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Master of Science in Global Health Delivery (MGHD)

Health Management 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-HEALTH MANAGEMENT OPTION CLASS OF 2022

- ▶ 276 Applicants
- ▶ 5.43% Acceptance Rate
- ▶ 15 Students
- ▶ 5 Female
- ▶ 10 Male
- ▶ 6 Countries Represented
- ▶ 80% 2+ years work experience



Why do you want to become a global health leader?

In the global health field, I have been inspired by Dr. Paul Farmer and his work in poor squatter settlements in Haiti, and Dr. Landry Ndriko Mayigane. My time working with Dr. Mayigane and PIH, confirmed my desire to be a leader and also strongly affirmed that global health would be the career choice for me. I am looking forward to a career focused on health equity, and working with similar minded people.

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

I am looking forward to learning from experts in global health, joining a network of young leaders that identify social problems with innovative and creative solutions together. I believe that studying at UGHE will provide me with that network along with the ability to participate in reducing and eliminating health inequality. I am also looking forward to improving my English while interacting with people from all over the world.

Anaïs holds a bachelor's degree in Public Health from Catholic University of Rwanda. She started her career as an Advocacy and Gender Coordinator at Rwanda Youth Alliance for Climate Actions. After graduating, Anaïs worked with World Vision Rwanda as a Research Assistant, then later joined Partners in Health/Inshuti Mu Buzima (PIH/IMB). She is currently working as a Health and Welfare Coordinator at MASS build Ltd. She is passionate about health equity and mental health.



Why do you want to become a global health leader?

Having witnessed firsthand the incessant loss of lives due to illnesses that are treatable and preventable due to lack of access to healthcare, it beckoned me to be an actor in the global health scene which entailed taking action beyond the confines of the stethoscope and hospital environment. I am passionate about relentlessly contributing to ensure access to healthcare is a fundamental human right and people should be able to access and afford healthcare without suffering financial hardship.

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

As I begin this incredibly rewarding MGHD journey, I look forward to not just refining my academic acumen to be an effective global health leader, but also for a holistic transformation as an individual. I hope to build up on transferable skill set as well and also build my network from my classmates and the faculty which I believe will be rewarding my entire career trajectory in global health.

Michael is a graduate of V.N Karazin National University Ukraine, and is a medical doctor. He did his housemanship with the Nigerian Navy Reference Hospital then later joined Management Sciences for Health as a clinical intern under the USAID funded care and treatment for sustained support project. Michael is the founder of African Young Leaders for Global Health and currently works with Caritas Catholic Foundation of Nigeria in the capacity of a Programs Associate to achieve HIV epidemic control at the subnational and national units.

Michael Efetobore Atima

Why do you want to become a global health leader?

Making policies and shaping decisions that will improve health system performance has always been my dream. I needed training to help me understand the biosocial factors so I could proffer solutions that are holistic and to learn what works in other countries and see how I can replicate and even improve on them through evidence-based interventions. This is the reason I want to become a global health leader.

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

I look forward to an enriching cross-cultural learning experience. I firmly believe that Africans can solve Africa's problems. Rwanda has made notable advancements in healthcare delivery, as have other African countries. I plan to immerse myself in this program, taking every opportunity to acquire new knowledge, ideas, and skill about what works in Rwanda and other countries and to learn how to harness this new knowledge to influence change in Nigeria.



Michael holds a bachelor's degree in Business Administration (Actuarial Science) from Ibrahim Badamasi Babangida University and is currently the Social Media Manager at Nigeria Health Watch, a health communications firm in Nigeria that engages in health advocacy by leveraging the media. He has worked with other team members to execute communication campaigns that help increase Nigerians' knowledge about healthcare and social development rights, in addition to raising a critical torchlight to indigenous solutions to health equity gaps and challenges in Nigeria.



Why do you want to become a global health leader?

Working as a physician in different hospitals in Ethiopia helped me to observe the glaring gaps in accessing healthcare services even in resource-limited setups. After the COVID-19 pandemic, I also noted that emerging and re-emerging diseases are disproportionately affecting the LMICs. My passion to become a global health leader is driven by the ambition to fight back the inequities in healthcare and contribute to the development of holistic and integrated health policies

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

I am eagerly looking forward to meeting and learning from the experienced faculty of UGHE and my fellow students from diverse backgrounds. It will also give me the chance to network and work with these seasoned trailblazers in the field of global health equity to mitigate the pervasive global health crises. In addition, I will also be looking forward to the capstone projects and contributing to growing body of research at UGHE.

