Introduction to Global Health

Global Health is a field of study, research and practice that works on promoting equity and collaboration in health worldwide. Opportunities for a career in global health are varied and cover a wide range of disciplines from development studies to clinical practice. Working in global health often requires experience in practice as well as academic qualifications. These qualifications and skills are not restricted to healthcare professionals alone. If you are interested in achieving equitable health care for all, there are agencies and organisations that provide jobs or offer graduate and internship placements.

See below for examples and links to organisations, agencies and groups that can provide more information about global health career choices and opportunities.

International Development in Health

World Health Organisation
www.who.int
A specialized agency of the United Nations that is concerned with international public health. Internship programme:
http://www.who.int/careers/internships/en/

UNICEF
www.unicef.org
United Nations Children's Fund works for children's rights, survival, development and protection

UNAIDS
www.unaids.org
Joint United Nations Programme on HIV/AIDS, UNAIDS is an innovative partnership that leads and inspires the world in achieving universal access to HIV prevention, treatment, care and support. Internship Programmes area advertised.

World Food Programme
www.wfp.org
Branch of the United Nations and the world’s largest humanitarian organization addressing hunger and promoting food security

World Medical Association
www.wma.net
An international organization representing physicians

Department for International Development
www.gov.uk/government/organisations/departments-for-international-development
UK Government department promoting sustainable development and aiming to eliminated poverty.


Health NGOs and Charities

African Medical and Research Foundation
www.amref.org
Amref Health Africa is Africa’s leading health development organisation, bringing good quality health care closer to those who need it most.

World Vision
www.worldvision.org.uk
A Christian relief, development & advocacy organisation dedicated to working with children, families & communities to overcome poverty & injustice.

CARE International
www.careinternational.org.uk
Organisation that works for the poor and vulnerable in some of the world’s poorest countries

Partners in Health
www.pih.org
Non-profit health care organisation focused on health and social justice working worldwide to support lower income countries

Humanitarian Work/Medical Missions

Médecins Sans Frontières (Doctors Without Borders)
www.msf.org
Provide medical aid in armed conflicts, epidemics, famines and natural disasters. Also have long-term projects for medical assistance

Medair
www.medair.org
NGO providing life-saving relief and rehabilitation in disasters, conflict areas, and other crises by working alongside the most vulnerable

International Committee of the Red Cross
www.icrc.org
Organization whose humanitarian mission is to protect the lives and dignity of victims of war and internal violence and to provide them with assistance

International Medical Corps
www.internationalmedicalcorps.org.uk/get-involved/volunteer-with-us/
Respond to natural disasters, conflict and poverty in many of the most dangerous, inaccessible and complex environments on earth

Policy and Advocacy

Students for Global Health
https://studentsforglobalhealth.org/
Student network and registered charity tackling global and local health inequalities through education, advocacy and community action

Alma-Mata
www.almamata.org.uk
Network of healthcare professionals interested in global health

MedAct
www.medact.org
UK charity for global health, working on issues related to conflict, poverty and the environment

Volunteering

NHS
https://www.healthcareers.nhs.uk/i-am/secondary-school-or-te-college/gaining-experience
The UK National Health Service offers various volunteering opportunities from mentoring, befriending and peer support. Vital to gain experience if you intend to work in this area.

Sexpression-UK
www.sexpression.org.uk
Network of student projects based at UK universities focusing on empowering young people to make informed choices about their sexual and reproductive health

Child.org
https://child.org/
International development charity supporting orphaned and vulnerable children in Kenya by improving access to school health and nutrition

Crossing Borders for Health
www.crossingbordersforhealth.org
International network of students whose mission is to remove barriers to healthcare for refugees, asylum seekers and undocumented migrants.

Healthy Planet UK
www.healthyplanetuk.org
Nationwide network of health students in the UK dedicated to education, action and advocacy around climate change and health.

Research and Academia

Royal Society of Medicine
www.rsm-globalhealth.com/
The RSM Global Health programme aims to provide a resource for individuals who wish to learn and engage in any aspect of the global health agenda

Wellcome Trust
www.wellcome.ac.uk
Global charitable foundation dedicated to achieving extraordinary improvements in biomedical research and medical humanities.

London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine
www.lshtm.ac.uk
The London School of Hygiene & Tropical Medicine is a public research university located in London, United Kingdom specialised in public health and tropical medicine

King's CareerConnect
www.kcl.ac.uk/careerconnect
King’s CareerConnect is our exclusive online career portal enabling students and recent alumni to engage with our services. Once logged in, you can access our vacancy board and search hundreds of part-time roles, placements, internships and graduate-level opportunities, book one-to-one careers or application guidance appointments, apply for exclusive King’s Internships and view our full events calendar to book attendance at our many events throughout the year.

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