

Certificate of Appreciation

To whom it may concern,

We would like to recognize the outstanding contribution, effort, and dedication of Amina Abylkassymova to our team as a volunteer research assistant for the CoronaNet Research Project. Amina was active with our project from 2023-01-28 to 2023-03-31 and, in that time, coded and updated policy information for Seychelles and South Sudan and Mauritius and Burundi and Gabon and Republic of the Congo and Equatorial Guinea and Democratic Republic of the Congo. Without the support of our dedicated RAs, such as Amina Abylkassymova, 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.

Amina has been a country expert for Seychelles and South Sudan and Mauritius and Burundi and Gabon and Republic of the Congo and Equatorial Guinea and Democratic Republic of the Congo. This role involves researching and creating a comprehensive overview of government policies enacted in Seychelles and South Sudan and Mauritius and Burundi and Gabon and Republic of the Congo and Equatorial Guinea and Democratic Republic of the Congo 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, Amina took on the following additional roles within CoronaNet:

- **Internship:** Amina 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 Integration Advisor:** This role involves assessing at least 250 policies and integrating more than 200 policies from other datasets as a research assistant. Data Advisors have gained substantial experience in evaluating and coding external PHSM data into the CoronaNet dataset.

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



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