Olana holds a degree in Doctor of Medicine from Addis Ababa University. As a General Practitioner, he had worked in a resource-limited rural part of western Ethiopia, where he also served as a medical director. He was also a lecturer and clinician at Madda Walabu University teaching hospital and served as a Department Head of Pediatrics. He is an ardent human rights advocate and proponent of social justice. Olana enjoys reading books of diverse genres during his free time.



Why do you want to become a global health leader?

The sudden loss to illness of a very close family member in 2012, sparked my passion for health equity because of the poor access to health care we experienced.

I want to be a global health leader because I believe that health is a human right but unfortunately, this is not the present reality. However, I want to join the community of leaders who are advancing the movement for health equity.

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

As I begin the MGHD program, I am excited to gain technical knowledge and grow my understanding of global health concepts. This includes strengthening essential skills such as research and leadership that will enable me to effectively make an impact in global health and in the movement for health equity. I am looking forward to also meeting, engaging, and learning from my fellow students and other experts in the UGHE community.

Lucky holds a bachelor's degree in Humanities but has also trained in project management, research, advocacy, project design. She is social justice and health equity advocate with 7 years of experience supporting the implementation of health programs in Malawi ranging from sexual and reproductive health programs, HIV/AIDs, and digital health and innovation in health. She has worked with youth-focused HIV/AIDs organizations in South Africa and is a Global Health Corps alumni, and is a co-founder of several social initiatives in Malawi.

Why do you want to become a global health leader?

In my experience working in the health sector, I have noticed that opportunities and resources are not equitably distributed, which calls for global health leaders that are well trained. The skills acquisition and the principles taught in the rigorous MGH program will help me reach my future goals and aspirations such as addressing high causes of morbidity and mortality, underperforming governance structures, critical shortage of equipment, drugs and medical supplies, etc. in our health systems.

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

I am looking forward to meeting with academic staff and fellow students that are very supportive so that I can become a competent global health leader. I also expect to intensify my computer skills so that I become very competent in the use of computers to make presentations. Finally, I am looking forward to applying an evidence-based approach to find solutions to the emerging issues in the health sector.



Macdonald holds a bachelor's degree in Health Management from the University of Malawi and has training in nursing. Macdonald worked as a nurse for four years providing direct patient care in the general patient ward and in maternal and neonatal health but was later promoted to health manager in the hospital. Macdonald has been engaged in part-time part time work with other NGOs especially in HIV/AIDS program targeting female sex workers. He has a passion to work with marginalized communities to reduce disparities.



Why do you want to become a global health leader?

Becoming a global health leader means pursuing opportunities that advance equity in vulnerable groups associated with bad health outcomes and supporting access good health services. Global leadership is a big deal now. It is an international concept accepted by people like me who refuse to be dictated by pandemics. I want the next pandemics to find us better prepared than we were with Covid-19 so that we are not knocked down again.

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

The MGHD program will make me ready to serve in clinical, administrative, and humanitarian settings through the skills the program will equip me with such as research, data collection and analysis, leadership and managerial skills, and a better understanding of the healthcare delivery systems. I'm eager to be in an environment that will put my soft skills to the test and allow me to face the challenges of aligning local and global needs without being biased.

Corneille holds a bachelor's degree in medicine and surgery (MBBS) and is a medical doctor and is a published writer and poet. He is currently working with the Rwanda Joint Task Force against COVID-19 as an epidemiology cell member at Rwanda Biomedical Center. Corneille is an entrepreneur and is very passionate about equity in the healthcare delivery system.



Why do you want to become a global health leader?

Working with MOH in Malawi I have noted challenges in health care delivery such as poor access to quality health care for remote communities and women. The experience in research I will gain in this program will provide skills in advocacy so I can promote inclusive and systemic change aimed at improving the lives of the most vulnerable. I hope to use a biosocial approach to significantly contribute to reducing the burden of diseases.

