

PRESS STATEMENT

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MCK RELEASES PHASE IV HEALTH REPORTING GRANTS TO JOURNALISTS, COMMUNITY AND LOCAL LANGUAGE RADIO STATIONS

NAIROBI, 10th March 2021 – The Media Council of Kenya (MCK) has released travel grants to 100 journalists and 18 to community & local radio stations in Phase IV of the Health Reporting Grants. The grants will support the radio stations and journalists in the coverage of health-related stories with focus on Universal Health Coverage (UHC).

Community and local language media stations will receive grants amounting to Kes. 50,000 while the finalists for the journalists travel grant Kes. 10,000 each. The full list of the beneficiaries is available on the MCK website and social media pages.

In addition to the travel grant, the beneficiaries will receive mentorship from experienced media professionals drawn from academia and editors. The mentors will assist them advance their journalism skills in interrogating health issues, interviewing sources, framing, unpacking and simplifying complicated data and interpreting the implications of existing health implementation strategies.

The Health Grants Project for Journalists focuses on enhancing their capacity of journalists to report professionally on Universal Health Care (UHC), The Big 4 Agenda flagship item on access to health services as well as National Hospital Insurance Fund (NHIF). Through the project, MCK seeks to enhance professional media coverage of health-related issues in Kenya and develop a pool of journalists versed, mentored and able to report competently on Universal Health Care.

The MCK Health Grants Project is run under Africa Media Academy which focuses on development of training standards, building capacity of journalists and ensuring professional journalism practice.

About the MCK Africa Media Academy

The Media Council of Kenya (MCK) is mandated to set media standards and ensure compliance with those standards as set out in Article 34(5) of the Constitution and for connected purposes. In this regard the Council seeks ways to encourage and increase professional journalism in Kenya.