**Job Title:**  Communications Interns (2 positions)

**Reports To:**  Communications and Advocacy Manager
**Direct Reports:** None

**Type:** Paid internship with private health insurance

**Location:** Vientiane, Lao PDR

**Duration:**  3-6 months (flexible, with potential for extension)

**Who We Are: Join Our Team, Make a Difference!**

Are you passionate about using your communication skills for a cause that truly counts? At Health Poverty Action (HPA), we are a dynamic team dedicated to challenging the barriers that prevent communities from living healthy lives. Since 1994, we have worked with our partners in Lao PDR to strengthen local health systems and champion health equity.

We’re looking for two creative and proactive interns to join our Vientiane office. You'll be part of a supportive, non-hierarchical environment where fresh ideas are valued, and you can make a direct impact without unnecessary bureaucracy. If you have a heart for social justice and a desire to turn complex issues into compelling stories that drive real change, HPA is the place for your talent to shine.

**The Opportunity: Your Gateway to a Career in Communications**

This is more than just an internship; it's a launchpad for your career in global health and social change. You will receive direct mentorship from experienced communication professionals while working at the heart of a critical national project aimed at securing sustainable financing for immunization in Lao PDR. This role offers significant hands-on learning opportunities, providing you with:

* Direct exposure to health advocacy and policy engagement as we work with government ministries and the National Assembly to influence health financing policies.
* Practical, hands-on experience in media relations, content development, and stakeholder engagement with a wide range of partners, from CSOs to development banks.

You won't just be watching from the sidelines. You will have the opportunity to contribute to impactful social change initiatives and help shape a more equitable and resilient health future for communities across the country.

This internshipo is ideal for recent graduates or current Master's students eager to apply their academic knowledge in a real-world setting and build a strong foundation for a career in communications, international development, and public health.

**What You'll Do: Your Key Responsibilities**

As a Communications and Advocacy Intern, you will support a wide range of activities, including:

* **Content Creation:** Assist in drafting, translating, and designing compelling communication materials, such as social media posts, blog articles, human-interest stories, and presentations.
* **Campaign Support:** Help execute our multi-channel communications and advocacy campaigns, targeting policymakers, partners, and the public.
* **Media & Digital Engagement:** Monitor media coverage and social media trends related to our work. Help manage our social media channels to increase engagement and amplify our key messages.
* **Event Coordination:** Provide support in organizing workshops, press conferences, and community engagement events.
* **Research & Advocacy:** Conduct background research to support the development of policy briefs and advocacy materials that use data-driven arguments to make a case for investment in health.
* **Storytelling:** Help us find and tell powerful stories from the communities we work with, ensuring their voices are heard.

**Who We're Looking For: Our Ideal Candidate**

We are seeking energetic and aspiring communications professionals who are:

* **Educational Background:** Recently graduated with or currently pursuing a Bachelor’s or Master’s degree in Communications, Journalism, Public Relations, Marketing, International Relations, or a related field.
* **Passionate & Proactive:** You have a genuine interest in social justice, global health, and community development. You are a self-starter who is eager to learn and take initiative.
* **Excellent Communicators:** You have strong written and verbal communication skills in both English and Lao.
* **Digitally Savvy:** You are comfortable using social media platforms (Facebook, etc.) and have an eye for creating engaging digital content. Basic design skills (e.g., Canva) are a plus!
* **Team Players:** You are collaborative, adaptable, and ready to contribute to a dynamic team environment.

**Equal Opportunity Statement:** Health Poverty Action (HPA) is dedicated to creating an inclusive and diverse work environment. As an equal opportunity employer operating in Laos, we strongly encourage applications from all individuals, particularly those from underserved communities within Lao PDR. Our commitment to diversity is crucial as it enhances our ability to address the unique health challenges faced by these communities. We ensure that all employment practices, from recruitment to program management, are based on merit, qualifications, and abilities, aligned with our mission to improve health equities and foster continuous learning and technical excellence in challenging conditions.

**Safeguarding:** Safeguarding Statement: Health Poverty Action is committed to safeguarding the rights of all individuals, particularly adults and children, from abuse and exploitation. We require our staff and volunteers to adhere strictly to our principles, which mandate the prevention of sexual and all other forms of exploitation and abuse, ensuring a safe environment for everyone we work with.

Applications will be accepted **only via email** to **sabaidee@healthpovertyaction.org****.** Applications should enclose:

1. a CV,
2. a cover letter explaining why you are interested in this internship and what makes you a great candidate., and
3. contact details of at least two professional referees.

**The closing date for applications is 26 June 2025.**

We encourage applicants to apply without waiting until the closing date. The screening and interviews may be conducted before the closing date. Late applications will not be accepted.