

# DAWASAMU

## COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT



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OVERVIEW



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Join one of our flagship research projects to develop hands-on practical fieldwork experience or complete an independent research project as part of your undergraduate or postgraduate dissertation.

In this program, you will find yourself among the forests and mountainous backdrop of the Dawasamu district, where you will be working alongside local people on a range of community development initiatives our program aims to assist villagers to adapt their livelihoods in response to the changing pressures on traditional life due to both environmental and social change. GVI focuses on empowering communities by actively engaging important issues involved with the factors that inform their quality of life, such as health and well-being, waste management solutions and education.



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# RESEARCH OBJECTIVES

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## HUB OBJECTIVES INCLUDE

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- Investigate the correlation between early childhood development programs and their impact on key developmental areas of cognitive, emotional and social development as well as physical skills.
- Assess the effectiveness of caregiver courses in early childhood development.
- Gain knowledge on the effectiveness of healthcare workshops in improving the physical and mental wellbeing of community members.
- Improving waste management in Dawasamu by developing community-based waste management solutions.



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# FLAGSHIP RESEARCH PROJECTS

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## EARLY CHILDHOOD DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS FOR CHILDREN AND CAREGIVERS

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**Site:** Dawasamu district

**Research focus:** Analyse the impact of caregiver educational programs on early childhood development and the correlation between early childhood development programs implemented by GVI and the community healthcare workers on key developmental areas of children

**Methodology:** Participatory research, focus groups, interviews, observation

**Partner:** Community healthcare workers and district nurse



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## HEALTHCARE WORKSHOPS

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**Site:** Local community

**Research focus:** Effectiveness of healthcare workshops in improving the physical and mental wellbeing of community members

**Methodology:** Survey, participatory research, focus groups, interviews

**Partners:** Community healthcare workers and district nurse

## WASTE MANAGEMENT

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**Site:** Local community

**Research focus:** Assess the impact of community-based waste management solutions on improving waste management

**Methodology:** Survey, participatory research, focus groups, interviews

**Partner:** Dawasamu representative, the headman of each village, community healthcare workers



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# INDEPENDENT RESEARCH PROJECTS

## HUB TOPICS INCLUDE

- Health and wellbeing
- Skills development and living standards
- Women's empowerment
- Community-based waste management solutions
- Caregiver workshops impact on early childhood development
- Teaching methodologies
- Rainwater harvesting



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# EXISTING DATASETS

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## AVAILABLE DATASETS INCLUDE

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- Data on reading levels from ages 5 to 13 years old from school children enrolled in Navunisea District Primary School.
- Healthcheck data (ailments in each village of non-communicable/communicable diseases, by age and gender).
- Waste management, including amounts of waste broken down in weight by glass/tin/plastic recycled by villages 2016 to 2021.



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# FOCUS AREAS

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## EDUCATION

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- Impact of caregiver educational programs on early childhood development
- Focus on one key developmental area of cognitive, emotional/social development/physical skills
- Youth empowerment ages 13 - 21 years

## LIVING STANDARDS

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- Income
- Educational attainment
- Housing
- Waste management



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# FOCUS AREAS

## WOMEN'S EMPOWERMENT

- Women education
- Evolving roles of women



## HEALTH

- Physical health
- Mental health
- Sexual and reproductive health



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