

Summer 2019 Internship with the World Health Organization's Eastern Mediterranean Regional Office in Cairo, Egypt

I will work at the World Health Organization (WHO) in Cairo, Egypt for twelve weeks, forty hours per week, during summer 2019. More specifically, I will be at their Eastern Mediterranean Regional Office (EMRO). There are six total regional offices, each with a set of countries they oversee.

WHO's EMRO monitors the following countries in Central Asia, the Middle East, Northern Africa, and the Horn of Africa: Afghanistan, Bahrain, Djibouti, Egypt, Iran, Iraq, Jordan, Kuwait, Lebanon, Libya, Morocco, Oman, Pakistan, Palestine, Qatar, Saudi Arabia, Somalia, Sudan, Syria, Tunisia, United Arab Emirates, and Yemen. My role will be to provide technical support to the Ministries of Health in these countries and help them develop or strengthen their national infection control programs. Given that many of these countries are conflict-ridden, dealing with a refugee crisis, or still developing their healthcare systems, as well as my nascent interest in international relations, I am ecstatic about the opportunity to work with these countries. I will also work on the regional and international WHO task force on antimicrobial resistance, embedded within the division of communicable diseases. My data analysis skills and coding language background will contribute to our epidemiological work. To leverage my anthropology background too, I will work alongside the anthropological consultant we have to ensure we provide culturally-relevant recommendations to these countries.