

UNHCR Innovation

UNHCR Standing Committee

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“The fifth aspect of our response strategy, and one we are intending to grow significantly in the coming years, is innovation.

This is a crucial tool to do more with less, as “business as usual” practices are becoming unsustainable”.

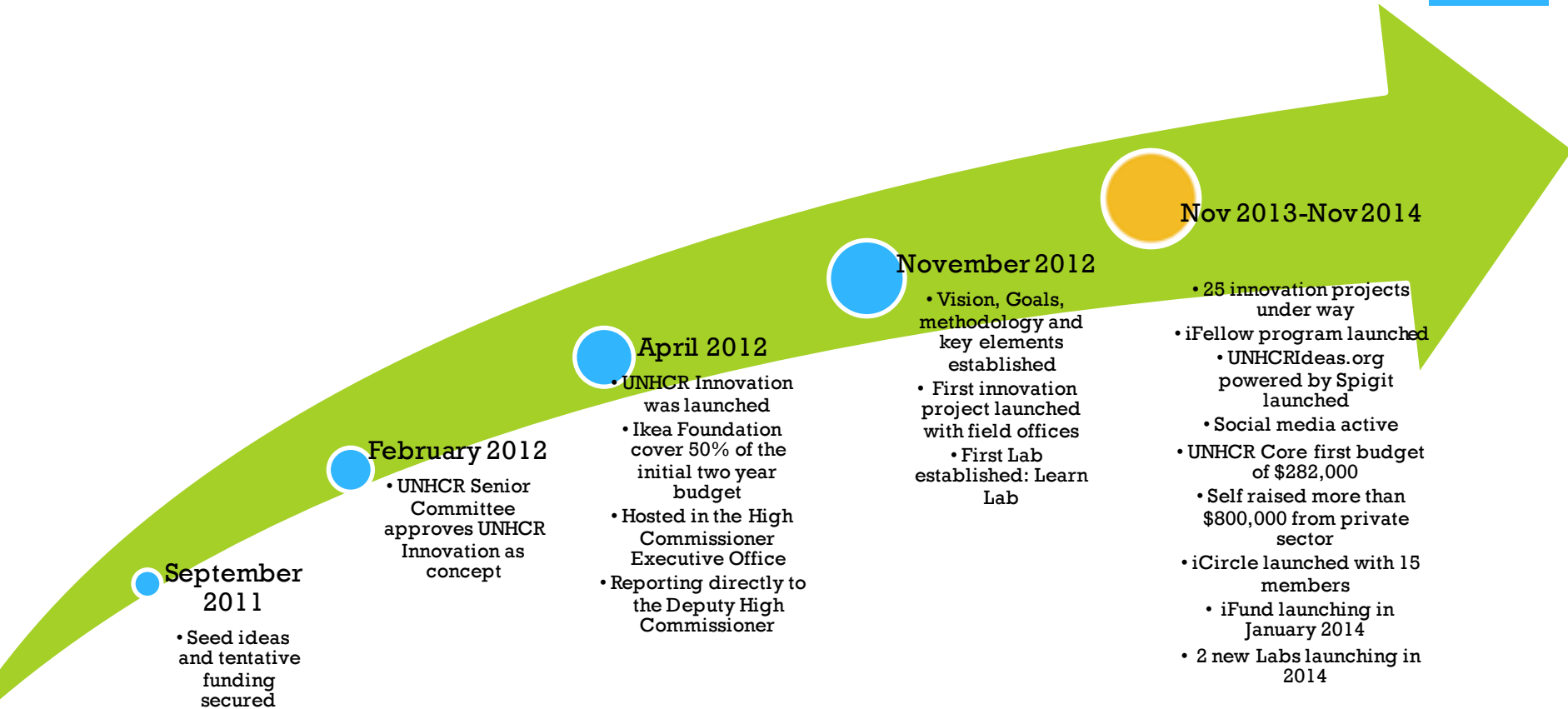
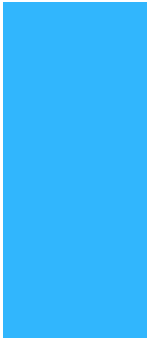
**High Commissioner’s Opening Statement to the 64th Session of ExCom
Palais des Nations, Geneva**

