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Master of Science in Global Health Delivery (MGHD)

Gender, Sexual & Reproductive Health Option

Class of 2022

A Letter from the Dean



It is my pleasure to introduce you to the Master of Science in Global Health Delivery (MGHD) Class of 2022. These students have successfully passed a rigorous and holistic admissions process and are now beginning a one-year, full-time program based at UGHE's Butaro Campus.

Learning will take place both inside and outside of the classroom, with a focus on real-world scenarios in the community. MGHD students will be trained as leaders and advocates, not only as individuals but also for entire health systems. From their first day at UGHE, faculty and staff will provide them with support and mentorship as they progress through the engaging and rigorous curriculum.

The academic program at UGHE will transform students into changemakers. It will equip them with the skills to investigate complex problems with a fresh lens, one that is multidisciplinary, open-minded, and empathetic yet critical. This will be key to addressing global health issues and concerns in a productive, effective and sustainable manner. I would also like to reaffirm our commitment to equity in education and health care, which our students will exemplify throughout the program and take into their careers.

We are confident that this class of Lions will serve as global health leaders for Africa and beyond, and we are here to support and accompany them through this exciting journey.

Warm Regards,

Abebe Bekele, MD, FCS, FACS
Dean of the School of Medicine
Deputy Vice Chancellor of Academic &
Research Affairs



QUICK STATS ABOUT MGHD-SRH OPTION CLASS OF 2022

- ▶ 195 Applicants
- ▶ 11.28% Acceptance Rate
- ▶ 18 Students
- ▶ 14 Female
- ▶ 4 Male
- ▶ 10 Countries Represented
- ▶ 59.09% 2+ years work experience

Etsegent Arega Asmamaw



Why do you want to become a global health leader?

My work has also included advocacy for prevention of NCDs, communicable, and tropical diseases. I have spearheaded collaborations with international partners for medical access, treatment for cataract surgery, cervical cancer, and digitalization of medical records in hospitals. I want to become a global health expert to enhance public health in Africa, fight against late diagnosis of disease, and advocate for an inclusive leadership that puts gender equity at the core of the continental health system.

What do you look forward to the most as you begin the MGHD program at UGHE?

I place a high value upon development of good working relationships, teamwork within multi-cultural environment sensitivity and respect for diversity. During my time at MGHD, I aim to learn, relearn, and unlearn and enhance my leadership skills from my peers and through the program and obtain knowledge on global health. As a woman in global health leadership, I will advocate for policies that reflect the needs of women and girls.

Etsegent holds a medical degree from Hayat Medical College. She has worked as a General Practitioner, a Quality Officer, and has served as the Medical Director where she supported primary health care facilities, health centers and hospitals. During the COVID-19 pandemic, she treated patients within the Intensive Care Unit and supported the Ministry of Health and regional hospitals towards enhancing capacity of readiness for treatment of COVID-19 patients. Etsegent is an alumnus of the Young African Leadership Institute.



Why do you want to become a global health leader?

Throughout my clinical practice both as a medical student and later as a medical officer, I realized the inequities that happen in health affecting certain societies leading to overall poor health and living. These unfortunately are beyond solving at the hospital levels, and hence the desire and need to learn and be part of the solution at the community level. This I could best acquire through learning and being a global health scholar

What do you look forward to the most as you begin the MGHD program at UGHE?

I aim to participate actively and lead in research projects specific to my area of study in GSRH as well as other research topics of community gaps. This I will achieve through teamwork with my fellow trainees, the program mentors and working handily with the community team. I also look forward to excelling in the program academically in general and hence keep the academic standards of the university high up.



Madeleine holds a bachelor's degree in Medicine and Surgery from Jinzhou Medical University, China. During her medical training, she had opportunities to do her medical internship training placements in Rwanda where Madeleine had exposure to people in rural, urban as well as at community level during medical outreaches in various regions of the country. Shortly after graduation, she served on the Epidemiology and Surveillance Division for Covid-19 management. Linda just finished her internship placement at Muhima District hospital.

Autumn Marie Eastman



Why do you want to become a global health leader?

