

Reduced UKRI-ODA budget to impact 2021/22 funding

As outlined in the [DVC Desk on 16 March 2021](#) and by the [United Kingdom Research and Innovation \(UKRI\)](#), Official Development Assistance (ODA) funding for the 2021/22 financial year has been reduced due to COVID-19-related financial pressures in the UK. The [UKRI-ODA assistance letter](#) provides more details for those who are currently funded by UKRI councils. The [UKRI has also released a Q&A](#) in response to the budget cuts and a [virement guidance and template for ODA award holders](#).

To date, confirmed funding opportunities that have been suspended are:

- UK MRC Applied global health research: improve health in low- and middle-income countries
- UKRI Global Challenges Research Fund (GCRF) Digital Innovation for Development in Africa (DIDA) Phase 2

The National Institute for Health Research (NIHR) has released [the following statement](#) and the NIHR Global Health Research funding calls remain open, including the *Third call for applications: UK National Institute for Health Research (NIHR) Global Health Research Groups*.

If you have any questions, please contact the ODA (odaenquiries@ukri.org) or internationalgrants@uct.ac.za for UCT-specific queries.

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