*“There’s a lot we can do better
if we can inculcate a culture of change
in the organization.”*

- Alex Aleinikoff, Deputy High Commissioner



+ UNHCR Innovation History

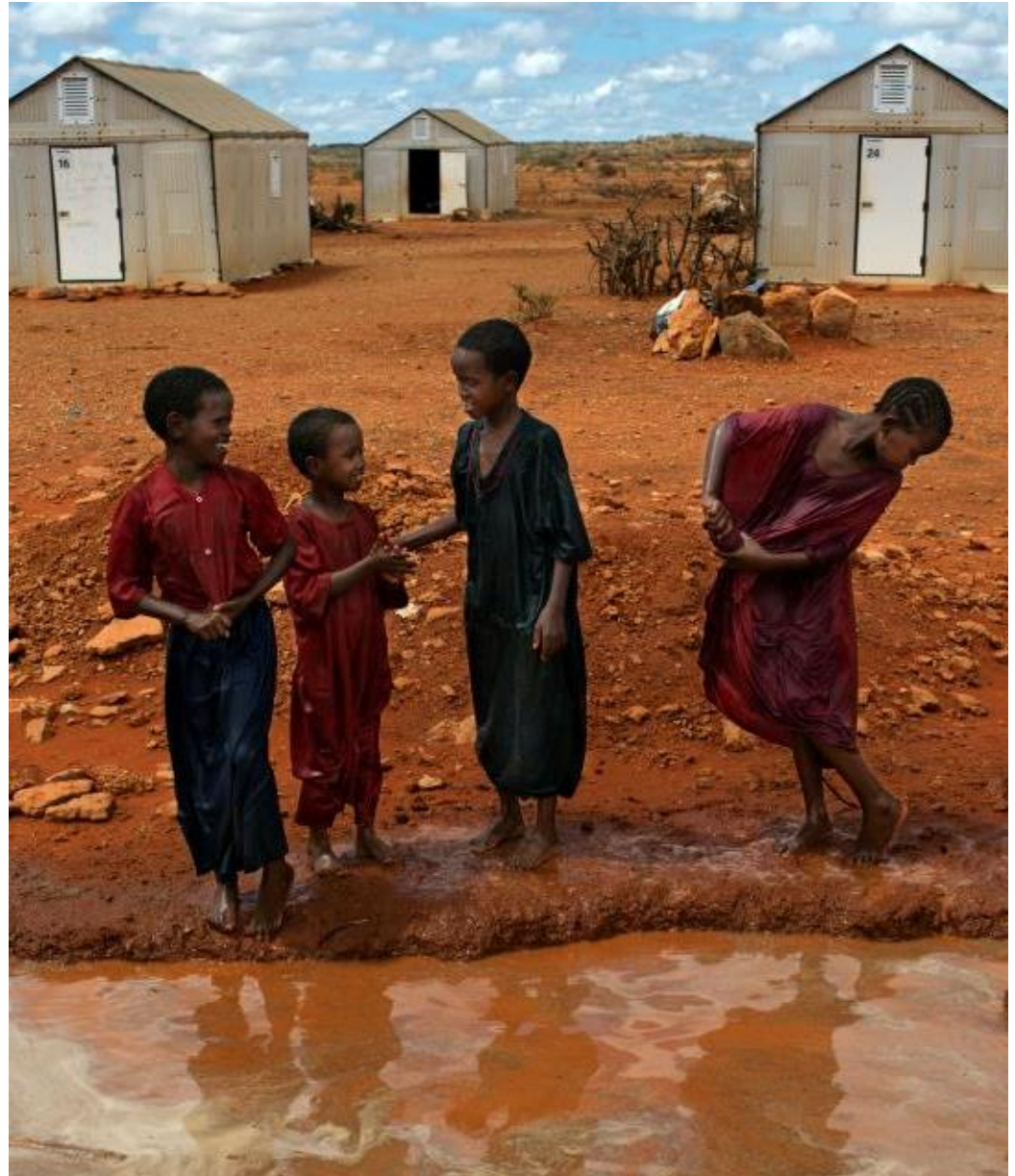


+ Vision

Unleashing the full potential of our staff and refugees

Creating an environment where innovation is fostered, captured and rewarded for increasing effectiveness and impact

