



# Open Call: Soap Innovators

## Uganda Response Innovation Lab

### Award Opportunity

During the Covid-19 pandemics, hand-washing is a core preventive measure. However, the use of bar (solid) soap at public handwashing stations faces two major challenges:

1. Theft
2. Continuous handling with risks of further disease transmission

In response to these challenges, [Engineers Without Borders - USA](#), in partnership with the Response Innovation Lab Uganda, is launching a call for Innovation on the design of a solid soap dispenser for public handwashing stations.

We are looking for innovative designs **made in Uganda** from locally available materials. Please see more details in attachment and share with your networks.

### Winners will be awarded:

- 1st place: 1,000,000 UGX + production order (of 100-200 soap-dispensers)
- 2nd place: UGX 500,000

### Information Session

Please join us for an **online information session on Monday, 18 May at 4pm (Kampala time)** during which you will be able to ask questions and receive more details about the call including the criteria for application, what it should address and deadlines.

You can register for the information session here: <https://forms.gle/NW4U9KcHtWEL3Ftj7> and we will send you a link to join the online meeting.

### Application

**A final (and short) application will be due on 24 May. The application form will be provided to attendees of the webinar on May 18<sup>th</sup>.**

### Questions

Please send any questions to [uganda@responseinnovationlab.com](mailto:uganda@responseinnovationlab.com)