Sparkman (Remote)
Internship Abroad

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INTERNSHIP SITE: Sunrise Centre
• “empower communities through a combination of education, nutrition, healthcare and income generating activities”
• Composed a primary and vocational school and health clinic

BACKGROUND
• HIV infection is common; 2/3 of global prevalence in WHO African region
• HIV/AIDS related deaths declined in the past decade but still continue
• Eliminating AIDS and maternal to child transmission of HIV (MTCT) are Sustainable Development Goals

LESSONS LEARNED
• Many lower income countries’ public health model includes community health workers as an integral part of their task force
• No matter how common a disease may be and for how long, it is important to equitably educate communities and provide resources

Create evaluation forms for Early Start Home Visit Program and education guide for Village Mothers on HIV and MTCT.

Elimination of Maternal to Child Transmission Initiative

HIV and MTCT Education Guide
for Village Mothers

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Early Start Home Visit Program
Sunrise Centre, Mukono

Elimination of Mother to Child Transmission

Provides healthcare and counseling for mom during pregnancy and childbirth
• HIV testing and counseling
• Access to HIV medication (ART)
• Support and care for healthy pregnancy
• Education on preventing transmission to child
• Facility for safe birthing with medical staff

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COMMUNITY IMPACT
• In 2018, Uganda had 23,000 HIV/AIDS deaths and in the rural Mukono district, health care access is low.
• Sunrise Centre’s Elimination of Maternal to Child Transmission initiative to expand their Early Start Home Visit program will help bridge the gap by providing HIV and MTCT education and referring to their Grace Family Health Centre.

WORK PRODUCTS
• The pre-evaluation form will assess program eligibility
• The post-evaluation will assess program impact and success
• The education guide will be used to train Village Mothers and to use as a reference when educating in the community