

About

The Health Supply Chain Solutions Challenge is an initiative of Management Sciences for Health (MSH), Uganda Healthcare Federation and ACODE implemented under the USAID/Uganda Strengthening Supply Chains Systems Activity (SSCS) in conjunction with United Nations Population Fund (Uganda). The SSCS Activity seeks to support bold innovations that improve access to affordable, quality essential medicines and health supplies for Ugandans.

Who is eligible?

Individual applicant eligibility

- You must be over 18 years of age at the time of the application.
- Fluent in English
- You can be a health worker, student, an entrepreneur, researcher, civil servant or working in a civil Society organization irrespective of gender.
- You are a Ugandan national.
- You must be in a team of at-least three or more people.

Organizational eligibility

This competition is open to organizations that meet the following criteria:

- You are a non-profit, for-profit, Non-government organization or University
- Have operations in Uganda
- Fully registered with Uganda registry services bureau, Uganda Revenue Authority or the relevant national registration authority
- Your solution can be early stage (idea) or existing (pre-revenue or post-revenue with early traction). Existing solutions should have been in existence for a minimum of 1 year of implementation. All solutions should be focused on improving access and availability to quality essential medicines and health supplies
- You must not be blacklisted from receiving any financial assistance from USAID

What you need to submit?

Despite making great progress, health facilities in Uganda continue to experience stock-outs of essential medicine. This limits people's ability to access quality health services that can save their lives and improve their well-being. We are looking for proposals for novel, sustainable solutions that improve timely access to and availability of quality essential medicines and health supplies in the country.

What kind of innovations will be considered?

The ideas, concepts/solutions may be new or existing services, practices or technologies. Existing solutions should have been in existence for a minimum of 1 year of implementation or currently being implemented. Entrants must be Ugandan nationals. Click [here](#) for full terms and conditions.

What happens if I get shortlisted?

Shortlisted applicants will be invited to showcase their innovations to a select committee of subject matter experts.

We are looking for ideas on how to:

- Boost system-wide performance and maximize health supply chain efficiency at the national, district, regional referral hospital, health facility, and community levels.
- Strengthen the supply chain to reach and address the health needs of women and youth.
- Simplify the collection, reporting, and use of supply chain data to support decision making.
- Promote and increase demand and accountability of the health supply chain system at all levels.
- Use innovative and sustainable approaches to inform the mobilization domestic resources and health commodity financing.

The winning individuals or teams will work with our team of experts to pilot and scale up their idea.

Winners will also receive:

- Awards during Uganda's national health supply chain week
- Technical and financial support of up to USD 50,000 to pilot and implement the innovation
- Advice on solution development, monitoring, evaluation, research, and scale up
- An internship opportunity (students only)
- Training sessions on supply chain management

How do I apply?

1. Visit <https://sscs.upaccelerate.co.ug> to apply.
2. Share this opportunity with your network, colleagues and friends.

When is the closing date for applications?

This call for Innovation runs from **11th May 2021 to 8th June 2021**.

Challenge timeline:



Your Solution is eligible if it meets the following conditions

Focus of the Solution

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Guiding principles

The following principles will guide the review of the solutions. Please propose solutions that utilize the following:

- **Be data driven:** Solutions must leverage existing evidence to justify their place in the supply chain system. Where such data does not exist, the intervention should seek to build that the evidence base.
- **Embrace systems thinking:** We seek to create change within the health supply chain system. As such, solutions should take into consideration how the areas of intervention may enhance, subtract or add to the system. Collaboration with others and challenging the status quo is important to drive that change
- **Design for scale:** The intervention should be in position to achieve adoption beyond the early adopters so that it is adopted at the community level by other actors.
- **Build for sustainability:** We seek to build a self-reliant health supply chain system. As such, the intervention should still benefit from stakeholder commitment beyond the initial support period from MSH. Furthermore, we seek institutionalization within central and local government, private companies and non-government organizations.
- **Find leverage:** We believe in finding the best areas in the health supplies system which when engaged create the most change and impact for the least level of effort. We believe in the 80/20 pareto principle.
- **Ensure efficiencies:** A solution that will ensure efficiencies in the health supply chain.

Country of Implementation

Uganda

Duration of Implementation

One year

To Apply:

[Fill out the application](#) by **June 8, 2021**. We will contact shortlisted applicants to present their idea to a selection committee of supply chain managers and researchers.

[Click here](#) for more information, including selection criteria. Still have questions? Contact bblick@msh.org or upaccelerate@outbox.co.ug