for donor materials

- Photograph and interview Betasab staff, children, women, and community members
- Work with American staff to design and create materials that can be given or sold to supporters

Other responsibilities as discussed and agreed

How to apply:

Please send the following to keith.williams@betasab.org no later than November 6, 2013. Contact Keith with any questions.

- Resume
- Essay describing how your career aspirations relate to the internship, international development, and M&E (no more than two pages)
- Two letters of recommendation; one must be from a BUSPH professor

Candidates will need to be prepared to cover a portion of their expenses; we expect candidates may need to seek outside funding to support themselves.