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Master of Science in Global Health Delivery (MGHD)

Health Management Option

Class of 2023

A Message from the Dean



It is my pleasure to introduce you to the Master of Science in Global Health Delivery (MGHD) [Class of 2023](#). 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 and Health Sciences



QUICK STATS ABOUT MGHD-HM OPTION CLASS OF 2023

- ▶ 158 Applicants
- ▶ 9.49% Acceptance Rate
- ▶ 14 Students
- ▶ 5 Female
- ▶ 9 Male
- ▶ 7 Countries Represented
- ▶ 73.33% 2+ years work experience



A Message from the Course Director

Dr. Rex Wong

Director, Bill and Joyce Cummings
Institute of Global Health

Dear Health Management Class of 2023,

Congratulations on your acceptance to the Health Management, MGH program and welcome to the UGHE family.

You have officially embarked on this journey that will unleash your potential. In this program, real learning is not happening inside the classroom, but through your critical thinking, inquisitive mind, and meaningful engagement.

The program is designed to equip you with the knowledge and skills to create solutions that have real value. We will challenge you to change the world, change social practices, and change cultural norms. But most importantly, change yourself.

Diversity is our strength. MGH faculty and students come from a wide variety of countries and backgrounds. They are your best resources for your success. The key to addressing global health issues and concerns is through partnership. You cannot do it alone. But you will not be alone - your UGHE classmates, faculty, and staff are here to support and guide you to become great healthcare leaders – do not underestimate the power of collaboration.

I hope your time here is rewarding and fruitful. On behalf of the Health Management team, I wish you success in your studies on this beautiful campus.

Abeba A. Kebede

Ethiopia



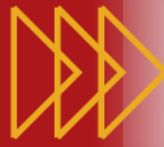
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Less than 100 hospitals for a 120 million-plus population are never enough, especially when most centers are in the capital city. Understaffed, overcrowded, and severely limited supply chain management. This is Ethiopia, but the story is portrayed all over Africa.

What do you want to get out of this MGHD program?

To equip me with the necessary knowledge and skills that transformative and innovative leaders of the world possess and create a fostering environment that nurtures my research abilities to be able to contribute to the research community to further my impact as a Global Health Leader.

Abeba Aleka is an aspiring female physician, graduate class of 2021 from Addis Ababa University. Worked as a Quality Officer and a Case Team Lead, at one of the largest referral centers in the capital of Ethiopia where she has also served as a quality director for 6 months. Dedicated to transform the health sector in her country, she aspires to implement innovative health policies and strategies to tackle the challenges of poor health care access, equity, and the quality of care. She believes in volunteering and lending a helping hand when needed.



What is the biggest Global Health challenge you would like to address and why?

Differences in economic status and access to healthcare pose the most significant challenge to equitable global health coverage in rural communities in the global south. This is a form of social injustice and inequity that leaves most of vulnerable individuals in a vicious cycle of poverty and ill health. I aim to address this in the global sphere to ensure that our society can access the healthcare they need without the worry of bankruptcy. Equitable healthcare is everyone's right.

What do you want to get out of this MGHD program?

The MGHD program is built on the premise of health equity for all. The multidisciplinary of the course content (especially for Health Management), trainers, and trainees will expose me to an unrivaled knowledge base that will train me into a Global Health leader with internationally recognized management skills.



Anne Agoe is a Healthcare Manager from Uganda. Having graduated with a BSc. in Nursing from Makerere University, she has been instrumental in various community health management initiatives. She has worked with multiple community-based NGOs over the past 5 years in HIV/AIDS, Reproductive, Maternal, Neonatal, Child & Adolescent Health programming, in addition to M-Health in Integrated Community Case Management implementation in rural Ugandan communities. Her goal is to ensure the adoption of strategic policies that will drive equitable healthcare systems and access to healthcare for all in Uganda.



What is the biggest Global Health challenge you would like to address and why?

I would like to address is 'Unjust Healthcare Provision'. I would like to address this global health challenge because I think it is one of the leading contributing factors to most global health problems. I have seen first-hand people dying of Ebola in West Africa, but others were cured of the same disease condition in the USA, and UK. Because they are preventable, 'Unjust Healthcare Provision' go against social justice ideals.

What do you want to get out of this MGHD program?

I expect to learn the key strategies and management practices in global health programs and how to apply evidence-based and field-tested managerial functions to manage complex programs and organizations. With the knowledge gained from the MGHD Program, I will adequately manage and monitor healthcare systems, getting the right things done.

