



## HEALTH BRIGADES

The brigades are made up of students, faculty & staff from various UK colleges and community volunteers.

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INDIA  
BRIGADE

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ECUADOR  
BRIGADES

150

PARTICIPANTS  
EACH YEAR

2K

PATIENTS  
SERVED

Besides providing basic medical and dental care, participants engage in health education, school health screenings, women's health, home visits and community-based learning.

Participating UK students earn academic credit as part of an embedded interprofessional global health course.

## BRIGADE DATES

9-17

MARCH

10-19

MAY

31-9

JUNE\*

2-11

AUGUST

\*Non-clinical brigade, May 31- June 9



## CREATING IMPACT

A number of other projects have been implemented in the communities served by STSG:

- College of Design built a school food preparation and distribution center.
- College of Education worked with teachers to develop the school curriculum and collaborated with a tri-lingual book with the Tsa'chila community to be used in the schools.
- A project showing the success of using simple, inexpensive and efficient household ceramic water filters to provide clean, safe water to families.
- A team of 40 participants collaborated with the Ecuadorian Ministry of Health to provide health care to refugee communities after the April 16, 2016 earthquake.

Students also undertake internships or rotations to fulfill academic requirements in several programs.

*"The brigade was one of the most powerful experiences of my life. It provided a strong, collaborative network that promoted understanding between groups of people that differ in education, socioeconomic status, cultural belief and social behavior."*

- Katelyn, UK physical therapy student

## ABOUT SHOULDER TO SHOULDER GLOBAL

What began as a small medical mission to Ecuador in 2002 led by Thomas Young, M.D., professor of pediatrics at the University of Kentucky (UK), has evolved into a unique interprofessional partnership between UK, professionals and the community.

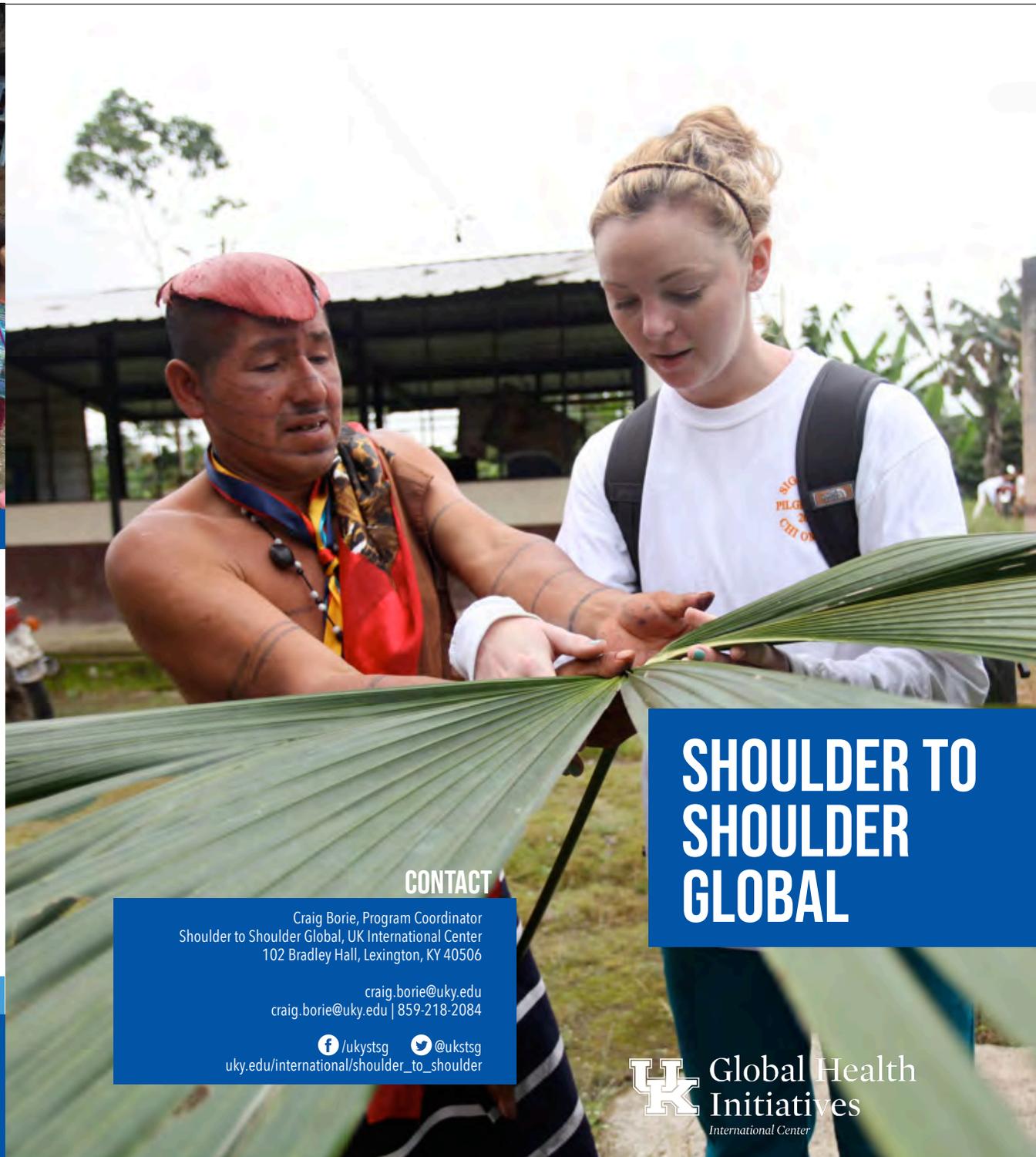
UK's Shoulder to Shoulder Global (STSG) is devoted to improving the health and well-being of impoverished and underserved Ecuadorian and Indian communities.

The initial focus of STSG has been in Santo Domingo, Ecuador, where a year-round health clinic, primarily supported by donations and the UK health brigades, is ran by dedicated local health professionals.

While providing primary care for this community, STSG also works with the community to improve education, public health, access to safe water and economic opportunities.

The interdisciplinary brigades have served over 20,000 patients over the past eight years.

STSG seeks to provide and promote educational, service and research opportunities for all partners involved.



## HOW CAN YOU SUPPORT STSG?

The skill sets and disciplines typically needed for our brigades include:

- Medicine
- Physician Assistant
- Health Sciences
- Nursing
- Dentistry
- Pharmacy
- Physical Therapy
- Communication Disorders
- Public Health
- Arts & Sciences majors
- Fluent Spanish speakers

## HOW TO APPLY

There are many ways to get involved. To apply and learn more about what you can do with STSG, visit:  
[http://www.uky.edu/international/STSG/Get\\_involved](http://www.uky.edu/international/STSG/Get_involved)

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