I'm passionate about becoming a global health leader to participate meaningfully in tackling disparities in health around the world. I am eager to continue developing as a strong advocate for vulnerable populations who fosters collaboration between cultures, nationalities and sectors to promote health equity. I love being able to learn from and support people of different backgrounds in achieving their right to health and optimal wellbeing.

What do you look forward to the most as you begin the MGHD program at UGHE?

I'm most looking forward to interacting with my classmates and professors from all over the world to learn from their experiences in global health. I am also excited to be able to apply all of the theoretical knowledge to live and relevant case studies in and outside of Rwanda. Being able to play and engage with global health issues in real time with seasoned professionals is such an exciting opportunity for me!

Autumn is a public health facilitator dedicated to catalyzing global reproductive health equity. Autumn graduated from Georgetown University with a BS in Human Science, where she led menstrual health advocacy projects. After which, she spent two years volunteering in 10+ countries, including leading reproductive health projects in India. As a Certified Fertility Awareness Educator and the founder of the Cycle Literacy Project, Autumn educates and supports menstruators to develop an empowered and pain-free relationship with their menstrual cycle.

Betel Amdeclassie Fenta



Why do you want to become a global health leader?

Having worked both in clinical and public health settings, I have seen first-hand the many challenges that exist in our healthcare systems, such as a health care delivery system that is biased based on gender, economic status, race, ethnicity, and so on. Through the MGHD program, I hope to gain the experience and skills I need to become a better global health leader and contribute to overcoming these obstacles and promoting global health equity.

What do you look forward to the most as you begin the MGHD program at UGHE?

I am most excited about receiving the lectures. This is because even though I had a passion for public and global health we received a few courses in medical school which were not enough to explore our interest in the field. I hope this opportunity will provide me with the platform to do that. In addition, I am also looking forward to engaging & learning from my teachers and fellow students.



Betel Fenta is a Medical Doctor who graduated from Mekelle University College of Health Science. She is an advocate for women's health and rights which was inspired by the gender gap she noticed within the profession and with medical services delivered to women. It is her mission to advance global health equity and empower women to create a more gender-inclusive health system. Currently, she is serving as CEO at Ethiopian Medical Women's Association striving to make that a reality

Jenna Nicole Hickey



Why do you want to become a global health leader?

This is an integral time for global health - intersectional feminist ideologies and equitable solutions have immense potential for advancement. The COVID-19 pandemic has revealed inequities that have long been percolating, and the reinvigorated racial justice movement has re-identified structural problems at the root of our work. I am so excited to be entering the sector at this pivotal juncture, and I relish the opportunity to champion change with a concerted focus on equitable practice.

What do you look forward to the most as you begin the MGHD program at UGHE?

I am most looking forward to working with, learning from, and growing alongside the beautifully diverse cohort and faculty at UGHE. I cannot express my joy over the fact that I am studying at an institution that places equity at its core – this is so unique to UGHE. I have sincerely enjoyed getting to know my cohort virtually and feel as though I have learned so much from my peers already!



Jenna holds a bachelor's degree in Kinesiology from Queen's University. Jenna's interest in global health, international development & intersectional feminism began with a student-led organization that focused on needs-based peer health education initiatives in Eastern Ontario, Northern Canada, Belize, Guyana, and Kenya. She has since worked with Youth Challenge International in Ghana, and currently works at CARE Canada. Jenna is excited to bring her educational and experiential background together with her passion for women's rights, sexual health and reproductive justice.



Why do you want to become a global health leader?

In this complex, interconnected, changing world we live in, global health leaders are present to understand this interconnectivity. An example can be COVID 19, it disrupted, damaged, and disorganized the world. I want to be a global health leader that can be able to develop evidence-based solutions to the world's pressing disasters. All in all, I want to be the global health leader that inspires and is a role model to many.

What do you look forward to the most as you begin the MGHD program at UGHE?

I am looking forward to gaining specialized skills in Gender, Sexual, and Reproductive Health delivery. I am also looking forward to meeting the whole UGHE family, ranging from chancellors, directors, lecturers among others, and my classmates of diverse backgrounds all over the world. In addition, I cannot wait to be part of the UGHE environment. Confidence within me is another crucial state that I am looking forward to increasing after joining the MGHD program at UGHE.

