

THE AWARDS 2021

International Collaboration of the Year

Institution name	Liverpool School of Tropical Medicine
Submission title or project name	Research Partnership for the Control of Chronic Diseases in Africa (RESPOND-Africa)
Nominee/key personnel	<p>On behalf of the RESPOND-Africa partnership:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Liverpool School of Tropical Medicine (UK): Prof Shabbar Jaffar, Dr Anupam Garrib and team• MRC/UVRU & LSHTM Uganda Research Unit (Uganda): Prof Moffat Nyirenda, Dr Josephine Birungi and team• National Institute for Medical Research (Tanzania): Prof Sayoki Mfinanga, Dr Sokoine Kivuyo and team• Shree Hindu Mandal (Tanzania): Prof Kaushik Ramaiya and team
URL	https://www.lstmed.ac.uk/RespondAfrica
Submission	<p>Our Group is tackling one of the greatest challenges of our time – the rise of non-communicable conditions in Africa, particularly diabetes and hypertension.</p> <p>We are a partnership between African, UK and European institutions, and between researchers, policy makers, patients, and civil society. Our partnership is built on an ethos of equality and openness. People from different disciplines, of different genders, different races and from different continents are treated equally and have an equal voice in decision-making. This ethos is supported by training in communications, leadership skills, unconscious bias and prejudice.</p> <p>From seed funding of £2m in 2017, we secured 4 major grants exceeding £12m additional funding in just 2-3 years and have a further £13m funding under consideration. We started with 3 partners in the UK, Tanzania and Uganda and in just 4 years, have expanded 5-fold with new partnerships in all 3 countries, across Europe, and expanded to Cameroon.</p>