



Digital Health
Payment Initiative
and Research in
Africa (DHPI-R)

REQUEST FOR APPLICATIONS

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OVERVIEW

Digital financial services (DFS) delivered via mobile phones, the internet, or bank cards have the potential to lower costs, promote more efficient, secure, and transparent transactions, and improve access to formal financial services.

DFS can facilitate changes in consumers' financial behaviors, boost economic well-being and reduce poverty. Moreover, DFS have enabled innovation and improvement in social services and service delivery across diverse sectors which has led to an increase in transparency of financial flows and reduced leakage of public resources. Nonetheless, widespread and sustained adoption and application of DFS innovations in the health sector of low- and middle-income countries (LMICs) is still lacking. As such, the Bill and Mellinda Gates Foundation in collaboration with Makerere University School of Public Health (MAKSPH) and the University of Dakar in Senegal have established the Digital Health Payments Initiative and Research in Africa (DHPI-R) in order to study and purge this gap.

IMPORTANT DATES 2022

Submission Deadline

FRIDAY SEPT. 16th

Application Notification

SUNDAY OCT. 30th

Target Audience

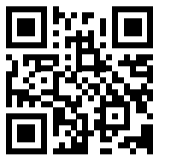
All institutions in sub-Saharan Africa

Research Grants

Six (6) external research grants

Application Details

<https://bit.ly/3bxF2HE>



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PRIORITY RESEARCH TOPICS

DHPIR is seeking applications for studies that address evidence gaps listed below and in the digital health framework paper.

Priority Research Questions

Themes	Research questions related to the primary outcomes and impact of Digital Financial Services
Campaign effectiveness	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) To what extent do DFSs impact intended health program outcomes e.g (Vaccine coverage, equity, quality of vaccination campaigns)? 2) How (through which mechanisms) do digital payments influence intended health program outcomes e.g., (vaccine coverage, equity, quality of vaccination campaigns). 3) To what extent does digital payment influence the effectiveness of the health system?
DFS effects on financial inclusion, safety, and security of payments	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) To what extent does digital payment affect financial inclusion and financial behavior among health workers and their household members? 2) To what extent does digital payment influence the safety and security of payments?
Health worker performance and retention	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) What is the effect of digital payment on health worker satisfaction, motivation, performance, and retention? 2) How (through what mechanisms) does digital payment influence health worker satisfaction, motivation, performance and retention? 3) How could digital payments be leveraged to improve the performance management and the timeliness of feedback for community health workers and other outreach frontline health workers? 4) What gender relations and roles influence the performance of health workers within the context of digital payments?
Payment experience and financial behavior	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) What are the benefits/risks/unintended consequences and challenges associated with the use of digital payments for health workers? 2) For those previously without DFS, what constrained their adoption of DFS? 3) What is the health worker willingness to accept digital payments?

SIZE OF RESEARCH STUDIES

We anticipate that the studies done may vary in terms of scope. Funding and project length will depend on the research questions and methods. Generally, project length, award amount and scope should be as follows:

Large studies 12 months	Medium studies 9 months	Small studies 6 months
\$200,000	\$100,000	\$60,000

Website

For more guidelines about the application process, please visit;

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