

Global Health Electives in India

'Life changing and career building'



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Skillshare International India, in collaboration with our local partner organisations, has set up an innovative electives programme for medical students from the UK and the Republic of Ireland who want to have direct experience of the global determinants of health and different health care needs and delivery systems, with an inside learning experience in India in both urban and rural context.

This programme gives the opportunity for medical students to participate in a six week programme at one of these two types of electives:

- Community based elective
- Hospital and community based elective

The electives programme aims to:

- Develop students' understanding of global and local issues around health, social inequality and international development that facilitate or limit access to health care.
- Contribute to the development of global health professionals with skills, knowledge and attitudes that are relevant for working within different contexts of highly industrialised and low resource communities.

Participating students at electives will have:

- Overall supervision by a senior trained medical doctor.
- Pre- departure electives workshop in the UK or Ireland.
- Cultural induction by Skillshare International staff in India.
- In-country transfer to elective placement .
- Local modest accommodation.
- All within a total cost of £970 or 1,450 Euros

Funding raised by electives will benefit:

- Partner organisations supporting elective students with funding for health programmes e.g. Safe delivery kits.
- Help to build community health infrastructure in inaccessible tribal/forest areas.
- Support training of community health volunteers.
- Contribute to undergraduate and graduate training of health professionals.
- Recover administrative and staff costs for coordination and supervision of students during electives.



Hospital and community based electives:

- At Tribal Health Initiative (THI) in Sittilingi, District of Tamil Nadu.
- The rural hospital has an out patient ward, labour room and operating facilities.
- THI works to share health knowledge with tribal communities, to identify causes of illness and find solutions.
- Electives will be supervised by medical staff working in these projects.



Community based electives:

- At a Community Health Cooperative and Health Centre run by tribal women.
- Elective students supervised by a medical doctor working in the community.

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