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Developing New Perspectives on Global Health Work: The Catholic Medical Mission Board's International Programs

Program Purpose: Catholic Medical Mission Board (CMMB) is an international faith-based non-government organization (NGO) that operates through global partnerships to deliver locally sustainable, quality health solutions to women, children, and their communities. I had two major projects: (1) cultural competency training modules, and (2) infection control and prevention guideline and checklist. The aim of the first project was designed to ensure that field volunteers were culturally aware and competent about their individual countries and communities to whom that they will be delivering healthcare services. The second project's goal was to ensure that facilities have appropriate policies and procedures in place and supplies to allow healthcare personnel (HCP) to provide safe care and to systematically assess personnel adherence to correct infection control practices.

Project Design: As an intern, my responsibilities included conducting literature reviews, evaluating assessments, gathering data, editing and updating program documents, presentations, and updating calendars for all the five CMMB countries: Haiti, Kenya, Peru, South Sudan, and Zambia. In order to do this work, I collected health and culture facts from different resources. Based on the information I collected, I developed PowerPoint modules, including a conference presentation on immunization. I researched and evaluated infection control and prevention checklist from the WHO and the CDC. Based on the review, I developed a guideline and checklist for eight CMMB sites. In addition, I attended weekly program meetings and monthly staff meetings while I contributed to strategic planning of the

program operations by suggesting a SWOT analysis that I learned in my leadership and management class.

Outcomes: The final cultural competency and countries clinical and public health training materials were updated, edited and presented to the field volunteers at the biannual CMMB volunteer orientation. The final infection control and prevention guideline and checklist will support CMMB's eight sites around the world to improve infection control and prevention practices in low-resourced healthcare facilities. The final immunization presentation was presented at a national faith-based conference.

Lesson Learned: Throughout my practicum, I was able to observe, learn, and understand program development, evaluation, and implementation. This gave me a comprehensive understanding about how organizations operate in the developing world, allowing me to see global health through a different lens.

