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Nationality:

American and Peruvian

Number of years of work experience:

8+ years

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I found out about the program through...

A friend/former colleague at Last Mile Health

My Fellowship role:

Director, Strategic Communications

Fellowship organization: Last Mile Health

Organization's mission:

To save lives in the world's most remote communities by partnering with governments to deploy, sustain, and manage professional networks of community health professionals.

My background:

I originally joined Last Mile Health in 2017 after graduating with my Bachelor's degree. At Last Mile Health, I served in roles spanning development operations, grants management, and donor communications. Most recently, I oversaw the organization's grant reporting portfolio, working across the Programs, M&E, and Finance teams to translate key insights and data into compelling written materials for donors. I departed the organization in 2024 to pursue a Master of Public Health focused on maternal and child health. During my graduate studies, I worked with Birth Beyond Bars, conducting research on the impacts of incarceration during pregnancy. Since graduating in December, I have worked with Co-Impact as a Learning, Measurement & Evaluation Consultant. I hold a Bachelor of Arts from Northeastern University and a Master of Public Health from the Harvard T.H. Chan School of Public Health.

I joined the LGT Impact Fellowship because...

I am eager to apply the knowledge and experience I gained in graduate school in service of a mission I am deeply committed to. This opportunity to return to Last Mile Health and pivot to a Communications role—while becoming part of the amazing LGT Impact Fellowship community—is the perfect fit.

In my Fellowship role I will...

oversee the organization's "thought leadership" communications portfolio, in addition to managing restricted award deliverables and the organization's 20th anniversary campaign.

I am very excited about...

supporting the production of Last Mile Health's 20th anniversary video.