

Certificate of Appreciation

To whom it may concern,

We would like to recognize the outstanding contribution, effort, and dedication of Vatsa Singh to our team as a volunteer research assistant for the CoronaNet Research Project. Vatsa was active with our project from 2020-06-06 to 2020-08-24 and, in that time, coded and updated policy information for Qatar. Without the support of our dedicated RAs, such as Vatsa Singh, we would not be able to sustain our pace of policy documentation which, to date, counts more than 100 thousand policies from virtually every country in the world.

The CoronaNet Research Project is working to gather comprehensive and global data on government responses to the COVID-19 crisis. This work includes gathering information about which governments are responding to the coronavirus, toward whom policies are targeted (e.g. other countries), the types of policies enacted (e.g. travel restrictions, banning exports of masks) and their timing and duration. For more information, see www.coronanet-project.org.

Vatsa has been a country expert for Qatar. This role involves researching and creating a comprehensive overview of government policies enacted in Qatar as well as collecting and entering new and updated policy information related to COVID-19. Becoming a country expert requires passing a series of trainings on how to code data in the CoronaNet database, which uses a custom Qualtrics survey instrument, keeping up with policy coding on a weekly basis, and attending weekly country- or regional coordination meetings as well as project-wide meetings.

In addition to being a country expert, Vatsa took on the following additional roles within CoronaNet:

- **Internship:** Vatsa has joined and successfully finished an internship program as part of their work for CoronaNet. Through an internship, Research Assistants get an insight into, and contribute to, special projects and managerial aspects of CoronaNet. Interns are expected to participate consistently in CoronaNet activities and show initiative in taking on new tasks and projects.
- **Data Cleaning:** This role requires Vatsa to identify errors in the policy entries and clean them through updates in the Qualtrics survey. This role involves high attention to detail and an ability to perform repetitive tasks over a long period with high accuracy.
- **Economic Response Tracker:** Vatsa collects and supports the tracking of economic policies put in place by governments in response to COVID-19. This role requires the ability to understand and categorize complex economic policies and is only open to Research Assistants with knowledge of macroeconomics at the advanced undergraduate level or above.

In conclusion, we would like to reiterate our thanks to Vatsa Singh for supporting these important and time-sensitive collection efforts and for being part of the CoronaNet community.



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