

Private Sector Healthcare Initiative Postdoctoral Fellow – Position Description

The Global Health Group

University of California, San Francisco

The Global Health Group (GHG) at the University of California, San Francisco is an “action tank” dedicated to identifying, elaborating and translating innovative solutions to major global health challenges into large-scale action to advance health and save lives in low- and middle-income countries. Led by Sir Richard Feachem, formerly the founding director of the Global Funds to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria, the GHG works across the spectrum from analysis, through policy formulation and consensus building, to catalyzing large-scale implementation of programs in collaborating low-and middle-income countries (LMICs). The GHG was founded in late 2007 and works closely with a wide range of public and private partners.

The Private Sector Healthcare Initiative

The Global Health Group’s Private Sector Healthcare Initiative (PSHi) works to advance the understanding of private sector healthcare provision in developing countries. Given the primacy of private healthcare services in developing countries, especially for the poorest populations, the private sector is a crucial focus area for overall health systems strengthening.

The Private Sector Healthcare Initiative’s goals are to improve the evidence base on the private health sector in developing countries, advance the global understanding of the significance of private sector healthcare provision in low- and middle-income countries, and ultimately, enable governments to more effectively interact with the private sector in order to achieve public health goals. We pursue these goals through research, training and consensus-building around a broad range of private sector issues.

PSHi Postdoctoral Fellow

The Private Sector Healthcare Initiative (PSHi) is seeking an experienced researcher, writer, and statistician to spearhead the analysis and publication of results from the Maternal, Neonatal, and Child Care-Seeking (MNCCS) study. This 18-month project includes three sequential studies designed to understand the trends in key maternal and child health indicators, as well as the unique determinants of maternal health outcomes in urban settings. The objectives of the study are to: 1) assess the global trends in urban and rural facility-based deliveries and the key drivers of these trends; 2) examine the implications of increasing facility delivery on the cause structure of maternal deaths, and the quality of maternal and neonatal care; and 3) understand the determinants of maternal health inequities including assessment of environmental, social, and health infrastructure factors. In addition, the study examines trends across vulnerable populations including migrants, slum-dwellers, and the urban poor.

The post-doctoral fellow will organize and analyze existing data, reports and literature reviews, and co-write articles. The goal of these publications is to improve the evidence base regarding drivers of facility-based deliveries, urban health, and maternal and child care-seeking in LMICs. Key activities will include analyzing survey and DHS data, conducting literature reviews, co-writing articles and case studies, and developing targeted policy briefs around recommendations.

The PSHi Fellow will:

- Collaborate in writing and submission of articles on topics related to maternal and child-care seeking behaviors in developing countries
- Conduct systematic reviews on topics related to maternal and child health in developing countries, including drivers of facility-based deliveries
- Compile and conduct analyses on Demographic Health Surveys and existing community-based datasets
- Conduct field research and write up case studies

This position will be a full-time 2-year appointment, with the first 18-months focused on MNCCS work, based in San Francisco, California. The fellowship will require some travel, including visits to Africa and Asia. A recent or pending doctorate degree in public health, demography, epidemiology, or related field required. Candidates with prior experience with statistical analyses of large datasets are sought, and experienced in mixed-methodologies preferred. Right to work in the US is required.

To apply or for more information on this position, please forward a CV and a cover letter describing your relevant experience and qualifications to Dr. May Sudhinaraset at sudhinarasetm@globalhealth.ucsf.edu.