



COMMUNITY-ENGAGED LEARNING REFUGEE HEALTH

PATHWAY: GLOBAL HEALTH EQUITY

Project Description

- Identify and address unique health needs among refugee populations across Hampton Roads and around the world
- Work in clinics and within the community in pursuit of health equity for marginalized populations

Annual Student Activities

- Ongoing statewide mental health research
- Mentorship program with local young adult refugees
- Opportunities for international clinical service and language immersion training
- Health fairs, seminars, and cultural activities

Community Outcomes/Results

- Regular community health screenings and education on diabetes, hypertension, and elevated cholesterol
- Annual back-to-school and sports physicals offered at health fairs
- Increased healthcare worker capacity to overcome language and cultural barriers to care
- Engagement in local coalition to support and strengthen community advocacy and services for our local refugees

FACILITATORS

- Shadi Bayadsy, PhD

PARTNERS

- Local & International NGOs, Non-Profits
- Religious Organizations
- Schools and Universities
- Local Health Systems

THE NEED

- Hampton Roads is home to 2000 resettled refugees
- Approximately 17 000 of refugees can be found throughout VA
- Social determinants of health, including lingual patterns and history of forced displacement, affect health access and outcomes of this community