

# SANDRA GATHONI THIJSSSEN

## **PROFILE**

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Women Deliver Young  
Leader '18-'20

Youth Advocate at  
CHOICE for Youth

Blogger for Girls Globe

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## **EDUCATION**

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### **MASTER IN PUBLIC POLICY AND HUMAN DEVELOPMENT**

**United Nations University / Maastricht University**

**2015 - 2018**

An international dual-degree Master: with a specialization in 'Risk and Vulnerability'.

### **BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN EUROPEAN PUBLIC HEALTH**

**Maastricht University**

**2012 - 2015**

A program with a focus on health promotion, disease prevention and creating a healthy environment on the population level, which studies healthcare systems and combines health sciences with public policy making, management and strategy.

### **INTERNATIONAL CLASSROOM**

**Maastricht University**

**Feb - Jul 2014**

A special program designed for excelling health students. Including courses in 'Public Health in an International Context', 'Disease Prevention and Health Protection', 'Health Care from an Entrepreneurial Perspective'.

## **EXPERIENCE**

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### **RESEARCH ASSISTANT**

**European Centre for Development Policy and Management**

**Sept 2018- current**

Position focusing on EU - Africa processes, international relations and development. Also, actively promoting the integration of gender mainstreaming along with diversity and inclusion.

### **DATA AND REPORT WRITING CONSULTANT**

**International Organization for Migration**

**Dec 2017**

Independent analysis of regional qualitative data collected by the IOM using Marketsight. Deliveries: four comprehensive qualitative research reports and output datasets with summarized key findings.

## **DUTCH YOUTH AMBASSADOR FOR SEXUAL AND REPRODUCTIVE HEALTH AND RIGHTS ( SRHR)**

**Dutch Ministry of Foreign Affairs / CHOICE for Youth and Sexuality**

**Sept 2016 - Sept 2017**

A unique position designed to increase meaningful youth participation on youth and SRHR within the Dutch Ministry of Foreign Affairs and to advocate for stronger investments at a national and global scale.

## **STUDENT ASSISTANT**

**Internationalization Department - Maastricht University**

**Mar - Sept 2017**

A supportive academic including project and event management, translation work, policy drafting and scribing,

## **RESEARCH ASSISTANT ( INTERNSHIP)**

**Ministry of Health - Directorate of Health Information and Research**

**Feb - Jun 2015**

Provided space for numerous research skills development (e.g. interviewing, data analysis) and individual growth.

## **ADDITIONAL COURSES**

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### **HONOURS PROGRAMME**

**Faculty of Health, Life Sciences and Medicine,  
Maastricht University**

**2013 - 2015**

Organised first Citizens Summit about healthcare in the city of Maastricht: The M200.

## **COMPETENCIES**

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### **PROFESSIONAL COMPETENCIES**

- Ability to utilize IT programs ( i.e Word, Excel, Powerpoint, Mendeley, Stata, SPSS, GIS ).

### **LANGUAGES**

- Cambridge English CAE Certificate ( A mark)
- English C2 |Dutch C2 | German B1 | French A2| Indonesian A2

## **INTERESTS**

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### **TRAVEL**

Previous visits in Africa, Asia and Europe