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Why I chose to do the programme:

- ⊙ *theIDLgroup* offered the opportunity to work in a dynamic environment where new and diverse opportunities are constantly arising
- ⊙ The chance to gain experience with a range of donors, governments and other actors really appealed as a way to develop my consultancy skills
- ⊙ I knew *theIDLgroup* offered the chance for interns to work in one of their overseas offices. I chose to spend six months working with the team in the Ghana office, which has been great.

What I have gained from working with *theIDLgroup*:

- ⊙ I've had the experience of undertaking consultancy assignments in several African countries
- ⊙ I've developed an increased confidence from conducting and presenting analysis to senior development figures
- ⊙ I have learned about working with a client throughout the consultancy process – from understanding their needs and expectations at the outset, to delivering findings in a tailored and communicable manner at the close.

The opportunity I am going on to do:

- ⊙ I am staying with *theIDLgroup* as a Research Consultant in the Governance portfolio.