

Unsure which UNHCR Innovation Fund to apply to?

Please find the different areas of exploration for each Innovation Fund – which sit at the heart of UNHCR's Innovation Incubator – below. Although this list is not comprehensive, it should give you a good sense of which Fund your innovative idea is best suited to. For more detail on these areas, refer to the Funds' webpages.

Environment and Climate Action Innovation Fund	Digital Innovation Fund	Data Innovation Fund
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Access to resilient and sustainable services <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Community based environmental management • Circular economy and waste management • Water, sanitation, and hygiene (WASH) • Energy • Preparedness, adaptation and building resilience <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Environment action for protection • Community based preparedness and resilience • Sustainable settlements • Shelter • Sustainable livelihoods and/or green skills • Sustainability in systems and processes <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Procurement and process innovation • Environmentally responsible digital solutions • Protection in the context of climate change, shocks, and stresses <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Enabling refugee inclusion and participation in national climate plans and processes • Capacity strengthening for international protection in the context of climate change. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Digital inclusion <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Digital innovation through an age, gender, and diversity lens • Digitally enabled environmental solutions • Digital leisure and creativity • Digital livelihoods • Digital protection <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Digital accountability to affected people (AAP) • Digital safety, cybersecurity, and resilience • Digital public health, mental health and psycho-social support (MHPSS) • Digital services <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Expanding remote legal services • Digital financial services • Mobile-enabled and offline-first solutions. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tackling data and evidence gaps <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Generating essential baseline information where little or no data exists • Transforming unprocessed data, leveraging big data sources or emerging technologies • Leveraging technologies to address growing needs <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ensuring that technologies can be leveraged to provide more efficient services to more people • Use of AI in humanitarian decision-making <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Supporting complex decision-making under uncertainty • Augmenting space for experimentation, failure, and responsible risk-taking in humanitarian contexts • Responsible adoption of emerging technologies <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Responsible and appropriate adaptation of emerging technologies in humanitarian settings in fast-evolving technological environments • Projects that promote co-design, local expertise, community-based and refugee-led innovation • Documenting evidence on the impact of technology investments • Emerging technologies policy, governance, and research <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Researching governance of emerging technologies in humanitarian contexts • Addressing research gaps on application of data and emerging technologies to humanitarian contexts • Disruptive humanitarian innovation <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Testing bold, forward-looking ideas or breakthrough technologies with the potential to transform the humanitarian response.