

Call for Applications

Training for Ugandan Journalists on Population, Family Planning, and the Demographic Dividend

The National Population Council of Uganda (NPC Uganda) and Population Reference Bureau (PRB) are inviting applications for a high-level journalist training in Uganda on the Demographic Dividend. Journalists from all Media and at all levels are invited to apply. Successful applicants should have a minimum of three (3) years' experience in reporting on population, family planning, reproductive health, and related topics. Locally based (upcountry) journalists are encouraged to apply. The training is scheduled to take place in the third week of October 2021.

This training offers a unique opportunity for journalists to improve their ability to explain and report on the Demographic Dividend with the goal of sensitizing the public and decision makers on related issues and priorities. NPC Uganda will select ten (10) journalists to participate in the training. Successful participants from this group are eligible for reporting grants of up to US \$ 500 to fund in-depth coverage of the training subject matter. This will be awarded on a first come, first served basis. Topic-specific coaching and data will be provided to participants post-training to assist with story development.

The training will include interactive discussions between experts and journalists as well as presentation of detailed information and sound data around the training themes.

The training is funded by the U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID), through the PACE project, and will be led by NPC Uganda in collaboration with PRB.

What is expected?

Participants must commit to full participation for the duration of the two-day workshop.

After the training, participating journalists must produce and successfully publish/broadcast at least four stories using information presented during the workshop.

Who should apply?

Committed fulltime journalists who:

- Work with a recognised media outlet from diverse mediums, including: national and regional newspapers, magazines, television and radio--including at the community level. Freelancers and bloggers may apply but must provide a letter of support from a news organization indicating that their work will be published or broadcast.
- Demonstrate interest in health, family planning, and population issues and a commitment to cover these topics.
- Communicate comfortably and effectively in English during the seminars, though they may write or broadcast in any language.



NPC Uganda will cover all workshop expenses, including travel, lodging, and meals. If the training must be conducted virtually to align to safety standards pertaining to COVID-19, NPC Uganda will support costs associated with virtual engagement.

Deadline

Applications must be received by **24, September 2021**. Successful participants will be notified by **04, October, 2021**.

How to apply

Complete this form through PRB's online submission portal at <https://prb.submittable.com/submit/202433/npc-uganda-journalist-training>

For your application, you will need to provide:

- Basic personal information
- Your current CV
- A statement of interest
- A description of an important reproductive health topic in your district/in Uganda
- Two examples of your best work
- Two references

If you have any questions about applying, please contact Stella at stella.kigozi@npcsec.go.ug, stella.kigozi@gmail.com or Eric at eric.ntege@npcsec.go.ug