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

I look forward to learning the principles of global health equity and gaining hands-on research skills to address health challenges and achieve universal health coverage. Also, I look forward to learning management skills to manage health programs, communities, and individuals. Finally, I look forward to interacting with my fellow students and lecturers to learn from them and share my experience on different solutions to global health challenges.

Limbani holds a Bachelor of Science in Nursing and Midwifery from Mzuzu University and is a registered nurse-midwife. Limbani has served as a district Malaria coordinator for more than two years, in which he contributed to setting up Malaria Surveillance to reduce malaria cases among the under-five children across the district. Finally, Limbani has also served as nurse in charge in the Maternity Unit at a district hospital, and district focal person for Covid-19 rapid response team where he strengthened monitoring and disease surveillance systems.



Why do you want to become a global health leader?

I have seen and experienced the gross inequalities that exist in the distribution of health services and other essential services responsible for promoting health. I would like to contribute towards ensuring that everyone has access to quality health services, as close to them as possible and at costs that they are able to sustain throughout their lives. I want to ensure health systems are responsive to both medical and non-medical needs of individuals.

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

I look forward to sharing knowledge with and learning from a diverse group of students and faculty. I also look forward to being part of the critical thinker's family that are transforming how the health sector evolves and learns globally. Lastly, I look forward to consistently challenging myself by reflecting and applying all course learnings into my public health practice.

Shuko holds a bachelor's degree in public health from the University of Lusaka in Zambia. Shuko previously worked with the Graca Machel Trust as a consultant and youth advocate on Reproductive, Maternal, Neonatal, Child, Adolescent Health and Nutrition, has experience working in multi-sectoral HIV programs. He has also worked with IDinsight to support global leaders using data to maximize social impact. Shuko is passionate about strengthening health systems, public policy, and research.



Why do you want to become a global health leader?

I have served in different leadership positions that have exposed me to a number of health service managerial issues such as, weak health systems, poor health resources management, inadequate funding, inadequate health care personnel, which result in inequities in health services access. This experience made me start thinking outside the box and set goals to advance my career to management position as a global health leader to strengthen health systems, improve health services management to address health inequities.

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

I am looking forward to being equipped with knowledge, attitudes and skills that will sharpen me to become a global health leader who serves underprivileged populations. I look forward to gaining skills in research and health management such that I will be able to plan and implement global health projects successfully. Above all, I am looking forward to working along with world-class professionals in the field of global health and learning from their hands-on experiences.



Nelson holds a bachelor's degree in Nursing and Midwifery from the University of Malawi. Nelson is a registered nurse/midwife with six years experience, and also three years as a primary school teacher. Nelson has served in leadership roles such as the district Safe Motherhood Coordinator, and is currently serving as the district's Maternal and Neonatal Health Mentor. It is his hope that one day, pregnant women, mothers and their newborns will have equitable access to health care irrespective of their social-economic status in the society.



Why do you want to become a global health leader?

I want to be a global health leader because there is a growing number of health challenges that require a global perspective and innovation. With my skills and strength, I want to be a solution provider and changemaker to create an impact around communities that are impoverished with different inequities. I'm looking to better understand what challenges communities face and be at the front line of developing innovative solutions for prevention and control strategies of global health threats.

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

I am looking forward to an excellent and conducive environment to grow as an individual, team player, and well-equipped Global Health practitioner. I expect to learn from global health leaders in education and research and be inspired by their experiences and gain professional growth. I am also looking forward to meeting fellow colleagues from different backgrounds and sharing our expertise and connecting with the global health community around the world.



Othniel holds a bachelor's degree in Pharmacy from the University of Rwanda. After graduation, Othniel joined the Human-Centered Design Fellowship with Co-Creation Hub and Rwanda Biomedical Center working on projects to maximize immunization coverage. Currently, he is leading a Distribution Pharmaceutical Company and running projects to train young people in Design Thinking. For the past 6 years, he has taken positions in different youth-led initiatives focusing on education, awareness, and training programs to develop global health comprehension among youth.



Why do you want to become a global health leader?

Growing up as a refugee in Burundi, I yearned for a supportive environment in school, healthcare, and other assistance programs that would enable me to succeed regardless of my circumstances. As a global health leader, I will be able to leverage this experience by building welcoming and comprehensive services to promote community engagement and allow communities to take advantage of at hand amenities such as health education to increase their quality of life.