Anthony is a 2020 graduate with BSc in Public Health from William VS. Tubman University, Liberia. He's a health professional with over seven (7) years of experience in the Liberian Health Care Delivery Sector. Before UGHE, he was into procurement and supply chain management of pharmaceutical products, working at Partners In Health, Liberia (PIH-L). Mr. Kwarbo is an impact-driven and result-oriented person who frowns on dependency syndrome. His passion is geared towards worldwide health improvement with more emphasis on prevention against global disease burdens and reduction of inequalities among populations void of discrimination.



What is the biggest Global Health challenge you would like to address and why?

The biggest global health challenge is likely to be addressing infectious diseases, such as Malaria, and ensuring access to healthcare for all. These issues disproportionately affect vulnerable populations and can lead to significant economic and societal impacts. Addressing these challenges requires a multifaceted approach including strong healthcare systems, disease surveillance, and international cooperation.

What do you want to get out of this MGHD program?

To be able to build my capacity in project design such that it can help address the disease burden of the most vulnerable to achieve global health equity.

Ayuba Nuhu is an enthusiast and humanitarian in public health with a professional background in pharmacy. He has been involved in the implementation of BHA/USAID-funded projects in the North East of Nigeria through an equitable distribution of pharmaceutical and medical commodities to the victims of armed conflict. His strengths lie in his ability to negotiate and resolve conflict, make difficult decisions, and work with different personal styles and approaches using high intercultural sensitivity. Before UGHE worked with MSF Switzerland as the Mission Pharmacy Manager in Nigeria, carrying out nutritional interventions.

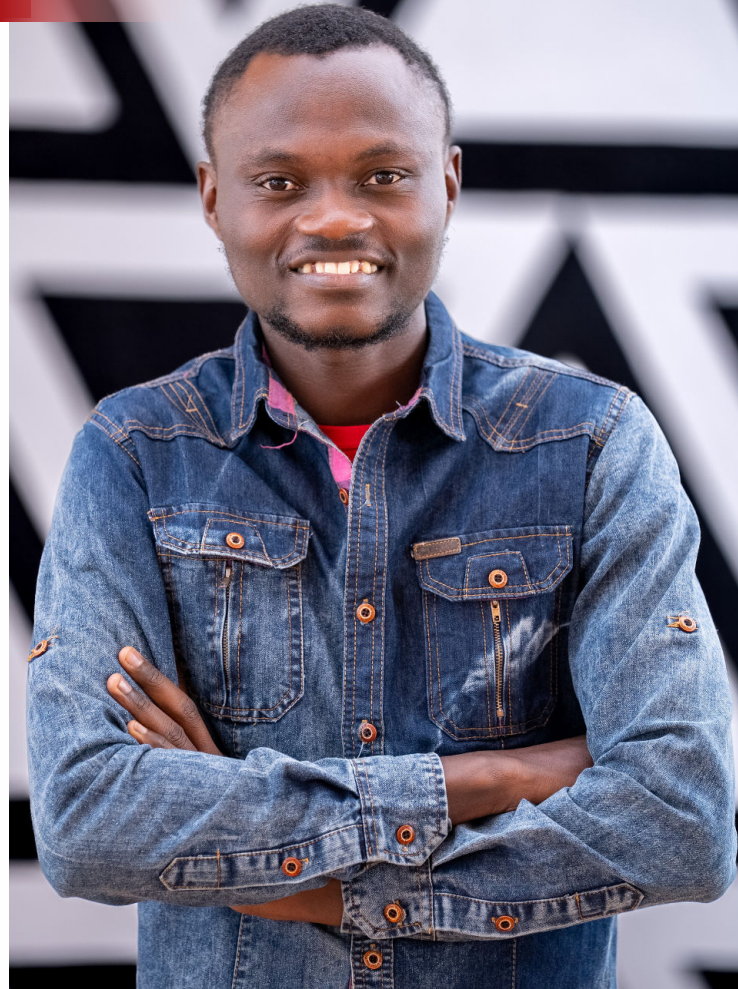


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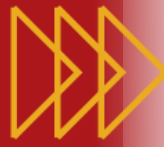
In my experience so far, I have learned the importance of mentorship for professional development and because of that, I wish to see more young healthcare professionals and students get mentored by established healthcare professionals. I believe with initiatives Medlabconvo is spearheading in Nigeria in partnership with other human resources for healthcare-focused organizations, Africa will have healthcare professionals who are well-equipped to combat future healthcare challenges.

What do you want to get out of this MGHD program?

As an emerging thought leader in healthcare in Africa, I want to learn about social theories and socio-determinants for health and how they both impact global health interventions. I hope to use the lens of equity to approach research and advocacy projects after my studies at UGHE.



Gabriel Oke is a biomedical scientist, research enthusiast and emerging health journalist interested in health systems strengthening, health communications and thought leadership. He has written peer-reviewed articles and opinion articles in peer review journals and online media platforms. He is an alumnus of the 2021 British Council Future News Worldwide Program, a 2021 HPHR Journal Fellow, a 2021 RSTMH Grantee and a 2022 Diana Awards Awardee, for his impact with Medlabconvo. He is interested in learning more about research writing, technical writing, data analysis, M and E, project management, and program planning.



