The global health industry identifies individuals living in low and middle income countries or developing countries and works to address health concerns that exist in those areas. These health concerns could include HIV/AIDS, malaria, STD’s, tropical diseases as well as age related illnesses. Mental health and health consequences of trauma, war and displacement are also issues that global health addresses.

TRENDS & INDUSTRY INFO

The job outlook in global health is excellent. Some entry level jobs can be done with an undergraduate degree, but in public health a Master’s in Public Health is a common requirement. The U.S. is placing a high priority on building up the nation’s public health workforce. A career in public health opens the door to diverse opportunities in a variety of sectors such as federal, private and non-governmental organizations.

With a degree in public health, you’ll be in high demand – and on a career path filled with advancement opportunities. Maternal and child health is a high priority for global health professionals. The financing, organization, and management of health service systems is another key focus in global health. Global health experts help developing countries establish and implement effective and efficient health care infrastructure.

Increasingly competitive environments and the demand for value are prompting health care organizations to find new and more effective ways to improve care delivery including telehealth, mHealth, electronic patient records, wearables, and social media – which are growing rapidly in use and influence and, thus, hold considerable implications for the healthcare sector. As health systems continue to face shrinking margins, tightening budgets, and evolving payment models, the combination of data and analytics is also being touted as a possible missing key to unlock new sources of value.

FACTS & STATS

The salary range is wide from $32,000 to $86,000

HUMANITARIAN RESULTS

Estimated assistance by UNICEF and partners in 2012

EDUCATION

3.56 MILLION school-aged children, including adolescents, accessing formal and non-formal basic education (including temporary learning spaces and play and early learning for young children)

NUTRITION

2.11 MILLION severely malnourished children aged 6-59 months benefitting from therapeutic feeding programs.

CHILD PROTECTION

1.4 MILLION children with safe access to community spaces for socializing, play, learning, etc.

5,300 children associated with armed forces or groups reintegrated into their families and communities.

HIV/AIDS

2.33 MILLION pregnant women with access to prevention, care, and treatment including PMTCT.

HEALTH

43.8 MILLION children aged 6 months to 15 years vaccinated for measles.

2.13 MILLION Families received two ITNs

WASH

18.8 MILLION people with access to safe water to agreed standards

7.8 MILLION people with access to appropriately designed toilets.

2.81 MILLION children with access to safe water, sanitation, and hygiene facilities in their learning environment.

Source: UNICEF
A Career in GLOBAL HEALTH

SKILLS & EXPERIENCE NEEDED

Resume
Reflect your passion for global health. Add all relevant experience and showcase any unique set of skills (such as languages you speak, cultures and populations you have worked with).

Skills Required
- Effective Communicator
- Understanding of community you want to serve
- Understanding of different cultures and settings
- Analytical Skills
- Data and Systems Knowledge
- Problem Solving
- Technically savvy
- Grant Knowledge
- Passion for public health

Experience
Volunteer often to show your interest in this field. Various internships are year round and unpaid/volunteer based; look often and start applying early. Research the CDC’s summer internship program. Research John’s Hopkins summer internship program. Consider joining the Peace Corps or Global Health Corps post graduation.

Hiring Process and Timelines
Interviewing is behavioral based, so have several specific examples demonstrating your desire to be in this industry.

SAMPLE JOB TITLES
- Women’s Health Specialist
- Refugee Coordinator
- HIV/AIDS Educator
- Project Manager
- Public health advisor
- Outreach Specialist
- Humanitarian Response Manager
- Global Health Service Fellow
- Global Health, Economics & Development Research Associate

UMD CAMPUS RESOURCES
- Public Health Without Borders
- Half the Sky Movement
- Engaged Public Health
- Alternative Breaks
- Study Abroad

OTHER RESOURCES
- Global Health Corps
- CDC Website

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