

Samantha Hodge - Story

The Catholic Medical Mission Board Volunteer Program addresses the health worker gap affecting Kenya by deploying clinical and health professionals to provide direct care services and develop capacity by training and mentoring local staff.

Prior to deploying Samantha Hodge, our nurse volunteers were heavily focused in providing direct service at the facility level with some opportunity to train and mentor the local facility staff. However, based on Samantha's skill sets, desire to have a versatile and dynamic role, and programmatic need in Kenya, we were able to carve out a three-fold nurse role for her. The role allowed Samantha to be an inpatient nurse to adult and pediatric population, nursing mentor and educator, and community health nurse. Her commitment to the community of Mutomo, Kenya was outstanding. She dedicated endless hours to provide excellent care to the patients, in addition to developing targeted training initiatives for the local staff and nursing students.