Increasing refugees' dignity and empowerment by investing, facilitating, and incubating; supporting their efforts while struggling in forced displacement situations

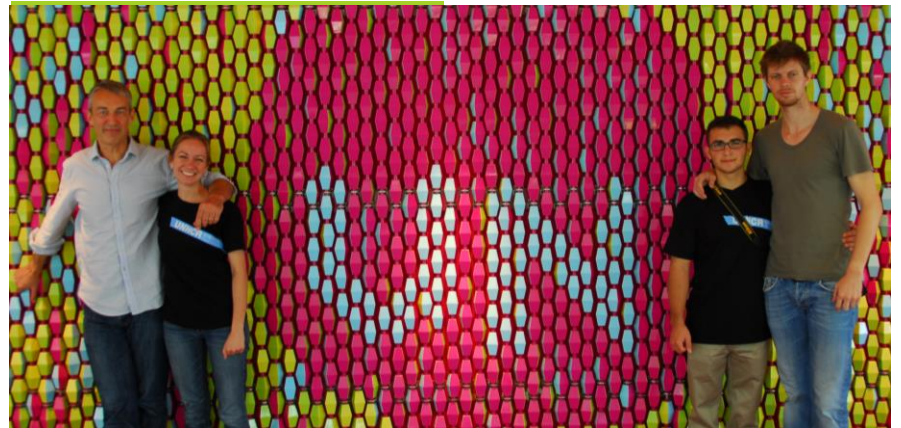


Mission





2012-2013 Achievements



UNHCR Innovation has established a series of coordination and engagement modules.





+ 2012-2013 Achievements

- Innovation Fellows program launched for UNHCR staff
- 25 projects launched globally
- Innovation Labs for project coordination
- UNHCR Ideas.org
- Innovation Circle for private sector stakeholders
- Innovation support to the Dollo Ado, Ethiopia operation
- Innovation Fund (launching 2014)
- Monthly Innovation Webinar
- UNHCR Innovation social media spaces

