

Certificate of Appreciation

To whom it may concern,

We would like to recognize the outstanding contribution, effort, and dedication of Kathryn Forth to our team as a volunteer research assistant for the CoronaNet Research Project. Kathryn was active with our project from 2021-01-18 to 2021-06-18 and, in that time, coded and updated policy information for Equatorial Guinea. Without the support of our dedicated RAs, such as Kathryn Forth, 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.

Kathryn has been a country expert for Equatorial Guinea. This role involves researching and creating a comprehensive overview of government policies enacted in Equatorial Guinea 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, Kathryn took on the following additional roles within CoronaNet:

- **Internship:** Kathryn 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 Validation:** This role involves re-coding data previously collected by other RAs in order to verify and ensure coding consistency. This role, which is only open to experienced and high-performing RAs at CoronaNet, requires extensive additional training in the project's collection procedures, high attention to detail, and ability to work well in a team setting.
- **Research Article:** Kathryn has written a research article that has been published in the CoronaNet Working Paper Series. This project included developing and executing a research plan, engaging in original data analysis, and writing in clear and concise language accessible for policy makers and the public. Kathryn went through an intensive training and has proven excellent scholarly research expertise. The article can be found online via www.coronanet-project.org
- Kathryn participated in a credit-bearing internship through Nazarbayev University (Kazakhstan), earning 6 ECTS credits. Through an internship, Research Assistants get an insight into, and contribute to, special projects and managerial aspects of CoronaNet, working closely with members of the international team. Interns are expected to contribute 120-140 hours of independent work towards CoronaNet activities and to show initiative in taking on new tasks and projects.

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



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