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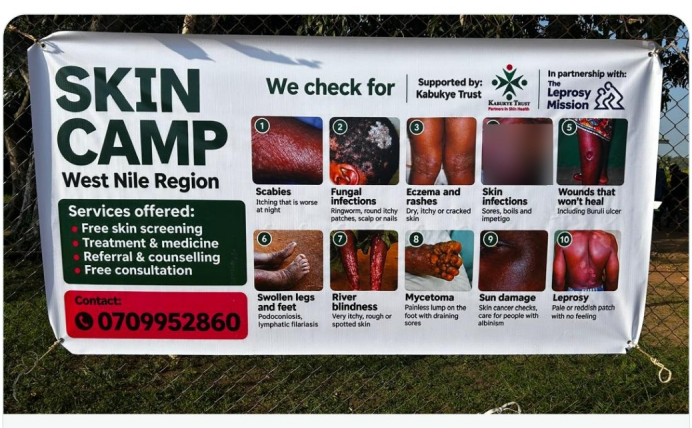
Full Terms of Reference (PDF)

OPERATIONAL RESEARCH · WEST NILE, UGANDA

West Nile Leprosy Operational Research and Case-Detection Pilot

Kabukye Trust seeks a Ugandan university or accredited research institution to run a five-month operational study and case-detection pilot in Terego, Adjumani and Yumbe districts.

COMMISSIONED BY	Kabukye Trust, Kabukye Village, Kamuli District
FUNDED BY	The Leprosy Mission Great Britain (TLMGB)
STUDY AREA	Nine Health Centre IIIs and their host and refugee catchments; Arua Regional Referral Hospital as the referral point
CONTRACT	Tue 1 Dec 2026 to Fri 30 Apr 2027



01 · SKIN CAMPS, WEST NILE

Government skin camps check for leprosy alongside nine other common skin conditions.



02 · WAITING TO BE SEEN

Families turn out in numbers when screening comes to their community.

What the research team will do

12,000
people screened, minimum: door to door and at nine government skin camps

10
health facilities assessed for readiness to detect, treat and refer

70
households affected by leprosy surveyed, at least 40% refugee

15
peer researchers affected by leprosy, paid at parity

Plus 39 in-depth interviews, 5 focus groups, a five-year routine-data review for every West Nile district, basic costing of each detection route, and two stand-alone sets of recommendations. Government runs every clinical function. The contractor runs the research and leads publication.

What the contract pays

Maximum payable to the contractor **UGX 202,051,120**

Inclusive of all fees, costs, overheads and taxes. Paid in five tranches against accepted deliverables. Nothing is paid before the inception report is accepted. Amounts below are shown at the ceiling.

#	Deliverable	Due	Share	UGX
1	Inception report and approval submissions	18 Dec 2026	20%	40,410,224
2	Routine-data profile and site plan; approvals granted	5 Feb 2027	15%	30,307,668
3	Fieldwork complete; data handover	31 Mar 2027	30%	60,615,336
4	Draft integrated report	16 Apr 2027	25%	50,512,780
5	Final report, both briefs, validation, handover	30 Apr 2027	10%	20,205,112
	Total		**100%**	**202,051,120**

Bids above the ceiling are rejected. The ceiling is a maximum, not a target: value for money is scored on what the budget buys. Institutional overhead is capped at 10% of direct costs. Peer researchers must earn the same daily rate as other data collectors.

Who can bid

A Ugandan university or research institution with access to an accredited research ethics committee, registered with the Personal Data Protection Office, bidding under a named Principal Investigator. Consortia may bid under one lead institution.

What to send

Technical proposal of no more than 12 pages; draft protocol; CVs of the PI and Data Manager (three pages each); itemised budget in UGX; ethics committee meeting dates; two references for similar work.

Key dates

Advert published	**Mon 9 Nov**	Interviews	**26–27 Nov**
Questions close	**Mon 16 Nov, 17:00**	Award	**Mon 30 Nov**
Proposals due	**Mon 23 Nov, 17:00**	Contract starts	**Tue 1 Dec**
Shortlist notified	**Wed 25 Nov**	Final report	**Fri 30 Apr 2027**

All times East Africa Time. Dates in 2026 unless stated.

SEND PROPOSALS TO

research@kabukyetrust.org

Subject line: **KT/RES/2026/01 – [Institution]**. Proposals due Monday 23 November 2026, 17:00 EAT. Late proposals will not be considered.

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Why this study

Leprosy in West Nile is found late. People often visit traditional healers first. There is no routine active case finding, and contacts of known cases are rarely examined. Large refugee settlements add displacement, poverty and stigma to the delay.

The study finds people with undiagnosed leprosy through the government's own