

Project Description

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CARE is a leading humanitarian organization fighting global poverty. CARE places special focus on working alongside poor women because, equipped with the proper resources, women have the power to help the whole families and entire communities escape poverty. Women are at the heart of CARE's community-based efforts to promote good governance, improve basic education, and prevent the spread of HIV, increase access to clean water and sanitation, expand economic opportunity and protect natural resources. CARE also delivers emergency aid to survivors of war/genocide and natural disasters and help people rebuild their lives. In the duration of my internship I will be working mainly with the Indashyikirwa Project which was begun September 2014 and continues through August 2018, funded by Department for International Development.

The Indashyikirwa project focuses on gender-based violence (GBV) prevention and aims to reduce intimate partner violence (IPV) as a primary outcome. It uses a gender-synchronized approach to bring about sustainable social change through the engagement of men and women at the individual, family and community levels, to challenge harmful and restrictive constructions of masculinity and femininity that drive inequality leading to GBV. Interventions proposed aim to positively transform attitudes, practices and social norms towards achieving more equitable gender power relations, and thus gender equality. I will be assisting with preparing advocacy messages and implementing different project advocacy agendas, data collection and its analysis, as well as contributing to the writing of the project's final impact report.

Additionally, I will be working with CARE Rwanda's department of youth employment team to tackle the employability problem in Rwanda. With the assistance from local and national government as well as the civil society and communities, the team and I will work towards ending the critical national unemployment problem and the sub-social factors that drive it.