

# MSAKE RePub Project

*Building capacity in  
research*

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MSAKE RePub is a publication journal for healthcare students established as a partnership project between MSAKE-Kenya and Daktari Online Company. It is the first of its kind to be registered under **IFMSA Medical Education Systems**. It focuses on the promotion of research and publication among healthcare students as well as nurturing those who do not have basic knowledge in research.

The project was first brainstormed in a meeting held between the MSAKE-Kenya EB and Daktari Online during 46th Annual KMA Conference & AGM held in Naivasha, Kenya. An idea was put across on starting a long term project which would have the needs of medical students at heart, and which would focus on increasing publications by medical students as well as ensuring their financial stability. A Memorandum of Understanding was signed between the MSAKE Executive Board 2019/2020 and the Daktari Online Team. The project was launched during the 3rd MSAKE Sub-Regional Training held in Diani, Mombasa, Kenya.

### **Our focus areas:**

- Capacity building in research through live-streamed research & sensitization workshops and webinars.
- Research mentorship in the various medical fields
- Free research publication for medical students
- Exchange of knowledge & research data among various IFMSA NMOs

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## Background

Despite medical students being constantly exposed to a myriad of newly generated knowledge, in form of case study presentations, as well as school papers, they have either not had a chance to publish their case studies or experience tremendous challenges when trying to publish their research papers.

RePub's main goal is to nurture budding researchers across medical schools in Kenya with the goal of reaching medical students from other African countries and ultimately medical students from all over the world. RePub also aims to nurture interest in research among medical students.

This is a great step towards fulfilling the need for evidence-based policies which can only be met through adequate research on pertinent issues affecting our continent.

## Methodology

All research papers submitted to RePub are peer reviewed and subjected to thorough scrutiny using internationally accredited guidelines. This is adapted from a checklist derived from the Review Criteria for Research Manuscripts by the Association of American Medical Colleges (AAMC) and Reviewer Guidelines for selection by SAE International. This ensures that only high-quality research papers and case studies are published.

A team of advisers made up of medical professionals review all research papers or case studies that have already been peer reviewed and deemed fit for publishing. Papers are therefore only published once the professionals approve the review of the specific submissions.

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## Our Objectives

- Create awareness among medical students at each level of their academic programme on the importance of research, and publishing such work to help promote access to knowledge and information.
- Establish a local international publication platform that allows open access to resource material from publications made by MSAKE members.
- Conduct relevant workshops and trainings in all medical schools to enhance capacity building.
- Promote research mentorship by involving doctors in research into the RePub initiative
- Be a long term source of income for MSAKE activities
- Establish the use of the online portal in across the world to allow for exchange of knowledge and research data among various IFMSA NMOs



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