

## **Why did you choose to participate in the VIGH Global Health Case Competition?**

1. It was highly encouraged by fellow MPH GH students who had participated previously, as well as VIGH faculty, and seemed a great opportunity to gain additional practice with working in a multidisciplinary team to address real GH issues.
2. I am very interested in Global health issues, and this seemed like an interesting way to practice some of what I had learned in my coursework.
3. It was a great opportunity to practice critical thinking, collaborate with a multidisciplinary group, further develop my public health skills and knowledge, and gain experience presenting in front of an audience.

## **In what ways did participating in the Case Competition experience contribute to your overall learning (i.e., academic, professional, and/or social) at Vanderbilt?**

1. It was a good exercise in not only learning the necessary steps to problem investigation and intervention design, but I also learned quite a bit about a country and region of the world that I had not previously had a great deal of knowledge about. Also a lesson in patience.
2. I think interacting with individuals outside my program was the most beneficial part. It was great to work with people who approached a problem in a completely different manner.
3. Professionally, the competition helped me to understand different disciplines ways of thinking and planning. We also had two international members which added considerable value to the experience by seeing how other cultures and countries would understand the situations. Socially, I gained a few friends out of it!

## **What is the main reason you would recommend participation to your friends?**

1. Great experience working with a diverse group of people. Get to apply what you've been learning in the classroom.
2. It is an awesome educational opportunity to further develop many of the skills that will be extremely valuable in our professions.
3. To build people skills, problem solving skills and world awareness.