Global public health is the science and art of preventing disease, prolonging life and promoting health around the world. Students come from all over the world to study public health at MU and most return to work on improving health and quality of life in their home countries. Recent graduates include students from Haiti, Afghanistan, Uzbekistan, Kazakhstan, China, Libya, India and Kenya. At the same time, public health professionals from all over Missouri--and many other states--come to MU to study global health.

- Did you know that 19,000 children around the world die each day from completely preventable causes such as unsafe drinking water, malnutrition or lack of affordable vaccines and drugs?
- Did you know that with changes in global climate and a more connected global community, diseases are traveling further and faster and an outbreak in one country is a now a global concern for many?
- Did you know that Contagion, Outbreak and WWZ are all based on the real science of public health with a few Hollywood tweaks added for good measure?
Active, Engaged, Interdisciplinary
Public health faculty and students at MU are actively engaged in research, service, learning and collaboration toward finding prevention-oriented, sustainable and life-enhancing solutions for the future.

Global Certificate
The MU MPH Program’s Graduate Certificate in Global Public Health recognizes the interconnectedness of our shrinking global community and offers public health professionals a chance to enhance their cultural competence and awareness of health challenges that require a global response such as climate change and food and water security.

Faculty Research
Assistant Professor Patrick Pithua holds a PhD in veterinary medicine focusing on population medicine and epidemiology and researches the links between animal and human health. Originally from Uganda, Dr. Pithua notes, “Seventy-five percent of the world’s emerging human infectious diseases are zoonotic--transmitted to humans from animals.”

Student Internships
MPH student Mackenzie Cain completed her field placement in Cape Coast, Ghana. While there, she was the lead intern for her organization HEPENS and did a personal fundraiser ($1,200) to install 2 poly-tanks in the community of Asemanso where she was recognized for her efforts by being named their Queen Mother. (top photo)

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Student Opportunities Fund:
Your contribution will support the travel and expenses of MPH students who have been invited to present their work at national meetings of the American Public Health Association (APHA), the National Institutes of Health (NIH), Unite for Sight and many other conferences. MPH students needing assistance in funding internships out-of-state or abroad may also apply to the Student Opportunities Fund for support.

Additional Opportunities:
If you are interested in exploring additional ways to support the MPH program at MU and the diverse, committed and energetic students it attracts, please contact Lise Saffran, Interim Director at (573) 884-6835.