Alice holds a bachelor's degree in Public Health from Jomo Kenyatta University of Agriculture and Technology. She has internship and volunteer experience with Remera Health Centre, and the Society for Family Health (SFH) where she supported in ensuring quality health for. Currently she works at SFH Rwanda. She is interested in women's health simply because she grew up seeing women as the vulnerable group. She is thrilled that recently she got an opportunity to join UGHE for the MGHD in SRH

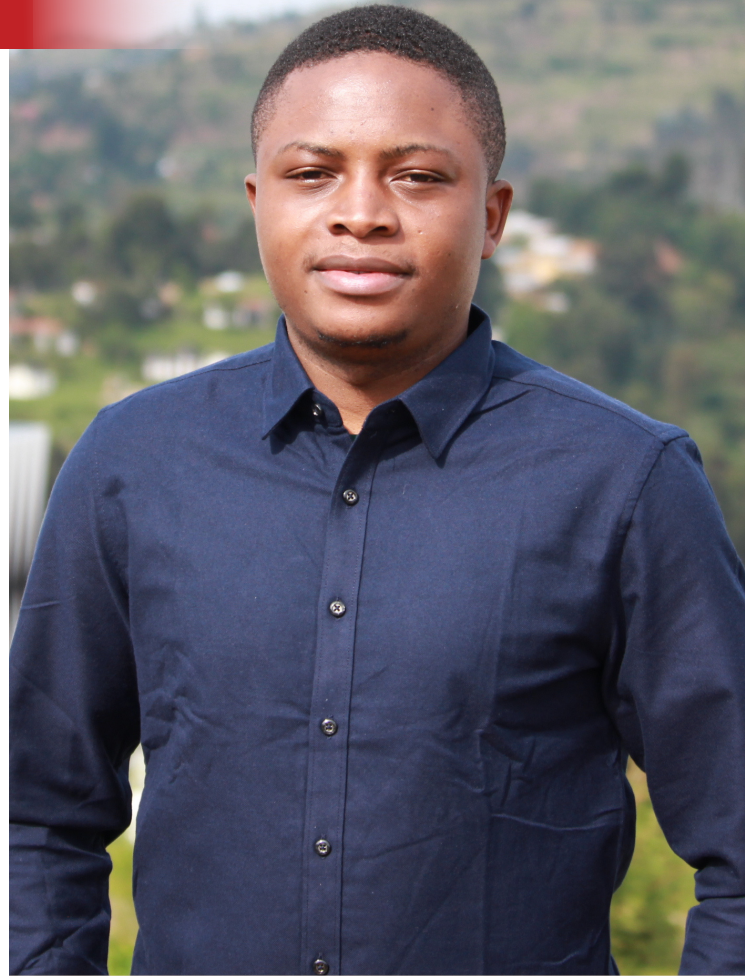


Why do you want to become a global health leader?

As a young medical doctor, I have seen gaps in the health care system of our country especially in rural areas. Rwanda has done tremendous work in improving health care but there is still a long way to go in terms of health promotion, reducing inequities in rural areas and research. Long-term I hope to become an academician. I dream that one day I will take a senior position at the World Health Organization to contribute to improving health worldwide.

What do you look forward to the most as you begin the MGHD program at UGHE?

I am delighted to be part of UGHE. As an international university that receives students from diverse backgrounds worldwide, I am looking forward to connecting and learning from them as my colleagues. I am excited to meet the faculty at the university who will share with me their incredible experience that will shape me to become a competent global health leader. I can't wait to arrive at the beautiful Butaro campus that provides a favorable learning environment.



Alexandre holds a bachelors' degree of Medicine and Surgery from the University of Rwanda. Currently, he is working as a medical doctor and manages projects focuses on digital health, SRH activities with his organization. Previously, he has worked as a consultant with Health Development Initiative to adopt innovative digital strategies for continuous delivery of SRH services during the COVID-19 pandemic. Alexandre is passionate about digital tools and platforms like social media, videos, websites and comic books in the provision of health information to the community.



Why do you want to become a global health leader?

