



Academy News

HIGHLIGHTS

Successful completion of Academy's first Request for Proposals



Total of US\$ 650,000 awarded to six sub-grantees



Academy gets good press coverage for sub-grantee awards



The Ugandan Academy awards its first sub-grantee funds

In August 2016, the Ugandan Academy for Health Innovation and Impact issued its first call for HIV and TB Health intervention proposals. This Request for Proposals (RFP) attracted an impressive number of applicants and of these, six organizations were selected, and received grants for between US\$20,000 and US\$220,000 (approximately Ugandan Shillings 71m and 790m) for projects of up to two years. The six included three NGOs, two Community Based Organisations (CBOs) and one Academic institution (see list of sub-grantees and projects on [page 2](#)).

The Ugandan Academy was set up to improve health outcomes through innovations in clinical care, capacity building, systems strengthening and research,



IDI Director Richard Brough hands over contract to ICOBI Director, Stephen Asiimwe

which inform policy and practices, with a strong emphasis on HIV and TB. This collaboration is just one of the Academy's initiatives to drive lasting improvements in health. For example, one of the selected projects (CFU) is working on TB and HIV detection in high-risk groups of children in Kampala.

TB detection and treatment rates in Uganda continue to fall well below the World Health Organization targets. Around 54% of TB patients are co-infected with HIV and joined-up TB/HIV care is a key Ugandan Health Priority as defined by the Ministry of Health to reduce the immense burden on healthcare systems.

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From the Academy Director

This issue of the *Academy News* focuses on a really important milestone - the successful completion of the Ugandan Academy's first call for proposals. Successful applicants received funds that will address gaps in clinical care, health systems and research. The Academy is proud of this partnership with a variety of established agencies that are able to cater for the care and treatment needs of several groups, especially those that are geographically or socially hard to reach. For the Academy, this is the first of many collaborations we shall build with organizations that have innovative approaches to HIV & TB care. Our aim is to drive lasting improvements in health and build the capacity of organisations to sustain these improvements.

Dr. Rosalind Parkes-Ratanshi



Ceremonial handover of grants attracts press coverage

On March 14th 2017, the Ugandan Academy for Health Innovation and Impact invited a number of media houses to witness an important milestone. The heads of six Ugandan organisations had gathered at the Infectious Diseases Institute to formally receive contracts for the first funding grants awarded by the Ugandan Academy.

more about the grants and sub-grantees. During the press conference after the award ceremony their questions ranged from inquiries about the criteria for selecting the winning organisations to how the Ugandan Academy would ensure that the funds were put to good use.

Members of the Ugandan Academy Board, and its Director were on hand to field these questions, giving an overview of the work of the Academy, as well as why the selected projects matched the vision of the Academy and its partners. Board co-Chairman Prof. Elly Katabira spoke about the importance of investing in research on HIV and TB in order to provide quality of care, and noted that the variety of projects funded ensured a multi-faceted approach. He noted that "It was an important consideration that these projects include coverage of hard to

Journalists in attendance

TV	5 Stations
Radio	13 Stations
Print	4 Newspapers

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Power FM Journalist

reach areas as well as vulnerable populations".

The journalists had a lot of questions for the sub-grantees, especially Kalangala Island's Sustainable Development Initiatives as they work in an area known for high HIV prevalence. In both English and Luganda, many news bulletins that day featured this important event at the Academy. As one of the journalists from Power FM said in an email sent after the ceremony "it's always a pleasure to be part of such life changing projects."

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Prof. Elly Katabira

These six had been selected out of 36 applicants that had responded to the call for proposals, with the winners being awarded grants for up to Uganda shillings 790m to implement projects that will support health interventions for people affected by HIV and TB. All present press witnessing the ceremony was eager to learn

Who are the sub-grantees?

