Project Title
African Access Initiative M&E Framework and Toolkit

Organizational Background
BIO Ventures for Global Health (BVGH) is a non-profit organization based in Seattle that strategically develops and manages programs across the for-profit and non-profit sectors to accelerate research and development (R&D) for poverty-related diseases; build biomedical R&D capacity in low- and middle-income countries (LMICs); and, through the BVGH-led African Access Initiative (AAI), improve cancer patient care in Africa. BVGH staff’s PhD- and Master’s-level scientific and public health training and project management expertise ensure that each program is efficiently developed and executed to achieve important clinical, capacity building, and research objectives. In addition to scientific expertise, BVGH brings decades of private industry biopharmaceutical experience to its program development and activities.

Launched by BVGH in June 2017, AAI is a public-private partnership that is addressing Africa’s cancer crisis by sustainably expanding access to oncology medicines and technologies; strengthening healthcare infrastructure; and building clinical oncology capacity in Africa. In AAI’s initial phase, BVGH has partnered with the governments and hospitals in five African countries: Cameroon, Côte d'Ivoire, Kenya, Nigeria, and Rwanda. Senegal will be joining AAI in September 2019.

Project Description
To date, there has been no unified or comprehensive framework for understanding the impact AAI programs have had, are having, and will have on health systems and patients. The goal of this Evans Capstone Consulting Lab project will be to develop a monitoring and evaluation (M&E) framework and a set of practical tools that BVGH can use when conducting implementation and outcome/impact evaluations of AAI programs. After developing the M&E framework, student consultants will then use it to help BVGH evaluate an active program (to be selected as the project date approaches) as a case study in the applicability and effectiveness of the framework. Students will review efforts of similar organizations, interview BVGH staff, and review BVGH’s materials to produce a customized framework and then collaborate with program staff to test the framework as feasible within the project timeline.
Travel Required?
No

Deliverables
1. M&E framework that is customized to AAI
2. Set of tools (documents, tables, charts, PowerPoint slides, questions, etc.) that allow BVGH to easily implement the M&E framework
3. A case study of the M&E framework and tools in action on AAI programs
4. A final presentation at the end of the project to BVGH staff and board members (if present)

Key Tasks for Consultants
• Reviewing literature on M&E frameworks in use at similar organizations
• Interviewing AAI program staff in-person to understand the program and the requirements for the M&E framework
• Reviewing of AAI materials, including reports, communication pieces, data, and other documents to understand previous approaches to communicating impact
• Producing a customized M&E framework
• Translating M&E framework into easy-to-use tools for program staff
• Working with program staff to test the tools on an active project
• Improving the tools as necessary based on initial test case project
• Producing recommendations for BVGH on how best to integrate the M&E framework into future workflow
• Presenting final results and recommendations to BVGH staff and board members