

**UNDP Asia Pacific Bangkok Regional Hub (BRH):** Iyounan An (MID'21)

Growing up in Cambodia, Iyounan An (MID'21) witnessed dramatic economic, political, and social changes in his home country and region, especially gender inequality and rapid urbanization. This summer, I is a remote intern with the UNDP Asia Pacific Bangkok Regional Hub (BRH) on regional gender equality initiatives and gender equality in public administration (GEPA). The team's main focus is "Transforming the Future of Work for Gender Equality" (TFW4GE), an initiative that works to achieve gender equal access and opportunity. It also seeks to successfully transition women to emerging economies and workforces, including artificial intelligence, automation, and mobility. Other projects include engaging the private sector on gender equality, providing support to 34 Asia-Pacific countries in their gender equality initiatives, and supporting countries' COVID responses to ensure that the response and recovery process are gender equal and gender sensitive.

I says, "My time at GSPIA has helped enhance my research, data analysis, and visualization skills, and expanded my knowledge of gender equality issues especially surrounding the fourth industrial revolution. Moreover, my experiences at GSPIA and UNDP BRH have allowed me to understand policy issues through gender sensitive approaches/solutions. I am grateful for the opportunity. I believe that these experiences will help me pursue my goal of becoming a Social Development Specialist."