I want to become a global health leader to strengthen diplomacy, strategy development and professional collaborative behaviors in the health sector. Currently, I feel these sectors are weak as evidenced by the COVID-19 response where there are stark inequalities in the availability of qualified staff, PPEs and vaccines, especially in developing nations. In addition, I would like to become a global health leader to help address the health inequalities between the Global North and South.

What do you look forward to the most as you begin the MGHD program at UGHE?

I look forward to the opportunities that UGHE will offer to help me grow and enrich my skills and knowledge. I am also looking forward to networking with students and faculty from other countries and sharing experiences. I hope to interact and network with the UGHE community to learn from others best practices that I can bring back to Malawi.

Linda holds a bachelor's degree in Agriculture from Lilongwe University of Agriculture and Natural Resources. She started work in the private sector but transitioned into public health through ActionAid Malawi, whose focus is on women's rights. Through her work with women and girls in rural Malawi, she learned how power dynamics, patriarchy, and human rights affect women and girls. Her work with Concern Worldwide, focused on supporting communities affected by disaster, which she approached with a gender lens.



Why do you want to become a global health leader?

Being a global health leader would be a platform for me to use my education background, analytical and problem-solving skills to address health-oppressing issues. I would like to serve my country beyond a national level and connect with other global health leaders to make global health equity a reality. I hope to inspire and empower young girls in my country that aspire to be leaders of change but are held down by lack of self-confidence and other social factors.

What do you look forward to the most as you begin the MGHD program at UGHE?

I look forward to meeting competent individuals with diverse backgrounds that will challenge and inspire each other through the MGHD program. I am also looking forward to gaining new information and skills on health equity, research, gender and sexual reproductive health and rights and other aspects covered in this program.

Annet holds a bachelor's degree in General Nursing Science from Mount Kenya University and is a registered nurse, youth advocate and activist. Annet has experience in youth-led advocacy, through debates, moderating and hosting national & international events such as the SRHR youth leadership and activism. Annet has been recognized among the best 100 youth leaders worldwide by the ICFP 2018. She currently works at Health Development Initiative, with the responsibility of coordinating various ASRHR projects.



Why do you want to become a global health leader?

After completing my clinical rotations, I realized that I want to become a global health leader to champion positive changes for high quality health care, and to address preventable deaths. Knowing how to apply equity lenses in my regular work should be foundational to health care delivery. I want to improve my problem-solving skills so that I can develop sustainable and equitable solutions that will allow my community to thrive in health and well-being.

What do you look forward to the most as you begin the MGHD program at UGHE?

I anticipate learning from both the highly qualified academics and the entire faculty, as well as from my peers. Additionally, I aim to expand as a leader by using evidence-based research to enhance my leadership and problem-solving skills. Furthermore, I am looking forward to participating in some volunteer activities that include the community around campus. Finally, I hope to make new friends with whom I can establish a larger network of global health leaders.



Colyse holds a bachelors' degree of Medicine and Surgery from the University of Rwanda, and has extensive training in pandemic prevention, diagnosis, and treatment. She is a graduate of the Young Africa Leadership Initiative, and currently works with the Rwandan Joint Covid-19 National Taskforce, and volunteers with the Rwanda We Want, where she educates females in sexual and reproductive health through webinars and social media awareness. Colyse believes that when young girls are educated, empowered, and supported, they may achieve their greatest potential.

Emmanuel Okello Okiror

Why do you want to become a global health leader?

So many people are swimming in abject poverty and are continuously disproportionately sidelined from accessing quality health services. I have the passion to be part of those who will use their skills and knowledge to help those most in need. I also want to use my platform to advocate for global health equity, champion formation of policies that are aligned with global health delivery principles and be the voice of the marginalized.

What do you look forward to the most as you begin the MGHD program at UGHE?

I look forward to meeting the faculty and fellow students of MGHD and not only learn from them but also forge connections that will help me build my career and work towards achieving my aspirations as a global health leader. I also look forward to improving my research and writing skills and gain from the wise mentorship that the university will offer.



