

The Merck Foundation Africa Media Recognition Awards 2022 winners

The Merck Foundation Africa Media Recognition *More Than a Mother* Awards 2022 and Diabetes and Hypertension Awards 2022 winners have been announced with 84 winners from 21 African countries.



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The ceremony was held via videoconference to facilitate all the media award winners and presented by the Merck Foundation, the philanthropic arm of Merck KGaA Germany, in partnership with the African First Ladies. The winners were announced and acknowledged by Senator, Dr. Rasha Kelej, CEO of Merck Foundation and president of *More Than a Mother* campaign.

Raising awareness on social issues

The theme of *More Than a Mother* Awards was to raise awareness on social issues such as:

- Breaking infertility stigma
- Supporting girl education
- Women empowerment
- Ending child marriage
- Ending FGM
- Stopping GBV at all levels

The theme of the Diabetes and Hypertension Awards was to promote a healthy lifestyle and raise awareness about the prevention and early detection of diabetes and hypertension in the African countries.

CEO Special awards to recognise the journalists

The Merck Foundation CEO also announced CEO Special awards to recognise the journalists who have been contributing regularly through their work to raise awareness about the above issues in Africa.

Merck Foundation is additionally rewarding the winners by providing them with one year access to an online educational

training programme, MasterClass, an immersive online experience and self-paced learning course that can be accessed anywhere with the internet.

Merck Foundation "More Than a Mother" Media Recognition Awards 2022

West Africa

- Print category winner: Agnes Opoku Sarpong, *New Times Corporation*, Ghana
- Online category winner: Georgina Appiah, *Citinewsroom.com*, Ghana
- Radio category winner: Mavis Offei Acheampong, *Ghana Broadcasting Corporation*, Ghana
- Multimedia category winner: Ohemeng Tawiah, *JoyNews TV*, Ghana

Southern Africa

- Print category winner: Paheja Siririka, *New Era* publication Corporation, Namibia
- Online category winner: Shireen Van Wyk, *Bakwa Magazine*, Namibia
- Radio category winner: Glendah Fadzai Takachicha, *Capitalk Zimpapers* Radio, Zimbabwe

East Africa

- Print category winner: Marco Maduhu, *Nipashe* Newspaper, Tanzania
- Online category winner: Elizabeth Angira, *The Sun Weekly Online*, Kenya
- Radio category winner: Michael Chilonwa, *BBC Media Action*, Tanzania
- Multimedia category winner: Geoffrey Michael Machemba, *East Africa TV*, Tanzania

French speaking Africa

- Print category winner: Emelyne Iradukunda, *Le Renouveau du Burundi*, Burundi
- Online category winner: Koami Agbetiafa, *Nigerinter.com*, Niger
- Radio category winner: Salissou Kaka, *Saraounia FM*, Niger
- Multimedia category winner: Ferdinand Sengi, *Lejournal.africa*, Burundi

Merck Foundation CEO special Award

- Walter Mwesigye, *NTV*, Uganda
- Mercy Tyra Murengu, *MediaMax Limited-Milele FM*, Kenya

Merck Foundation *Diabetes & Hypertension* Media Recognition Awards 2022

West Africa

- Print category winner: Abigail Nana Efua Arthur, *Ghanaian Times*, Ghana
- Online category winner: Patience Ivie Ihejirika, *Leadership* Newspaper, Nigeria
- Multimedia category winner: Sarah Teiki Ofori, *Ghana Broadcasting Corporation*, Ghana

Southern Africa

- Print category winner: Memory Kutengule Chatonda, *Malawi News Agency*, Malawi
- Online category winner: Catherine Murombedzi nee Mwauryakufa, freelancer - *The Observer Zimbabwe*, *Health Times* and *CNS Health of India*, Zimbabwe
- Multimedia category winner: Rinelda Mouton, *The Namibian*, Namibia

East Africa

- Print category winner: Christina Mwakangale, *Tanzania Daima*, Tanzania
- Online category winner: Veronica Romwald Mrema, *Matukionamaisha.blogspot.com*, Tanzania
- Radio category winner: Namale Hajara Shahista, *CBS FM*, Uganda
- Online category winner: Prisca Lokale Odia, *Actualite.CD*, DRC
- Radio category winner: Boureima Ouedraogo, *Radio la Voix du Paysan*, Burkina Faso

Portuguese-speaking Africa

- Abdul Ibraimo, *A Voz do Islam*, Mozambique

Merck foundation CEO Special Award

- Cassien Tribunal Aungane, *Diplomacy & Development*

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