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All, Please join us for the **2020 RAN ICT Innovation Katale on Friday July 24, 2020 at 10:00 am EAT**. It will be a virtual event given circumstances around the Coronavirus Pandemic.

About the 2020 RAN ICT Innovation Katale

The Makerere University School of Public Health- ResilientAfrica Network (RAN) Innovation lab with financial support from Ministry of ICT and National Guidance was allocated 14 innovation projects under the second cohort of the National ICT Initiatives Support Program (NIISP). Details about the first cohort of incubates are shared on <http://www.ranlab.org/nissp-incubates-showcase-their-projects-during-the-2019-ict-innovation-katale>. All the projects received funding from the Ministry and were assigned to the RAN lab to receive technical support and guidance towards the realization of these trans-formative digital solutions. With our partners at United Social Ventures, innovators have been taken through an intense incubation program that included Business and enterprise development training, development of a business model, and development of a market and user-outreach plan. Teams were also offered one-on-one coaching and mentorship support and given specialized attention during the COVID-19 Pandemic partial lock-down.

The 2020 ICT Innovation Katale Virtual event is the culmination of all these efforts. The virtual event will be hosted by RAN in partnership with the Ministry of ICT and National Guidance and United Social Ventures and broadcasted **LIVE on Facebook**, as an open event for the general public. Use the hashtag **#RANICTKatale** to post about the event on various social media platforms prior to and during the virtual event, which will take place live on Friday 24th July, 2020 from 10:00 AM. Though some of these NIISP ventures are still being supported towards recovery from the impact of the ongoing global pandemic, we feel it is a good time to showcase these innovations to potential scaling partners and to the broader public who we hope will be future clients and users of these homegrown digital solutions. Selected teams will be invited to pitch their ideas live and engage with potential partners. We will also have a plenary to discuss what needs to be done to support and facilitate the success of more ICT-based startups.

About RAN

RAN is a multidisciplinary innovation development lab that leverages the creativity and talent of entrepreneurs, scholars, faculty and communities to develop and scale innovative ideas. The lab was founded on the premise of bringing together scholars, a diverse array of industry players and entrepreneurs to co-create evidence-based solutions that build the resilience of communities facing recurrent shocks and stresses in Africa. We offer support to innovators in developing and launching their most compelling ideas, start-up enterprises and businesses that tackle the key challenges in communities like climate change, food insecurity, financial inclusion, rapid urbanization, disease epidemics and chronic conflict among others. Details are shared on www.ranlab.org