What is MINGA?

“Minga entails a collaborative work system that dates back to the Incas. It refers to the commitment, contract or work agreement between two or more people. The word minga also stands for meeting or reunion.”

VOLUNTEER & INTERNSHIP OPPORTUNITY

Community Health – Colombia

Learning Objectives:

Community health is a major field of study within the medical and clinical sciences which focuses on the maintenance, protection, and improvement of the health status of population groups and communities as opposed to the health of individual patients. During this rotation, you will experience how Colombian health professionals from different specialized fields view Colombian community health. You may choose 1 or 2 of the following work settings; but each site requires a minimum of 2 weeks. Certified professionals have greater flexibility of time constraints. Our Volunteer Experience Advisor will make a recommendation as to where you should invest your volunteer time upon learning about your professional goals and interests.

- Hospital Rotations
- Elderly Care
- Public Health Campaigns
- CNA Tech School
- Regional Hospitals
- Rural Medical Clinics
- Physical Therapy Clinic
- Traditional Medicine Shop
- Special Education Center
- Sex Workers Childcare Center
- Nutrition Program
- Pharmacy & Health Store
- HMO Internship
- Health Products Laboratory
- Dental Clinic
- Emergency Medicine – First Responder
**Participant Requirements:**

**Educational Background:**

Undergraduate & Professionals in any of the following fields: Medicine, Pre-Med, Nursing, Physical Therapy, Dental, Public Health, Nutrition, Pharmacy, Education, and/or Health Management

**Spanish Language Skills:**

(None) 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 (Fluent)

**Potential projects and day-to-day duties:**

- Shadow & assist health professionals as directed
- Tasked to compare/contrast Colombian practices vs. U.S. practices (possible research project)
- Support in the creation of information materials for the public
- Support in the review of current internal operations processes & procedures for improvement
- Support in the daily tasks and other duties assigned by supervisor
- Play the role of a ‘day in the life’ of a Colombian employee and/or intern at each of the worksites
- Participate as a Bilingual Assistant with ISL’s Global Health Teams if team is available

**Service Term:**

- **Plan Prep Time:** 21 days minimum before arrival date
- **Service Term:** 14 days minimum stay (32 hrs. minimum); no limit
- **Work Schedule:** 6-8 hrs./day - Monday-Friday (TBD am - TBD pm) – Recommend 4 days/wk.

**Service Window:**

- January to December

**Special Skills Desired:**

- Interest in community health
- Strong communication skills
- Great attitude
- Proactive
- Self-Directed
- Responsible & Mature

To inquire about this Opportunity, send your resume to:

Volunteer@MingaHouse.org