

GOAL: Guyana's National Online Scholarship Programme — Scale, Reach and a Quality-Control Lesson

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Quality score: 68/100

Evidence strength: Descriptive / self-reported

Summary

Guyana's government-funded online-degree scholarship programme enrolled over 54,000 citizens between 2021 and 2026, with women receiving most awards — but a 2025 scandal over an unaccredited UK-university partner exposed serious due-diligence gaps.

Key dimensions

Dimension	Score
Innovation level	2/5
Sustainability (ongoing)	1/1
Evaluation evidence	0/1
Demonstrated reach	1/1
Documented learning	1/1

Evaluated by C-NAPSE

Data sources

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