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**Title of your LiA project:** Southern African Institute for Policy and Research (SAIPAR) Internship

**The organization or partner with which you are working:** Southern African Institute for Policy and Research (SAIPAR)

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**The need or cause you are supporting: What is the specific problem, cause, or opportunity you are exploring?**

I will be interning at the Southern African Institute for Policy and Research, focusing on food insecurity and poverty in Lusaka, Zambia, I will utilize numerical and field-based data analysis. Once I'm in Zambia, I will have more of an idea of what specific project I can work on. Through community work, I will be able to directly work with the community and understand their needs in addition to performing analysis on data given to me.

**Goal: What is the big-picture idea/vision and desired outcome that your LiA project is trying to achieve in order to address the need or problem above?**

I would like to learn more about Zambian history, community and practices. By understanding the current system, I can accurately perform my research.

**Objectives: How will you achieve your goal? Write 3-5 SMART objectives outlining how you will achieve the overall goal.**

1. Learn how political and historical influences have affected food insecurity over the years
2. Learn and perform field-based research.
3. Understand how research is done globally

**List any challenges, barriers, or risks to achieving your objectives.**

- A. Understanding my goal and purpose of my work
- B. Cultural differences

**What are some ideas you have to overcome those barriers or challenges?**

I think the best way to overcome these barriers are by listening deeply to the people around me. I need to come with any open mind and focusing on learning before I act.

**Weekly milestones: What are the significant activities/objectives of the LiA project outlined by week?**

Week	Start Date	Milestone	Details
1	June 13	Orientation	
2	June 20	Get Started on project & find volunteer work(food or teaching based)	
3	June 27	Get involved in the field	
4	July 4	Data cleaning	
5	July 11	Data analysis	
6	July 18	Writng, summary, and presentation	