A Better Home For Emergency Relief and Beyond



FRAME



PANELS



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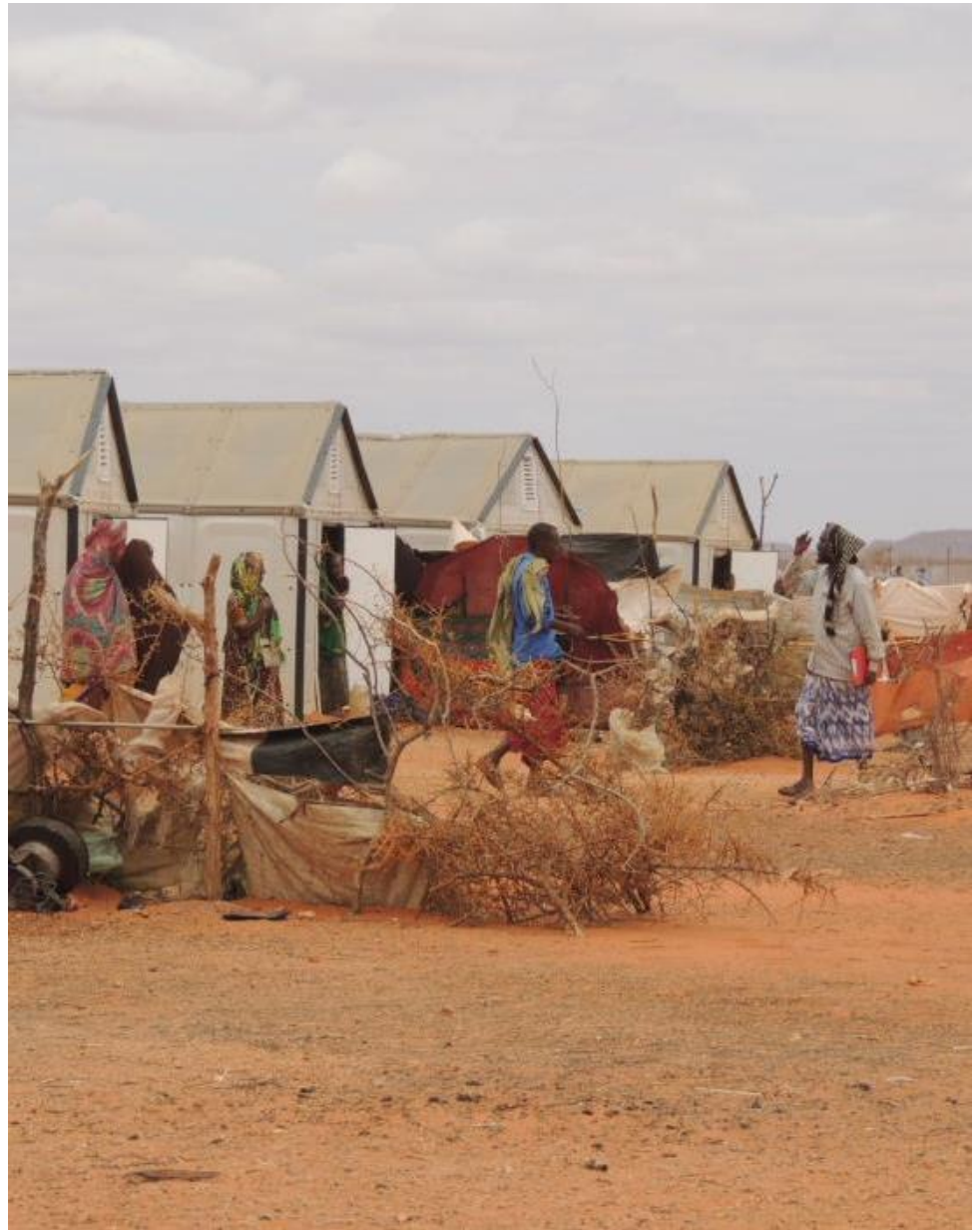


+ The Refugee Housing Unit

Development and prototype testing of a new type of humanitarian transitional shelter.

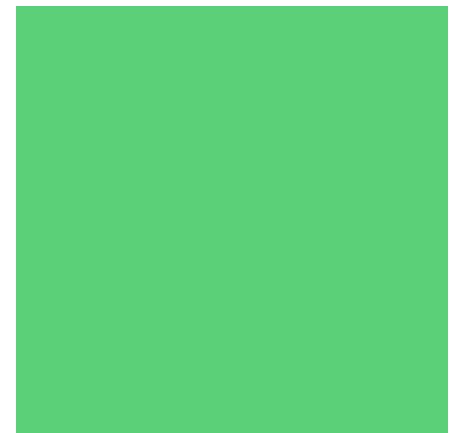
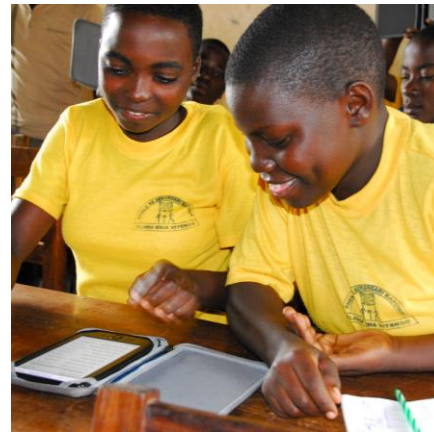
Multi-stake holders collaboration of 15 companies coming from five different industries (plastic, steel, automobile, solar/lighting and logistics/supply) and 3 universities across five countries

