INFO SESSION
MONDAY SEPT 6, 2010
LAMONT FORUM ROOM

Harvard College
Global Hunger Initiative

The Global Hunger Crisis

UN Millennium Development Goal #1:
To eradicate extreme poverty and hunger.

Around the world, 830 million today are chronically hungry due to extreme poverty.

One child dies every 5 seconds due to malnutrition and related diseases.

Chronic hunger and malnutrition is a greater risk than the pandemics of HIV/AIDS, malaria & TB combined.
The Global Hunger Crisis

Poverty and the Global Food Crisis

- 1/6 of the world lives on less than $1/day
- As a result of rising food prices, food insecurity is increasing
- Developing countries are particularly affected
- In East Africa, 17 million people are facing serious food insecurity
  - poor harvests
  - high food prices
  - conflict
  - insecurity

From USAID: http://www.usaid.gov/our_work/humanitarian_assistance
Our organization

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Vision and Goals

Our vision is to be an organization that will encompass advocacy, action & education in our fight against chronic hunger and poverty.
Vision and Goals

Main goals:
- To create awareness about global poverty issues
- To focus on: (i) advocacy, (ii) action, and (iii) education, related to issues regarding both local and global food insecurity
- To develop new, creative models for the alleviation of chronic hunger and sustainable solutions for malnutrition treatment
- To connect our peers into networks that work towards poverty relief
- To advocate for greater U.S. involvement in foreign aid, in both emergency food aid, as well as long-term developmental programs

Structure of the Organization

5 committees:
- Local Action Committee
- Events Planning
- Education and Innovation
- Outreach
- Finance and Fundraising
Local Action Committee

“Thinking globally, acting locally”
- Help address local food insecurity & homelessness in the Greater Boston area
  - Harvard Square Homeless Shelter
  - Rosie’s Place
  - Women’s Lunch Place
  - Greater Boston Food Bank

Events Planning Committee

- Organizes campus-wide events about food policy, agricultural development, poverty relief, malnutrition, and sustainable development
- Fundraising & Advocacy Events
Education & Innovation Committee

- Crafting new innovative solutions to fight poverty and hunger in underserved communities around the world
- Current Focus:
  - Nyakibale Malnutrition Program, Uganda
- Past Projects:
  - AgroText, awarded as one of the top 15 innovations in 2009 by the United States Agency for International Development (USAID) Development Challenge

The Malnutrition Program at Nyakibale

- Despite serving a catchment area of more than 300,000 people, there was no treatment program for malnutrition at the Nyakibale hospital prior to January 2010
- GHI worked with Dr. Keri Cohn of MGH to implement a protocol for the treatment of malnutrition according to WHO standards
- 6 GHI students traveled to Uganda to establish the malnutrition program
Malnutrition Program at Nyakibale

- This summer, members of GHI returned to Uganda to retrain staff, refine the malnutrition program, establish a social enterprise to enable the self-sustainability of the program, and expand outreach efforts to the community.

Outreach Committee

- Coordinate efforts with our Networks:
  - Mass General Hospital
    - Division of Global Health and Human Rights (GHHR)
  - World Food Programme
    - Universities Fighting World Hunger (UFWH)
  - Millennium Campus Network
  - CARE Organization
    - Student Action Network
  - Philips Brooks House Association (PBHA)
    - Public Service Network (PSN)
Meetings

General Body Meetings:
- Sundays, 4:30 – 5:30 pm
- Lamont Forum Room

COMP Process:
- The process will span about a month
- Upon completion, the member will become a director of one of the committees (or a co-chair in some cases)
- The COMP process is very informal, lots of fun and a great way to plug in to the international development community at Harvard

COMP Process

- COMP requirements
  - Attend meetings, events and participate in at least 1 service event
  - Make a 5-10 min presentation on a related topic of choice
  - If you have any circumstance where you cannot make one or more of the mandatory events, please send a letter as soon as possible to globalhungerinitiative@gmail.com!
Intern with us in East Africa!

- Internships in Nutrition & Global Health
  - Nyakibale, Uganda
  - J-term (2.5 weeks) & Summer (7-8 weeks)
  - Harvard's funding opportunities to help finance these trips

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