NURTURE: MAKERERE UNIVERSITY’S QUEST FOR A TRANSFORMATIVE IMPACT ON HEALTH RESEARCH

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Background

• Our program is supporting assistant lecturers to senior lecturers.
• Provide targeted training and mentorship for individualized research capacity development.
• Increase faculty retention by facilitating research career progression.
• Facilitate continued development of a conducive research environment.
Successes in the last 12 months

NURTURE Fellows

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Challenges

• Unmet need for faculty capacity development that cannot be fulfilled by NURTURE alone.
• Delays by fellows to complete their research.
• Institutional research administration inefficiencies
• Mentorship needs to be strengthened
• Some areas being undersubscribed.
• Slow publication rates.
Opportunities for collaborations

• A study to document the dynamics of these capacity building programs.

• Our study groups that have been nurtured in NURTURE e.g Cardiovascula, malaria, mental health, maternal health, HIV/AIDS, dental health, ethics

• Linkages with AFREhealth institutions.

• Collaborations with D43 research administrators and managers.
Lessons learnt

- Group mentorship contributes meaningfully to capacity building.
- Making junior faculty principle investigators is an exciting way of enhancing their participation in research.
- Institutions should devise means of having research funds that junior faculty can compete for.
Conclusion

• This the largest junior and mid-level project nurturing research capacity at MakCHS
• There is need to study the resulting research ethos and ecosystem
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