

Howard University Global Initiative South Africa (HUGISA)
Pretoria, South Africa & Livingstone/Lusaka, Zambia



Howard University Global Initiative South Africa (HUGISA) is the South African branch of Howard University's platform dedicated to strengthening global public health through hands-on program delivery, and cross-border health initiatives—primarily focused on HIV/AIDS and TB care across the region. HUGISA offices are situated in, Hatfield which is the diplomatic hub of South Africa's capital (Pretoria). It operates under the PACE Center Programs and plays a key role in addressing HIV/AIDS, tuberculosis, and healthcare system strengthening across Southern, Central, and East African countries.

HOWARD UNIVERSITY
HIV AND AIDS PROGRAMS IN AFRICA

A map of Africa where HUGISA has implemented various HIV/AIDS programs in Africa since 2006



HUGISA was established in 2006 with only three staff members and has grown from strength to strength with more than **180** clinicians and community health workers under the leadership of Dr Henry Fomundam.

Since 2013, HUGISA has hosted more than **100** international students from Howard University College of Pharmacy on experiential rotation.



Key Features of HUGISA:



Broader Reach Across Africa: Beyond South Africa, HUGISA is involved in global public health projects in countries like Zambia, Malawi, Mozambique etc. where clinical research and health system improvements particularly in HIV care are conducted.

Global Public Health Focus: HUGISA offers students and healthcare professionals the opportunity to engage in community-centered public health projects, such as HIV and TB education, prevention, and care initiatives.

Hands-on Experience: In Zambia, students work within public health settings while in Pretoria, it is an office-based rotation where students participate in creative public health-focused projects that benefit large communities, combining clinical knowledge with strategic public health impact. Dr Henry Fomundam, a renowned global public health HIV/ AIDS/TB specialist will be the students 'preceptor guiding them in designing and executing projects that impact local, regional and global population health.

Past projects that HUCOP International students have been involved in include but not limited to:

1. Pharmacotherapy of HIV/AIDS, TB, COVID, Malaria etc.
2. Rational Medication Use
3. Medicine Regulation Research and Policy Document
4. Proposal Writing to respond to USA government RFPs
5. Preparation of Public Health lecturers for academic lectures and in-services
6. Patient focused and community based innovative pharmacovigilance
7. Innovative approaches to improve medication literacy for patients