

## Addressing International Physician Shortages

Case Study: Lifeways Foundation

Lifeways Foundation is a nonprofit organization that provides healthcare, social, and educational support services to people across Ghana. In partnership with AMOpportunities, they aim to solve rural physician shortages within the country.



## **Bringing Experience Back Home**

Faced with worsening physician vacancies that disproportionately affect Ghana's rural communities, Lifeways Foundation sought to innovate ways to train student physicians who will practice medicine in Ghana.

Lifeways connected with AMO to create opportunities for Ghanaian students at U.S. clinical training sites, giving students experience within state-of-the-art training facilities.

## **Supporting Students Along the Way**

As part of this partnership, AMO and Lifeways work together to ensure students experience a supportive and efficient process, traveling from Ghana and beginning their clinical experiences.

True to the mission of their organization, Lifeways sponsors students' clinical experiences, providing the opportunities for students to train with no personal financial burden.

Meanwhile, AMOpportunities supports students to ensure their experience is dynamic and the process is smooth by writing visa support letters, processing documentation, and working with preceptors to prepare for student arrival.

## **An Immediate Impact**

Since forming the partnership in June 2023, Lifeways has already made an impact in accessing clinical sites in Illinois and Texas.

"Working with AMO has made it possible to make an immediate impact helping Ghanaian students access U.S. clinical training, where they can develop skills within a new healthcare system that will directly benefit Ghana's rural communities."

Michael Badu Duku, President and Co-Founder



