

Milk Matters: Milk Donor Motivation

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Milk Matters

Human Milk Bank

- Promotes and facilitates the donation and distribution of breast milk



Project Significance

Importance of human breast milk

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- Nutritional and immunological properties
- Results in positive health outcomes
- Especially in fragile infants
- Vital medical resource
- Ideal source of food for infants



Milk Sharing VS Human Milk Banks



Issues and Difficulties

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- Reluctant to donate to human milk banks
 - Impersonal nature of donation
 - Driven by being able to relate to recipient mothers
 - Need to see the reason for/effect of their donation
 - Time and effort associated with donation
- Issues with participants
 - Logistical difficulties with mothers
- No other conceivable issues

Problem Statement

Chelsea's Research Question

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How effective will donor education, with gamification aspects, be for persuading mothers to donate their excess milk and motivate them to continue donating?

Free Rice

FREE

Rice

2.0

HOME SUBJECTS GROUPS RICE! SIGN UP LOGIN ABOUT SPREAD THE WORD ENGLISH ▾

For each answer you get right, we donate 10 grains of rice through the World Food Programme to help end hunger

login | sign up (track your totals, join and create groups and more)



1 right = 10 grains



5 right = 50 grains



Play and feed hungry people

English Vocabulary

New Subjects! ▶

exhausted means:

very tired

little

enormous

fierce

63955830 grains of rice donated yesterday.
Over 97 billion grains donated to date (see [totals](#)).

How to Play

- Click on the right answer in the middle of this page.
- If you get it right, you get a harder question. If you get it wrong, you get an easier question.
- For each answer you get right, we donate 10 grains of rice to the [United Nations World Food Program](#).

WARNING: This game may make you smarter. It may improve your speaking, writing, thinking, grades, job performance... ([more](#))

Mitchell's Research Question

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How effectively can a mobile application, particularly including donation tracking, visualisations and feedback, be used to motivate mothers to donate breast milk to a human milk bank, or motivate donor mothers to continue donating or increase their donation?

Requirements

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- Educational aspect (with gamification)
- Donation tracking and data visualisation
- Reassurance about donation rate
- Promote donation of other resources
- Depot location
- Notifications and announcements



Key Success Factors

Educational aspect

with gamification



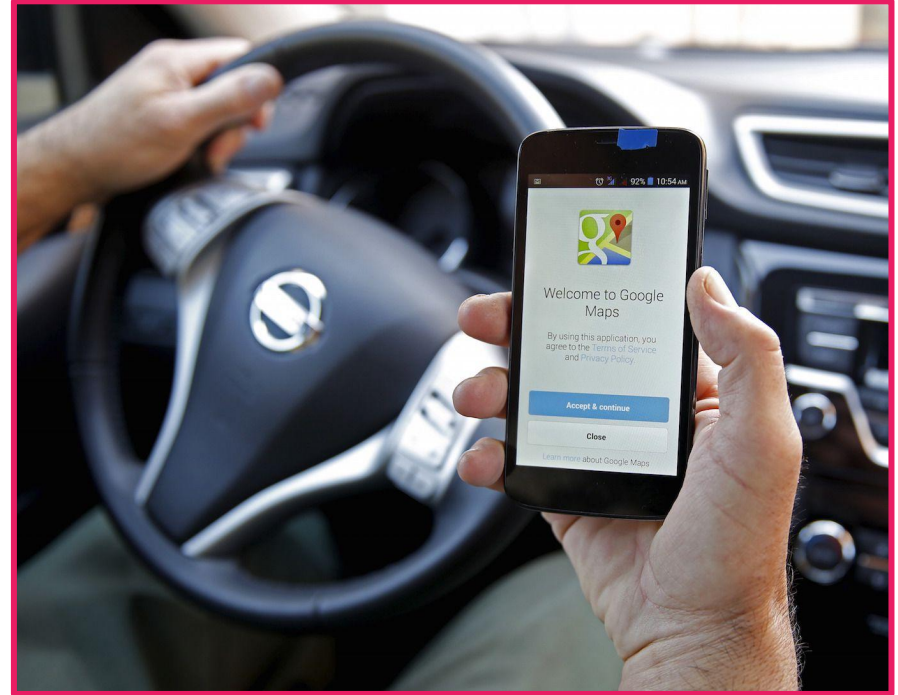
Donation tracking and data visualisation



Milk Matters feed and notifications



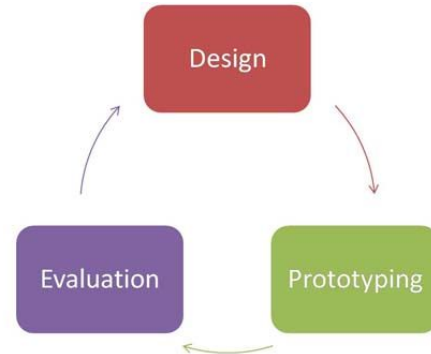
Depot locator



Development Procedures and Methods

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- Software engineering project
- Android application
- Co-design with Milk Matters and potential users
- Iterative, interactive design process
- Incorporate HCI design principles



Evaluation

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- Qualitative
- Evaluated according to mothers' opinions of:
 - How useful it was
 - Whether it would encourage them to donate
- Evaluated as technological entity
 - Android standards and HCI principles
 - Bugs
 - Requirements met

Ethical

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- Ethical clearance from the UCT Human Research Ethics Committee
- Milk Matters get in touch
- Rights and roles explained before workshops/Interviews
- Signed consent
- Post session feedback and discussion

Expected Project Impact

- Help Milk Matters gain more donors
- Motivate existing donors
- Educate mothers
- Support for mothers who can't provide their children with Mothers own milk



Risks

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- Logistical issues with participants
- Co-operation difficulties with Milk Matters
- Scope of project
- Development takes longer than expected
- One team member is unable to perform his/her part of the project
- Mothers are reluctant to use the app