What is the biggest Global Health challenge you would like to address and why?

The inequity in the provision of the Comprehensive Preconception health care Package to both men and women of childbearing age, young girls and boys. As highlighted by WHO, the provision of Comprehensive preconception healthcare services has the potential to reduce preventable maternal and neonatal mortality rates which is a burden to the healthcare systems in different low and middle-income countries.



What do you want to get out of this MGHD program?

I would like to get out of the UGHE premises an equipped person with knowledge and skills such that I should be able to meaningfully contribute to the improved delivery of quality healthcare services. I should be able to use data and evidence to identify project areas using management tools in developing equitable and quality health programmes.

Happy Jaji is a professional male Nurse with vast knowledge and experience in Maternal and neonatal health . He holds a BSc in Midwifery from the University of Malawi. Has been working as a public servant in the Ministry of health for the past 14years. His passion in sexual and reproductive health more especially preconception health care services, prompted him to have MERICA PRECONCEPTION HEALTH CARE CENTRE where preconception healthcare information and other related services are offered for free. As an experienced Maternal and neonatal health clinical mentor, Happy enjoys teaching Midwifery students in the clinical area.



What is the biggest Global Health challenge you would like to address and why?

I want to address is the aspect of management and leadership in global health, so many good people have sacrificed their lives in advocating for the need for global health, however, we in developing countries lack the leadership and the management to build on the existing work.

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Jamilu is a Medical practitioner who worked in one of the public hospitals in Nigeria but also worked as a volunteer to promote equitable healthcare delivery to the poor and vulnerable populations. He holds MBChB from Kampala International University (2020). Jamilu is a global health enthusiast and passionate about Mental health. He is interested in health management and health policy-making, and his ability to learn, communicate, collaborate and adapt in a group is exceptional. He is a selfless and dedicated person, full of integrity. Jamilu likes spending his free time with friends and family, and also enjoys traveling to new places.



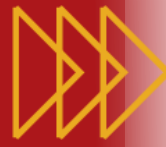
What is the biggest Global Health challenge you would like to address and why?

The biggest global health challenge I would like to address is access to care for vulnerable communities because I come from a country where poor communities do not have enough or at least receive equitable access to care. Indeed, the lack of access to care leads to an increase in preventable diseases and deaths in these communities. I grew up idealizing the idea of helping to eradicate this problem in my country to allow these communities to well evolve naturally.

What do you want to get out of this MGHD program?

I would like to learn from this MGHD program important key management and leadership practices for health organizations. These practices include the use of management tools to develop health programs, monitoring the execution of projects, advocacy for important health matters, fundraising for health programs, and human resources for healthcare, etc

Jean Alanic is a Burundi-Rwandan holding a bachelor degree in healthcare management. During his academic and professional journey, Alanic has built knowledge in management and leadership of health organizations, human resources for health, health promotion and community health advocacy, monitoring and evaluation and healthcare budgeting. He is passionate about healthcare delivery, community development and has a strong desire to improve healthcare access for all. Alanic is a dynamic person and uses his hardworking attitude to reach success in his endeavors. In his free time, he enjoys playing football and listening to music



What is the biggest Global Health challenge you would like to address and why?

I feel there is a need for more representation of patient voices in global health. As a patient advocate, I want to create spaces for meaningful involvement of patients in Global Health conversations and decisions that affect them.

What do you want to get out of this MGHD program?

I look forward to learning from a world class faculty, a global community of students and understanding how to better communities I work with while delivering equitable care.

Lea is a patient expert making sickle cell a global health priority. She has 10 years' experience solving sickle cell problems in rural, poor communities in Africa that address inequities to prevent sickle cell 'stupid' deaths. She is the founder and CEO of Africa Sickle Cell Organization, an organization that envisions a world free from sickle cell suffering. Lea is a fierce advocate for patient inclusion who works closely with communities, governments and global health allies to advance policy, and financing for sickle cell. She is recognized as one of Top 80 most influential advocates and people in sickle cell disease.



What is the biggest Global Health challenge you would like to address and why?

The biggest global health challenge that I would like to address is Health inequality based on discrimination, and the reason why I would like to address it is because I have personal experience affiliated with that issue. Secondly, I want people to get quality healthcare services without being discriminated against or prejudiced against.

What do you want to get out of this MGHD program?

I would like to learn leadership skills that will foster my boldness to apply a solution or bring change to unfavorable situations in the healthcare settings.

