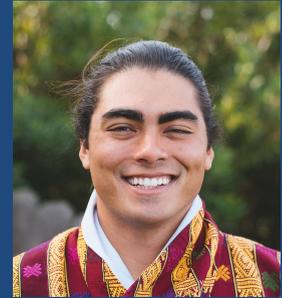




Staff Spotlight: Mila Dorji

Graduate Innovation and Scale-Up Intern
Center for Innovation and Impact, USAID



Q: What is your role at USAID?

A: I am an Innovation and Scale-Up Intern at CII, working mostly with the Digital Health team on the launch of the Digital Health Vision and the Map and Match activity. I also support other CII staff on projects related to COVID-19 innovation and access to medicines.

Q: What did you do prior to joining CII?

A: I graduated from Yale in May (via Zoom!) with a degree in neuroscience and global health. During my time there, I researched adolescent brain development and the neurological effects of anesthesia using Big Data methods in neuroimaging. I've also been working for a number of years on the improvement of prehospital emergency medical care in the Kingdom of Bhutan using data science-based approaches.

Q: What makes you passionate about your work?

A: I strongly believe in seeking fulfillment through helping others, and for me, working to improve and support global health is one of the most tangible and meaningful ways to do that. The fact that I am able to work with such a talented team at CII to pursue that goal through cutting-edge policies, partnerships, and initiatives is an incredible opportunity that I am deeply grateful for.

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

A: I'm an avid waterman, backpacker, and climber, so I'm usually happiest doing anything outdoors. Recently I've been spending a lot of time foraging and spearfishing here in California. I also enjoy competing in water polo and open water swimming as well as playing various instruments.

Favorite Book

A: The Buddha manga collection by Osamu Tezuka. Eight volumes and 3,056 pages of brilliance.