Beate Ringwald: Fellowship opportunity at LVCT Health

Beate Ringwald, is our international PhD fellowship student. As part of her 4 year program, she will conduct a secondary data analysis on Associations between IPV-related attitudes, knowledge, skills and behaviours, and occurrence of IPV among women and men in Kawangware, Nairobi, Kenya.

"I chose LVCT Health because it is a global champion in HIV prevention and response within the community and at facility level. LVCT Health is also known to have a strong focus on and expertise in Gender Based Violence which is one of the areas I am passionate about." Said Beate

"The staff at LVCT are also welcoming, they were very professional when I visited and took me through a well-structured orientation process. I had the opportunity of meeting and interacting with senior staff and those who work in the community." Explains Beate

While Beate is working on a protocol for her PhD research, an analysis of LVCT Health data will aim to describe the prevalence of self-reported experience and perpetration of emotional, physical and sexual IPV among men and women in Kawangware among other objectives. This she believes will contribute in informing future interventions that link HIV and GBV services not only in Kenya but the East Africa region that she calls home.

"I am married in Uganda and have worked with local women on Sexual and Reproductive Health in the country for 3 years. I am passionate about women and young people's health and I believe this opportunity will expand my knowledge of the health issues in East Africa." Beate

Beate's PhD is sponsored by the Medical Research Council of United Kingdom through the Lancaster University and Liverpool School of Tropical Medicine where Beate is undertaking her PhD. The mother of one, hopes to also bring her family along during the research visits.

"I intend to ensure that I balance my learning and family time carefully and I plan to come with my son and spend more time with him while undertaking my research in Kenya."