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25 July 2023

Dear [Redacted],

Freedom of Information request: FOI2023/00450

Thank you for your Freedom of Information request received on the 6 July in which you requested the following:

Your request:

I am writing to you under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 to request the following information. Please may you provide me with:

- 1. Total cost of employed research consultants and analysts in Uganda (named in the job title)*
- 2. Total spend on outsourced research companies and service providers in Uganda. Please break this down by vendor (service provider)*
- 3. Total number of research projects undertaken by the organization for the past 3 years in Uganda. Please break this down based on the funding body.*
- 4. Total cost of recruitment and staffing of your organization's research dept and /or research service vendors in Uganda.*
- 5. Total cost of outsourced marketing contracts in Uganda - such as marketing agencies, press agencies and social/digital media contracts broken down by vendor (service provider).*
- 6. What procedure is undertaken to recruit research consultants and analysts on a new research project and who is the key stakeholder to facilitate this?*
- 7. To the relevant stakeholder/ supervisor, what are the most common pain points in recruitment and management of in-country researchers and research analysts for interviews, fieldwork and data analysis?*

Please can responses to all questions cover the last 3 years including and up to 31st December 2022.

Our response:

I can confirm that UK Research and Innovation (UKRI) holds some information relevant to your request. Please see the information below.

- 1. Total cost of employed research consultants and analysts in Uganda (named in the job title)*

UKRI does not employ research consultants or analysts in Uganda. The MRC/UVRI & LSHTM Uganda Research Unit was transferred to the London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine (LSHTM) in 2018. More information on this unit is available [here](https://www.lshtm.ac.uk/research/units/mrc-uganda/about)¹.

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2. Total spend on outsourced research companies and service providers in Uganda. Please break this down by vendor (service provider)

£2,544 was paid to the Ministry of Water and Environment, Water Resources Institute in Uganda, in 2022.

3. Total number of research projects undertaken by the organization for the past 3 years in Uganda. Please break this down based on the funding body.

UKRI is a funding body and does not carry out research projects itself, however we can confirm that funding has been provided to a number of projects that involve organisations in Uganda. The table below breaks down grants that have started in each of the last three years by Research Council.

Year	AHRC	BBSRC	EPSRC	ESRC	Innovate UK	MRC	NERC	STFC	Total
2020	8	1	21	9	2	11	0	0	52
2021	2	0	0	0	1	3	2	0	8
2022	1	0	0	1	0	6	0	0	8
Total	11	1	21	10	3	20	2	0	68

4. Total cost of recruitment and staffing of your organization's research dept and /or research service vendors in Uganda.

UKRI does not employ any staff in Uganda, please refer to Q1.

5. Total cost of outsourced marketing contracts in Uganda - such as marketing agencies, press agencies and social/digital media contracts broken down by vendor (service provider).

UKRI has no outsourced marketing contracts in Uganda.

6. What procedure is undertaken to recruit research consultants and analysts on a new research project and who is the key stakeholder to facilitate this?

As explained above, UKRI does not carry out research projects itself, or employee staff in Uganda, therefore this information is not held.

7. To the relevant stakeholder/ supervisor, what are the most common pain points in recruitment and management of in-country researchers and research analysts for interviews, fieldwork and data analysis?

This is seeking commentary and opinion, rather than information held, and is therefore out of scope of the Freedom of Information Act.

If you have any queries regarding our response or you are unhappy with the outcome of your request and wish to seek an internal review of the decision, please contact within the next 40 working days:

Head of Information Governance
Email: foi@ukri.org

Please quote the reference number above in any future communications.

If you are still not content with the outcome of the internal review, you may apply to refer the matter to the Information Commissioner for a decision. Generally, the ICO cannot make a decision unless you have exhausted the review procedure provided by UKRI. The Information Commissioner can be contacted at: www.ico.org.uk.

If you wish to raise a complaint regarding the service you have received or the conduct of any UKRI staff in relation to your request, please see UKRI's complaints policy: <https://www.ukri.org/about-us/policies-and-standards/complaints-policy/>

Yours sincerely,



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