

# Layla Lavasani, MHS

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Layla Lavasani, who received her master's degree in international health at Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health, works to reduce maternal and child morbidity and mortality in resource-poor settings. Her areas of technical expertise are in monitoring and evaluation of maternal and newborn health programs, survey design and implementation, and quantitative methods and analyses.

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"At UNC, I continue to be inspired by my mentors, Dr. Peggy Bentley and Dr. Cyril Engmann, who have worked tirelessly to improve the lives of vulnerable populations through innovative solutions," Lavasani says.

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*Bentley is professor of nutrition and associate dean for global health at UNC Gillings School of Global Public Health. Engmann is clinical assistant professor of pediatrics in the UNC medical school and adjunct assistant professor of maternal and child health in the public health school.*

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