Emmanuel holds a bachelor's degree in Midwifery from Gulu University, a master's in Public Health from Lira University and he is also certified in Global Health Delivery from Harvard University. His career ventures have included working as an Intern Graduate Midwife, a Reproductive Health Officer and currently as a Senior Reproductive Health Officer, working with International Rescue Committee, Uganda. Emmanuel is passionate about music, loves to travel, adventure, and meet new people.



Why do you want to become a global health leader?

I want to be a global health leader because I see it as a significant step toward preparing myself to lead and champion the health change I want to see in my country. Becoming a global health leader will ensure that I bring the health aspect of that future to fruition. This aspect includes, among other things, achieving health equity, reducing mortality rates, improving productivity, preventing diseases, and strengthening the health system.

What do you look forward to the most as you begin the MGHD program at UGHE?

I am looking forward to learning from Rwanda as a country, particularly its health system and the great lessons learned in all sectors following the genocide. Rwanda is a country that has used knowledge gained to bounce back and achieve so much, and it is still investing in knowledge to ensure long-term growth. My cohort is extremely diverse in terms of culture, field, and experience, which allows me to have access to a great wealth of knowledge and experience.



Oluwatomi holds a bachelor's degree in Public Health from Babcock University. She has over three years of experience working on initiatives to combat maternal mortality, malaria, HIV/AIDS, and Female Genital Mutilation/Cutting (FGM/C). She is currently the project lead for the StopCut, that uses policy reform to protect women and girls from FGM/C. She is an alumnus of the Young African Leaders Initiative (YALI), and is skilled in proposal writing, program planning, research. Oluwatomi has a passion for using research data to implement change in the health sector.



Why do you want to become a global health leader?

I gained exposure to global health after I attended the Towards Unity for Health conference in Darwin Australia. I knew then that I had to pursue this field as I witnessed huge disparities in the health systems within my home country and abroad. I hope that someday nationality, and financial status will not determine the quality of healthcare that individuals receive.

What do you look forward to the most as you begin the MGHD program at UGHE?

I look forward to my studies and meeting people from all over the world! I am looking forward to discussing and sharing my ideas with my peers and growing as individuals in the coming year! I am also very excited to meet my professors whose work I have admired for a long time!

Tuli holds a bachelor's degree in Medicine and Surgery from India and completed her residency in OB/Gyn in the United States. Tuli has worked as a COVID doctor in India after graduating from medical school and with Ob/Gyn doctors in the United States and India. She believes that healthcare is a human right and hope to see this turn into a reality during my lifetime. Tuli wants to eventually train in global surgery after she finishes her residency.

Eric Twizeyimana



Why do you want to become a global health leader?

I have encountered vulnerable populations who are facing many health and financial hardships. I aspire to be a voice to the voiceless and a catalyst of change in the community. I want to acquire skills in global health and become a global health leader so that I will be able to provide sustainable improvement in health and living conditions of underprivileged communities, develop the capabilities and knowledge of projects or health policies development and implementations.

What do you look forward to the most as you begin the MGHD program at UGHE?

I look forward to a standard and good quality learning that would build my capacity and knowledge for a strong development and career driving in global health delivery as well as health equity and quality improvement wherever I will be working. I look forward to a good network for strong partnerships building and opportunities for exploration for a better development in health globally.

Eric is a Medical Doctor graduated from University of Rwanda. He has been working in clinical practice at Rwandan hospitals, has been taking global health courses since early university years, actively been engaged in student-run organizations, volunteerism activities, competitions, trainings and presenting in international scientific conferences. It is a pleasure to him to pursue his dreams and career in global health thanks to this MGHD acceptance. Eric is passionate about research works, global/public health, women empowerment, and global surgery.

Aloysius Chidiebere Ugwu



Why do you want to become a global health leader?

At age 9, I suffered from acute malaria. What was supposed to be a simple treatment degenerated into complications because I was given the wrong medication. My parents were forced to move me to a private clinic where they had to pay more for better treatment. Unfortunately, my story, and policies followed by poor implementation, are all too common. My quest of becoming a global health leader is driven by my ambition to be a prime advocate for primary healthcare reforms in Africa.

What do you look forward to the most as you begin the MGHD program at UGHE?

