



Sciences for Prosperity

Integrating Results of Health Research into Policy Making for Improved Health Services in Uganda

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About UNAS

The Uganda National Academy of Sciences (UNAS) is established by Charter as the National Academy for Uganda and offers independent evidence-based advice to government and the public. UNAS is an autonomous honorific and service-oriented Academy that brings together a diverse group of scientists from the physical, biological and social/behavioural sciences, working together in an interdisciplinary and trans-disciplinary manner to promote evidence-based policy decision-making.

Purpose and Objectives of the Project

The overall purpose of the project is strengthen evidence based scrutiny of policy issues related to health in Uganda by stimulating dialogue on health research and its relevance to policy making amongst key target groups. The specific objectives are:

1. Enhancing the ability of health researchers to inform policy decisions in health
2. Enhancing the awareness and understanding of health research and its relevance to policy making, amongst MPs and the staff
3. Increasing public engagement on health research issues and their relevance to policy.
4. Creating a resource of good practice, knowledge and expertise to help UNAS in future activities and to benefit other stakeholders in Uganda and further afield looking to engage in work in this area (and in particular to export the MP-pairing model to other developing countries) and to create new partnerships.

Impacts

- Quality debates on Floor of Parliament based on scientific evidence
- Enhanced public engagement in science and its application
- Increased demand for evidence for decision making
- Participatory research for development in health promotion

Future Activities

- Expanding policy for science and science for policy engagements to other relevant stakeholders including Local Governments, civil servants, private sector and civil society.

Documenting and disseminating lessons learnt to a wider audience.