2 years of R&D funded of \$2.5m by the IKEA Foundation



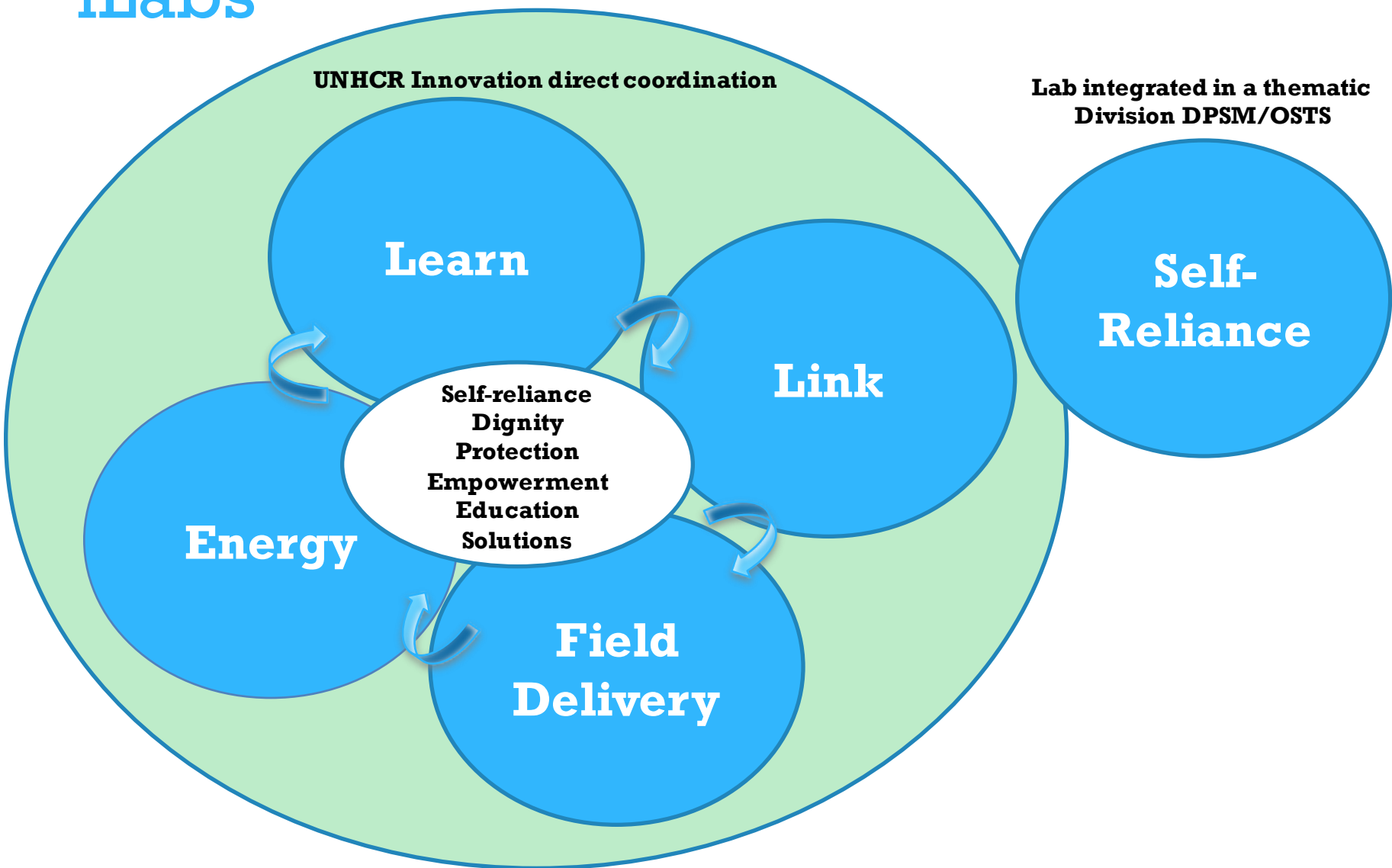


UNHCR Innovation Labs



A lab is a learning space, a place of action, a thinking and exchange space.







Innovation Fellows

The talent, strength, and dynamism of the UNHCR staff supported in **solving field-identified challenges**, by connecting them to time, resources and knowledge.





