Name of Potential Opportunity: Misinformation and medical mistrust in the time of COVID-19

Name and titles of potential supervisor/s (and link to external-facing RTI expert page, if available):
Name: Ariane van der Straten, PhD
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Overview: (2-4 sentences)
Conduct a literature review and write a review paper (e.g. narrative review) on medical mistrust and conspirational theories in times of epidemics. Focus on HIV and COVID but draw from other outbreaks as well (e.g. Ebola). Consider focusing on Africa only. Could bring a historical analysis. This internship would provide an excellent opportunity for a PhD student to write a review paper and increase their understanding of how misinformation contributes to failures to adopt medical innovations. There may be an opportunity for future engagement in data analysis (e.g. if misinformation data are collected on current COVID surveys).

Preferred skills: (including foreign languages, programming languages, etc.)
Literature review, critical thinking, writing skills

Number of Interns: 1