I am excited to join my classmates as we gather from around the world to support each other as we learn and grow as global health professionals. I look forward to applying the lessons from our classrooms to health experiences in the field school and practicum. I am immensely grateful for the opportunity to pursue an education that is so deeply rooted in promoting the equitable delivery of comprehensive health care throughout the globe.

Aloysius holds a bachelor's degree in Microbiology from the University of Nigeria. He has worked with Nigeria's National Primary Health Care Development Agency where he engaged with policy makers and citizens at the grassroot level, and Health Reform Foundation of Nigeria where he led projects in maternal newborn and child health. Currently, he works with Nigeria Health Watch. His passion is empowering communities to participate in health decision-making through health education to increase their sense of responsibility for their health and increase their ability to hold the government accountable.



Why do you want to become a global health leader?

It is my responsibility as a global citizen to give as much as I can to the already existing effort to raise a happy and healthy generation. I would like to be part of the effort to build nations and a world that is better than I found it. I'm also very passionate about acknowledging the shortfalls of humanity in history that have led to an unequal world and finding resolutions that do not perpetuate any form of injustice.

What do you look forward to the most as you begin the MGHD program at UGHE?

I have always found joy in the constant pursuit of knowledge. I look forward to meeting the brilliant cohort and having discussions with them that will be layered with all the expertise that each person brings. It's very exciting to think of all the perspectives that are present in our cohort and how each adds to the conversation. I look forward to learning from each single person and sharing the little that I have.

Moureen holds a bachelor's degree in Biophysics from Columbia University. Her upbringing as a Rwandan experiencing her country rebuilding and starting from scratch in all aspects while simultaneously raising a generation of its successors, inspired a sense of responsibility towards her fellow human beings. Moureen returned home to Rwanda post grad and worked with the Rwanda Biomedical Center in their National Reference Laboratory Division, under the COVID-19 task force. She is passionate about research and social justice.



Why do you want to become a global health leader?

In my work as a researcher, I have seen meaningless hunger and disease and also witnessed the impact of good leadership. When vision teams up with expertise and commitment, it becomes possible for all social classes and communities to live with dignity. I believe I have the zeal and the commitment to use the insights and skills gained from this MGHD program to influence health policy and practice in under-resourced settings.

What do you look forward to the most as you begin the MGHD program at UGHE?

I look forward to learning from a cohort of the brightest and most committed classmates and teachers. I am eager to listen to perspectives and experiences from Africa and the world, and learn from Rwanda's success in health equity. I deeply desire that my time at UGHE will help me hone my skills, think innovatively, deepen my insights into global health, and prepare me for a long innings in this sector.



Rachel is a William J. Clinton Fellow and holds a Masters in Development and a Post-Graduate Diploma in Print Journalism. She has been an editor with two Indian dailies and a financial wire. Her research experiences include randomized control trials at J-PAL South Asia, operations-based research with Medecins Sans Frontieres, and qualitative studies with Duke University and Access Health International with a focus on SRH, maternal and child health, in some of the poorest regions of India.



Why do you want to become a global health leader?

I am driven by my frustration with the societal dynamics that drive health inequity and my excitement for social movements that counter these dynamics. My goal is to empower individuals from my family in the US to my friends and colleagues in Kenya to see their interconnected liberation and act with that understanding. The natural sciences have often divorced their work from socio-political and economic realities. I endeavor to play a role in embracing the interconnectedness of all these.

What do you look forward to the most as you begin the MGHD program at UGHE?

On the heels of completing my first module in the MGHD program, I can attest to the excitement I have for the social justice perspective that is intentionally included in this course. The breadth of fields exhibited not only by students but the research being conducted at UGHE is exciting. I am highly anticipating the opportunity to be on campus and even in the interim to connect to the UGHE community.

Gretchen has a background in biochemistry and biomedical research from Smith College. Combining her biomedical research and Swahili language experience, she completed a Fulbright Fellowship studying Soil Transmitted Helminth (STH) at the Kenya Medical Research Institute. Gretchen continued her work in STH and NTD projects at Quantigen LLC, a small biotechnology company in Indiana. While at Quantigen she grew her management skills and coordinated testing for 80,000 plus samples for the DeWorm project. Gretchen holds an underlining passion for social justice activism.



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