

Makerere University Research and Innovations Fund (Mak-RIF) — Uganda's Government-Funded Knowledge-Transfer Pipeline

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Quality score: 43/100

Evidence strength: Moderate

Summary

Since 2019 Uganda's government has channelled over UGX 79bn into Makerere's Mak-RIF, funding 1,300+ research/innovation grants; by 2025 only about half had completed and 65 were earmarked for commercialisation, while a 2024 budget cut now threatens momentum.

Key dimensions

Dimension	Score
Evidence of impact / measured results	2/3
Transferability / demonstrated replication	2/3
Scalability	1/3
Sustainability / continuity	1/3
Innovation	1/3
Inclusiveness / equity	1/3
Multi-stakeholder collaboration	1/3

Evaluated by C-NAPSE

Data sources

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