



# DIGITAL HEALTH PAYMENT INITIATIVES STUDENT GRANTS 2022

## Background

Makerere University School of Public Health (MakSPH) with support from the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation is implementing a project titled “Digital Health Payment Initiatives”. The project aims to identify how, and under what circumstances digital payments of health workers can support effective campaign delivery.

The project is offering 6 student grants to successful candidates with competitive concepts to a tune of five thousand (\$5000) United States dollars to support the implementation of their research studies. **Encouraged to apply are interested candidates who have recently completed their studies or are currently in their second year of study at the various Schools at Makerere University including Makerere University Business School (MUBS).**

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## The project’s thematic areas are indicated in the table below include;

Thematic Area	Research question
<b>Utility of digital payments</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) To what extent is digital payment being employed for the payment of health workers in Uganda?</li> <li>2) What are health workers’ experiences with digital payment and the potential implications of digitizing health worker payments?</li> <li>3) What are the benefits of paying health workers using digital payments?</li> <li>4) How do digital payments improve the performance of healthcare workers/vaccination campaign healthcare workers?</li> </ol>
<b>Gender inclusivity</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) How do digital payments impact the gender relations of health workers involved in vaccination campaigns that have implications on coverage and quality of the vaccination campaigns?</li> <li>2) What opportunities do digital payments provide to shift gender barriers that affect the performance of health workers in vaccination campaigns?</li> <li>3) What is the gender- mix in digital payments?</li> </ol>
<b>Process of digital payment</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) What are the processes, procedures, and steps involved in the digital payment of health workers?</li> <li>2) What factors have facilitated the use of digital payments for health workers and what factors have hindered it?</li> </ol>
<b>Awareness about digital payment</b>	<p><b>Determine the;</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) Health workers' knowledge, attitudes/perceptions, and preferences on digital payments.</li> <li>2) Experiences of health workers and potential implications of digitizing health worker payments.</li> <li>3) Acceptability and willingness of health workers to adapt to digital payments.</li> </ol>
<b>Policies</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) What are the existing policy facilitators and barriers to promoting digital payments in Uganda?</li> <li>2) Which stakeholders hold power over digital payments, and what are their <b>KAPs</b> towards <b>DP</b> in Uganda?</li> </ol>

## Submission requirements and eligibility

- 1) Demonstrated academic excellence evidenced by **certified copies of the academic documents.**
- 2) **A concept note** that indicates the following:
  - ➔ **Background** - 1 page (Explain the scientific background and rationale for the study to be carried out)
  - ➔ **Objectives** - 1/2 a page (State the specific objectives)
  - ➔ **Methodology** - 2 pages (Study Design, Setting, Participants, Variables, Data sources, Sample size)
  - ➔ **Justification** - 1/2 a page (State the relevance of the study for digital payment).
- 3) **Updated curriculum vitae** with at least two references
- 4) At least **one mentor’s recommendation letter**
- 5) **Workplan and budget.** Please download and use the attached budget template via this link: <https://bit.ly/3z4QLXA>

## How to apply?

- ➔ Submit your application online <https://dhpri.mak.ac.ug/forms/research-student-grant-2022>
- ➔ All interested students should submit applications via the link provided above no later than 15<sup>th</sup> June 2022 at 5 pm.
- ➔ Successful applicants will be notified by 30<sup>th</sup> June 2022 via the details provided.
- ➔ Contact the project administrator at [cmurungi@musph.ac.ug](mailto:cmurungi@musph.ac.ug) for any additional inquiries.

### Submission Deadline

WEDNESDAY  
15<sup>th</sup> JUNE 2022  
5:00 PM

### Notification Date

THURSDAY  
30<sup>th</sup> JUNE 2022