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

I look forward to learning about research. The MGHD program will allow me to learn practical research from professionals working in the field for high-impact organizations. These research skills will allow me to identify root causes for inadequate community participation in health promotion programs. I also look forward to creating professional relationships with the UGHE community.

Bertrand is an Environmental Health professional, with over five years of experience working as a Water Sanitation and Hygiene Coordinator working with refugees and other vulnerable communities in Rwanda. He is also a One-Health fellow from UGHE- Cummings School of Veterinary Medicine at Tufts University, trained to utilize systems thinking to equitably improve the health of humans, animals and the environment using multidisciplinary approaches. Bertrand strives to continue using his public health skills to promote the health of vulnerable populations.



Why do you want to become a global health leader?

A global health leader understands the complexity of delivering care in all settings hence is prepared to serve in any environment with respect, humility and compassion. She/he understands the importance of strong, dynamic, competent leadership and is trained to navigate political and cross-institutional contexts even in the midst of crises. These are the qualities needed if sustainable, equitable health delivery is to be ensured. Their strength stems from diplomacy, sound strategic planning and professional collaborative behaviors.

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

I look forward to witnessing the manifestation of the UGHE vision; "... a world where every individual - no matter their socio-economic and geographical status - can lead a healthy and productive life...". I cannot wait to partake in a patient-centered multi-disciplinary approach in healthcare delivery, and the practical experience outside of the classroom. Lastly, I look forward to learning more about how Rwanda achieved its strides in health delivery considering its history.

Mathemba holds a Masters of Pharmacy from North West University in South Africa. She obtained her bachelor's degree in Pharmacy (Hons) from the National University of Lesotho. Currently, she works as a Pharmacy & Medical Supply Chain Manager for PIH Lesotho. She is passionate about the provision of patients' centered care, and responsible provision of medicines for the purpose of achieving the best outcomes that improve patients' quality of health. She believes that pharmacists should be involved in public health activities.



Why do you want to become a global health leader?

I noticed that a lack of quality and affordable healthcare, poverty, poor education, and a lack of good institutional support systems contributed to the many premature deaths that I grew up seeing. I want to become a global health leader so that I can be a part of the solution by creating change for entire populations. I intend to ensure that there is political will to galvanize collaborative action towards making our institutions ready to withstand health-related threats.

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

I am looking forward to the immense diversity among the students, faculty, and supporting staff and the diversity within the courses in the MGHD program. I am also excited to return to Butaro. In 2016, I had the opportunity to live in Butaro for a 2-month internship with PIH. It was one of the most peaceful places I have ever lived in, and I cannot wait to experience that tranquility again.

Divine Usabase holds a bachelor's degree in Environment & Development from McGill University in Canada. Divine has professional experience in youth and child rights advocacy with SOS Children's Villages International and the United Nations, mental health research with Partners in Health, and coordination roles with policy-focused organizations. She hopes to someday establish a world-class teaching and research facility focused on mental health that will serve the entire East African Community and the African continent at large.

Belise Stella Uwurukundo



Why do you want to become a global health leader?

I believe healthcare is a human right but even with the progress accomplished, the health sector still needs more leaders, innovators, and trained health professionals advocating for the vulnerable. I want to truly understand how to identify and deal with the challenges of global health delivery. I want to support my fellow health workers to carry out their duties without bias by advocating for equity, therefore, enabling patients to have access to quality health care.

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

I look forward to learning from global health leaders and innovators. I want all the wisdom they can give and plan to hit the ground running! At the end of the MGHD program, I hope to be a global health leader who can give proper support to the health care system and help patients access equitable health care and ensure health workers to serve communities with equity at the forefront.

Belise holds a bachelor's degree in Medicine and Surgery (MBBS) from Wuhan University-China in 2018 and is a medical doctor. After graduation, Stella returned to Rwanda and worked at Rwanda Military hospital in the pediatrics and neonatology department. She later on joined the Rwandan Joint task force against Covid-19 through Alliance for healthy communities (NGO). She currently works as a team lead of Gasabo district and the Eastern province to coordinate rapid response teams and home-based care.



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