

YOUTH INTERNSHIP PROGRAMME

Internship vacancy

Job Title	Department
Intern	IPPF Sub Office to African Union

Introduction:

IPPF ARO is one of the leading providers of quality sexual and reproductive health (SRH) services in Africa, and a prominent advocacy voice championing universal access to sexual and reproductive health and rights for all, in particular the most vulnerable and marginalised. Including women and girls, and young people.

Headquartered in Nairobi, Kenya, IPPFAR delivers its critical mission thanks to **33 Member Associations (MAs)**, **9 Collaborative Partners**, youth advocates, staff, and a network of dedicated volunteers who provide high quality, youth focused and gender sensitive services to those who are most vulnerable and marginalized. **The MAs are national organizations that have a long-standing history of delivering SRHR services**, often in extremely difficult circumstances. **They work in close partnership with the Government, private clinics, community-based distributors and CSOs.** In 2020, IPPF together with the MAs provided more than 10.5 million sexual and reproductive health and rights services.

At IPPFARO we are very committed to **gender equality** and to ensuring that women, girls, and young people realize their rights and have control over their own bodies, their lives, and their futures. We are also one of the **largest providers of sexual and reproductive healthcare in emergencies**.

More information on the work of IPPFAR can be accessed [here](#)

IPPFAR appreciates the fact that almost 60% of Africa's population are youth under the age of 25 and is committed to provide a framework by which individuals from diverse academic or life background may be assigned to its Office where their educational experience can be enhanced through practical work assignments, exposure to an international environment and the opportunity to deepen their knowledge and understanding of what IPPFAR does and stands for.

Job description

Under the supervision of the Head of the **IPPFAR Sub Office to the African Union (AU)**, the intern will be responsible for providing support to technical advocacy teams working to promote health and rights issues both at the African Union Commission's level and at the level of the different Africa [Regional Economic Communities](#) (RECs).

Roles and responsibilities

1. Represent the Sub Office in various policy and technical committees:
 - Participate in strategic events as well as soliciting the allocation of speaking slots, and by organising key side events that influence policy change.
 - Provide regular briefings on emerging activities that are of interest to the organisation.
 - Monitor policy discussions and involvement in negotiations at events with a view to influence inclusion of SRHR in relevant AU reports and technical documents.
 - Assist with the development of regular SRHR briefs for Permanent Missions and other Embassies.
 - Update calendar of events as well as the data base of all Embassies, Permanent Missions and UN agencies and other organisations relevant to the Federation.
2. Strategies and plans including Monitoring and Evaluation:
 - Monitor and evaluate the implementation of all instruments acceded by member states of the African Union.
 - Assist to establish an accountability mechanism for Member States and their adherence to their regional and global commitments.

- Undertake the Monitoring and Evaluation on the agreed process indicators.
- 3. Internal Communication
 - Contribute to the IPPFAR monthly bulletin (through the collection of stories and best advocacy practices, as well as the achievements of the Liaison Office.
 - Assist with the dissemination of events calendar to RO and MAs.
- 4. Assists with reporting

Duration and location:

Our internship programme is a **6-month full-time** based at the regional office in Nairobi, at the African Union sub-office in Addis Ababa, or home-based, depending on the organizations' needs and the intern's mobility.

This specific position is based in **Addis Ababa, Ethiopia**.

Requirements and qualifications:

Must be:

- Citizen of African country
- 23 years old or below on the date of the application

Education:

- Enrolled student at graduate school programme (second university degree or equivalent, or higher) in business/management or related field; or
- Enrolled student in the final academic year of a first university degree programme.

Experience:

- No professional work experience is required for participation in the Internship Programme.

Language Requirements:

- Fluency in spoken and written English or French is required. Knowledge of the other language or Portuguese is an advantage.

Other requirements:

- Proven interest in SRHR issues is an asset
- Computer literate in standard software applications
- Being an active youth volunteer and/or a member of the Youth Action Movement (YAM) is an added advantage.

Benefits:

- Paid internship
- High level engagement and advocacy on SRHR
- First-hand knowledge of international organization
- Hands-on experience
- Networking
- Leadership development
- Coaching and mentoring
- Co-manage an intern-led project
- Capacity building and skills development

Interested individuals should visit <https://www.ippfar.org/jobs-and-opportunities/vacancies/internships>

IPPFAR is committed to creating a diverse and inclusive environment of mutual respect. IPPFAR values diversity at the workplace and recruits and employs interns regardless of gender identity, sexual orientation, race, religious, cultural and ethnic backgrounds or

disabilities. We therefore encourage qualified young men and women, including those with disabilities, living with HIV/AIDS, or belonging to stigmatised or discriminated against communities with diverse professional, academic and cultural backgrounds to apply.