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Staff Spotlight: Beata Corcoran

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Q: What is your role at USAID?

A: As an Innovation and Scale-Up intern I've been focusing on the Scale and Impact Ready Innovations as part of CII's COVID-19 response. I have also been supporting the Saving Lives at Birth team!

Q: What did you do prior to joining CII?

A: Before USAID I worked at an NGO in Khayelitsha, Cape Town which offers a variety of programs through a home-based intervention method to support health and wellbeing in the township. I focused on the rehabilitation of underweight infants and supported new mothers alongside community health workers.

Q: What makes you passionate about your work?

A: Leveraging resources and connections to support those in LMICs who are already doing great work can have such a powerful impact. I feel lucky to be learning from this dynamic and innovative team, and it's amazing to work in a field where success is often measured by how many lives are improved or saved.

Q: What do you like to do outside of work?

A: I am currently studying Medical Anthropology, Global Health Policy and African Studies at Princeton, where I am also a DI openweight rower. When I do have free time I'm usually free/SCUBA diving, playing guitar or planning my next trip.

Favorite Book

A: My favorite books are A Light Between Oceans and Educated.