**The UM-NetHope Internship Program**



Figure 1 – NetHope Project Reconnect

**The Problem?**

1. Students want front-line internship programs that are relevant to the issues and careers in which they have an interest.
2. The humanitarian sector has supported interns in program areas, such as public health, but technology interns are rare.
3. With persistent underfunding of IT in most nonprofit organizations and the coming revolution of rethinking most business as digital enterprises, the time is ripe for creating a feeder system of IT talent for nonprofit work.
4. Technology corporations want graduates who can deal with chaotic, uncertain situations

**The What & How**

1. Phase 1 – proof-of-concept phase in 2017, placing 3-5 UMSI students at NetHope member organizations.
2. Phase 2 – scale-up the program at UMSI in winter 2018.
3. Phase 3 – organize and pilot a placement program for matching UMSI graduates with nonprofit sector jobs
4. Phase 4 – expand the program to other University of Michigan schools, especially engineering and computer science.
5. Phase 5 – expand to additional universities

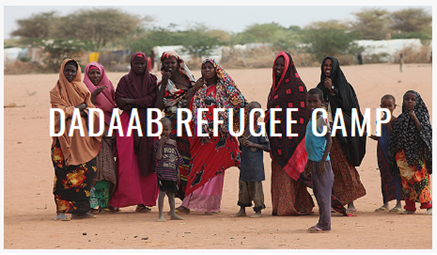


Figure 2 - NetHope Connectivity Project

**Benefits?**

1. Practical educational experience for students in nonprofit IT organizations
2. The value-add of information savvy students for NGO projects and fieldwork
3. The placement of the next cadre of information technology graduates in the nonprofit sector
4. The value proposition for tech company sponsors includes:
   1. Help develop the next generation of leadership who can adapt to disruptions in developing countries
   2. Students may work on NGO IT projects focused on a given tech platform
   3. Students do a “two-for” tour: one semester in field and one at tech co.
   4. Cadre of well-balanced, experienced students for recruiting
   5. Opportunity for a UMSI-NetHope co-branded intern program
   6. Enhance a CSR program with employee-student “buddy system” field assignments

**How to get involved?**

1. Sign up with the Engaged Learning Center to express interest in this internship program
2. Contact Ed Happ at ehapp@umich.edu or Kelly Kowatch at kkowatch@umich.edu for more details



Figure 3 - NetHope Connectivity Project for Refugees

*Coming in 2018…*



Figure 4 - NetHope Connectivity Program

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