Prince Christian is an aspiring healthcare enthusiast who is eager to fight against healthcare inequalities and pave the way for everyone to have equal access to healthcare services. Having graduated from Southern New Hampshire University with a bachelor's degree in Healthcare Management, Prince was able to comprehend how the healthcare field can play a big role in saving people's lives. Prince developed his interest mostly in the healthcare research field where he conducted a summer internship in University of New York about COVID-19 Vaccine perceptions. Prince always has the appetite to learn something new and it never gets full.



What is the biggest Global Health challenge you would like to address and why?

Child development has so many barriers, especially in my country, including issues around nutrition, education, and safeguarding which all contribute to healthy development and a thriving child. I am interested in addressing risk factors during childhood that contribute to psychopathology throughout the lifespan and specifically designing interventions that can be used in low-resource settings which harness cultural knowledge and practices.

What do you want to get out of this MGHD program?

The main takeaway I hope to gain from this project is how I can collaborate well with communities in any of the future roles I am in. I want to understand how to pilot interventions from a grassroots level that truly serve and are led by the community. The MGHD is a stepping stone to my ongoing career in public health.



Theodora Khofi is a Psychology graduate from the University of Warwick, where she became interested in developmental psychopathology and global mental health. In an attempt to learn more from the global mental health sector, she interned in clinical settings in Rwanda and Malawi. Theodora also has experience in health systems strengthening and health financing from her work at GIZ, where she supported partners in the implementation of Global Fund programming. She aspires to combine her various work experiences to explore how mental health can better be integrated in primary healthcare.



What is the biggest Global Health challenge you would like to address and why?

I have seen so many patients not being able to afford care and even more going through a financial crisis as they are obliged to sell their homes or get loans in order to afford quality medical services. I would love to work on reducing the impacts of catastrophic out-of-pocket health expenditures to protect against impoverishing healthcare expenditures.

What do you want to get out of this MGHD program?

After attending the MGHD course in the health management track, I'm looking forward to acquiring familiarization with strategic thinking, evidence generation for ground root problems, and problem-solving skills that will help me contribute to the provision of health equity.

Tinsae Abera is a physician. After graduating from St. Pauls's Hospital Millennium Medical College in Medicine, Tinsae has been working in emergency healthcare service provision in various positions, from direct patient care to leadership roles. She was engaged in the coordination of complex humanitarian emergency responses at the Ethiopian Federal Ministry of Health. She is fascinated by and seeks to further her skills in evidence-based policymaking, equitable health service distribution, disaster management and humanitarian emergency response. Tinsae is a friendly person who enjoys volunteering, exploring new cultures.



What is the biggest Global Health challenge you would like to address and why?

Out of diverse global health challenges, I want to target the gaps in access to equitable and quality healthcare services. In my practice, I have witnessed the impact of the socioeconomic forces affecting the health status/ outcome of patients visiting our facility as equal to or more than the impact of the disease itself. I want to contribute to such existent or upcoming efforts towards dilution and eventual elimination of those barriers.

What do you want to get out of this MGHHD program?

I hope to gain knowledge about how healthcare interventions are orchestrated from large offices to each household, who the key players are, and what role I can play in both research and policymaking to achieve international and local goals of making health a right for all.

Yonas is a physician and the Director of Innovative Strategies and Operations at St. Paul's Hospital Millennium Medical College (SPHMMC). Yonas is also an associate at INNOVA Healthcare Consultancy, a leading Ethiopian healthcare consultancy firm, where he has consulted on the establishment and expansion of numerous businesses in the Ethiopian healthcare sector. In his health-oriented academic endeavor, he aims to attain practicable knowledge and skillsets in Healthcare Leadership, Health Policy, and Economics, enabling him to apply a generalist approach to contribute to nipping healthcare sector problems in the bud.



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The aspirations of primary health care (PHC) are to ensure that there is social equity, self-reliance, involvement of the local populations, nationwide coverage, and intersectoral coordination. Unfortunately, this is not the state of affairs in most parts of Sub-Saharan Africa (SSA). The roll-out of the PHC in the SSA is ad hoc, not coordinated, and provides curative health care services only or in some instances, just brick and mortar (health centers and dispensaries) and no essential medicines or services available.

What do you want to get out of this MGHD program?

I believe that the UGHE will shape my ideas and aspirations of working with the most vulnerable populations in Sub-Saharan Africa and beyond.

Zacharia is a health manager, worked at the Universal Health Coverage secretariat, Ministry of Health. He holds a BSc degree in Foods, Nutrition and Dietetics of Egerton University. He has undertaken training in Monitoring and Evaluation, Project Cycle Management, and Senior Management Course at the Kenya school of Government among others. He believes in universal and equitable healthcare for all and that this cannot be achieved without capacity building of policy makers and health managers. Zacharia's passion is in helping people with diabetes to manage themselves through self-care and fighting stigma.



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