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Due to the brief time-span of my internship, I worked on one main deliverable with the Communications Department. The department was in the process of producing one-page reports on what Save The Children had accomplished in all its sectors. I had to produce the one-page reports for the health, food security and livelihoods, nutrition, child rights' governance and the child protection services. In order to write detailed reports, I scheduled meetings with the five technical assistants in charge of the sectors, talked to them about their respective fields and compiled all the information, which I delivered within the two weeks. Additionally, I summarized the Full Media Monitoring Report which was a research project carried out by the Free Voice and Media Monitoring Africa organisations, on how children are portrayed in South Sudan's media and how this portrayal could be improved. I also had the chance to sit-in on the organization's strategy meeting. I had a wonderful time with STC Juba and I'm hoping to continue to intern with their office in Connecticut in the Fall.

There was unfortunately a cholera outbreak in some areas of South Sudan during my time at the organisation and as such the communications team was swamped as they tried to consolidate the details and deliver a report on the outbreak. By working on the one-pager sectorials, I was able to work on a deliverable that was also urgent while giving the team time to work on the cholera outbreak. These one-pagers will be readily available and accessible for the organization and they can hand them out to donors or anyone else curious about STC programs in South Sudan. The summarized findings of the Full Media Monitoring report will be particularly useful for the communications department as they can look back on it and be conscious of the recommendations given on reporting on children.

I enhanced my interviewing skills as I individually met with the organizations' 5 technical assistants and as such I had to have specific questions that would prompt detailed responses from them. I was also able to work on my report-writing skills and general attention to detail while summarizing and consolidating information. By interviewing the different technical assistants, I found myself particularly drawn to the Child Rights' Governance programme.



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Because of this experience I now know that if I am to work/intern again with Save The Children, I would love to do so with the Child Rights'Governance programme team. To me, it was a confirmation that human rights is a field I would want to look at in the future. Working in the office though made me realize that working with a children's organization doesn't necessarily translate to interacting one-on-one with children daily, an interaction that I would love. Therefore, I would either look to work in a position that would grant me the opportunity to work directly with children once in a while and if not, I would have to find maybe a children's home or centre that would grant me that opportunity to interact with children as a volunteer opportunity in addition to my professional career.