Collaborative Group 3 Global Scholars Program: High Atlas Foundation (HAF) Global Engagement Internship

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ABOUT HAF

High Atlas Foundation is a non-profit organization in Morocco focused on sustainable development. Their mission encompasses sustainable agriculture, education, health, women's and youth empowerment, and capacity building. CG3 partnered with HAF on several important high impact projects to advance the mission of the organization.

Reflections on GEI Experience

Our CG3 GEI internship afforded many valuable experiences that will carry over into our academic and career goals.

- We learned how to communicate effectively with organizations to modify and adjust expectations for project deliverables.
- We gained immense appreciation for self-advocating in terms of emotional, physical and mental capacity.
- We learned how to problem solve with strategic approaches to multi-faceted issues that included cultural considerations.

Testimonials:

"I enjoyed learning about migrant and refugee rights, including interfaith solutions to conflict." - Agniva

"It was interesting to learn about people's communication styles and learn how we as a group can approach difficult situations." - Alyssa

"I learned how to apply my dialogue skills in group settings to strive toward a common goal." - Evan

GEI HAF Outcomes

- Literature Review
  - We overviewed >50 primary and secondary resources, concerning the Midelt Chrisitian and Moroccan Jewish populations.
  - We discovered a renewed emphasis of a lack of research and primary source information regarding Midelt Christian populations in Morocco.
  - The historical connotations of Jewish communities in Morocco include social stigma, impacts after WWII, and failed attempts at achieving religious harmony.
- Interview Questions
  - We devised interview questions for people involved in the Catholic Church in Morocco to assess current barriers in cross cultural work.
- Wrote Outlines for Article
  - We worked diligently to find information relating to immigrant populations in order to better inform HAF on practices and outreach for immigrant populations in Morocco.
- Outline NGO organization in Morocco to support immigrant populations
  - We researched NGOs in Morocco to outline contact information and addresses, creating a list for HAF to distribute.

CONCLUSION

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