International Water Management Institute (IWMI)
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IIP Placement
Accra, Ghana
My Work

• Communication Analysis
  • Analyzed the content of all their newsletters to determine whether they provided adequate coverage on desired topics

• Communication Pieces
  • Authored briefs, blogs and other materials that will be used to assist IWMI in research uptake and communications

• Info-graphic Creation
  • Created various info-graphics to highlight some of the projects that were going on within IWMI
Investigating the process of Charcoal production in Ghana
Rewarding Aspects

• Field Visits to the IWMI sites. These visits allowed me to see the work IWMI was doing and their direct impact on the people in the communities

• Working with many different researchers on their projects. This gave me a good view of the breadth of projects that IWMI West Africa undertakes.

• Exploring Accra and Ghana and learning about their history and culture.
At one of the Irrigation Research Sites
Impact of Work

• My analysis of all the newsletters will help the communications director make the future newsletters more extensive and inclusive of all the researchers and projects in IWMI Africa

• The briefs and info-graphics I wrote and created will be used in outreach and communication purposes for the projects I worked with
At the Site for the Project on Wastewater Reuse in Kumasi
Impact on Academic and Career Goals

• I learned what the communications office at a research institute is tasked with doing. I saw how the communications office has to keep multiple stakeholders updated about various projects going on at the institute

• I learned about how researchers work at the Institute and the nature of their research. I met multiple researchers and saw the passion they had for their topic

• I ultimately decided not to pursue a path in communications and scientific research and instead focus on engineering and the applications of scientific research
Trip to The Kwame Nkrumah Museum and Memorial
Conclusion

• My IIP trip to Ghana was fun and educational. I learned a lot about Ghana, IWMI and working in a non profit

• I grew a lot as a person and also learned about some of my passions