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Ganesh is an IVLP alumnus from Guyana who participated in the NGO Management II program in May 2019. During his program, the group met with Campus Kitchen Project, the Posner Center for International Development, the Colorado Nonprofit Association, BlueStar Recycling, Art From Ashes, ProgressNow, and the Open Media Foundation. His group also participated in a cultural activity and a World Dinner with a local family.

In July 2020, Ganesh was featured in Global Ties U.S.'s Citizen Diplomacy Map. Read his story below and read more like his [at this link](#).

"Over the past three months, I have been working successfully with various public and private sector partners to bring relief to Persons With Disabilities (PWDs) across Guyana. So far I have coordinated the distribution of approximately 1,400 food and sanitization hampers to PWDs. This is a continuous exercise and I am hopeful that in the next few weeks another 500 hampers can be distributed. I have also partnered with the Ministry of Public Health to ensure that the public awareness materials are accessible to all PWDs, including persons who are blind and who are deaf. I am presently working on a research project to assess the impact of COVID-19 and the subsequent lockdown on PWDs. I will also conduct a survey with approximately 300 children with disabilities to assess the impact of the pandemic and the closure of schools on their lives and education. I am also working to develop a disaster and crisis preparedness guide for PWDs to be used in times of disasters or crises. I am yet to secure funding to execute this initiative in its entirety. There was so much to remember about Denver. My visit to the host family was a memorable occasion. I also have great memories of my visit to the Blue Star recycling project for persons who are autistic. Additionally, I learned something from all the visits and meetings in Denver and I am implementing a lot of the knowledge gained in my everyday work."

– GANESH SINGH