

2 years ago, as I contemplated my career path while putting my baby daughter to sleep, I knew it would be something where I can witness people's quality of lives improving so I chose public health and I chose BYU. As I continue learning in the program, I had the privilege to be an Ouelessebougou Alliance (OA) and allowed me to share some of the passion, character, and skills I learned.

As a team of interns we have written grants, communicated with organizations, and invited our families, communities, and friends to participate in fundraiser events that will help the people in Mali Africa sustain the ongoing projects such as drilling wells, constructing classrooms, conducting adult literacy programs, and vaccination against malaria. It was rewarding for me to see that the remote efforts I have been a part of brought lives saved and lives improved through the photos and videos sent to us by our partners in Mali of the beautiful smiles and apparent gratitude of the recipients and program participants.

My desire to change the world continues to grow knowing that the efforts I exert behind the scenes, may be unseen, but make a real social impact.