Sub grantee name	Project title	Total Award (USD)	Contract Duration
Integrated Community Based Initiatives (ICOBI)	Strengthening Population Case-Based Surveillance of HIV and TB in Uganda	230,000	Two years
Makerere University School of Public Health (MakSPH)	Adherence to 3TC/TDF PREP as A Bridge to ART: A Pilot Evaluation	221,204	Two years
The AIDS Support Organization (TASO)	Experiential HIV/AIDS Mentorship for Health Care Workers in Pre-Service Training Institutions in Uganda	120,000	Two years
Child and Family Foundation (CFU)	Community-wide Active Case Finding for Tuberculosis and Missed HIV Diagnosis in High-Risk Groups of Chil-	30,000	One year
Sustainable Development Initiatives (SDI)	Increasing access to quality health care and treatment in Kalangala	20,910	6 months
Hoima Caritas Development Organization-Hoima Diocese (HOCADDO)	Scaling of sustainable clinical management intervention on the HIV & TB care and treatment in Hoima through community based approaches and improved service delivery for a HIV/TB in in Kabwoya sub-county in Hoi-	29,837	One year

See more at <http://grants.theacademy.co.ug/>

Janssen looking forward to implementation of sub-grantee projects

The Ugandan Academy is a flagship implementation of the Connect for Life™ program established by Janssen, the Pharmaceutical Companies of Johnson & Johnson. Connect for Life™ engages the expertise of community health workers, academics and patients to deliver health impacts that are sustainable.

In a press statement shared on the occasion of the ceremonial award of sub-grantees contracts, Dr. Maik Stumpf, Director Disease Management Programs at Janssen said, “We are delighted to see

“We believe that their activation will bring many benefits to the Uganda HIV and TB community” Dr. Maik Stumpf

funding for these six projects approved. We believe that their activation will bring

many benefits to the Uganda HIV and TB community and are looking forward to see their plans become operational, contributing to an environment for longer-term disease management in Uganda”.



The Ugandan Academy is a joint initiative between Janssen, the pharmaceutical companies of Johnson & Johnson, the Ugandan Ministry of Health, the Infectious Diseases Institute in Uganda and the Johnson & Johnson Corporate Citizenship Trust to address unmet needs in HIV and TB.

Dr. Maik Stumpf

The Academy welcomes new staff



Ronnie Kasirye

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Ronnie Kasirye is the Deputy Director for the Ugandan Academy for Health Innovation and Impact.

He is an Epidemiologist with vast experience in clinical care, research, public health and management. Before joining the Academy, Ronnie worked as a Postdoctoral fellow with the Mwanza Intervention Trials Unit (Tanzania) and as a Senior Scientist with the MRC/UVRI Uganda Research Unit on AIDS. Most of his work has been in the fields of HIV and malaria where he has authored and contributed to a number of publications.

Ronnie holds a Doctor of Philosophy and a Master of Science degree in Epidemiology from the London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine (University of London) and a Bachelor's degree in Medicine and Surgery from Makerere University.

Judith Nanyondo Semanda

Judith Nanyondo Semanda is the Project Coordinator for the Ugandan Academy for Health Innovation and Impact.

Judith has 5 years working experience in health systems strengthening programming. She was most recently the Project Officer Training and Infection Prevention control coordinator for the Global Health Security partner engage-

ment project at the IDI. Prior to this she worked as the project laboratory focal person for the IDI/CSF Regional Referral Hospitals' Capacity Building project. Before joining IDI, Judith was involved in routine laboratory testing services at Baylor College of Medicine.

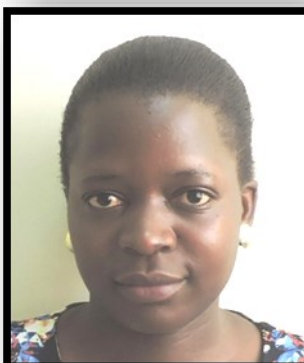
Judith Nanyondo qualified from Makerere University with a Bachelor of Biomedical Laboratory Technology. She holds a certificate in Laboratory management and is pursuing a Masters degree in Public Health at Makerere University with a specialization in health system planning and management.

Joyce Kayaga

Joyce Kayaga is the Receptionist at the Ugandan Academy for Health Innovation and Impact. She has most recently worked at the IDI/Kampala City Council Authority Project where she was a Data officer locum. Prior to this she was Human Resource Intern at the Infectious Diseases Institute College of Health Sciences Makerere. Joyce has a Bachelors degree in Human Resource Management from Bugema University.



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