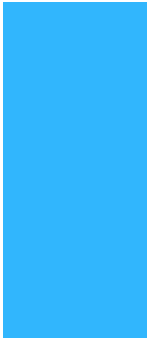


iCircle



Members are mandated to provide **strategic guidance** in the area of good practices, technical expertise, the promotion of strategic private and public partnerships and the identification of seed funding to allow for new ideas incubation.

+ Partners



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 **Blue Rose Compass**

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HASO PLATTNER
Institute of Design at Stanford

Google™



JESUIT COMMONS
Higher Education at the Margins




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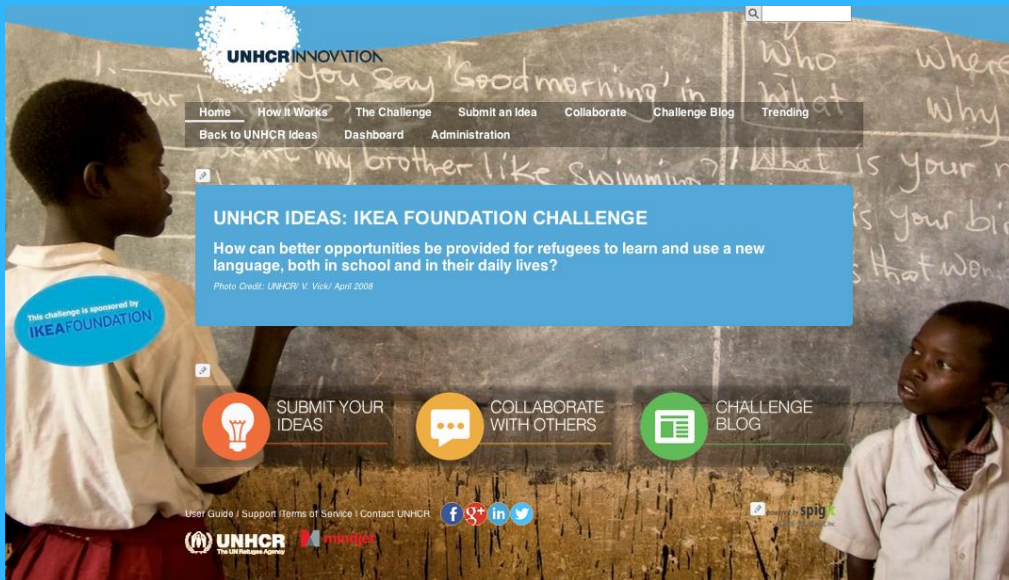
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UNHCRideas.org

Everyone gets a voice and a vote

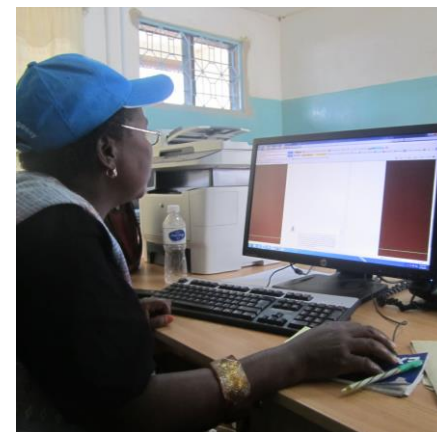
Includes partners, experts and refugees in the conversation

Best practices bubble to the top and stored in a repository

iLabs and iTeam moderate the discussions

Ideas can be added or modified to fit different situations

Most active members are highlighted and rewarded; best ideas are implemented



Innovation Fund

The Fund is a facilitation tool for incubating and testing projects coming out of UNHCRideas.org

The fund will also finance the early stage of scaling of solutions throughout field operations while providing a basis for additional fund identification for larger scaling opportunities.



The Fund will support projects that have the potential for significant impact on refugees and other persons of concern, directly or indirectly by way of improvement on how UNHCR conducts its work.

Applicants to the Fund will be encouraged to challenge the status quo, and to achieve desired results through innovative approaches or methodologies.

Projects should fall within the framework of one or more of the thematic UNHCR Innovation Labs described above.

UNHCR Innovation Budget

Private Sector Income generated through UNHCR Innovation

Income Source	2012	2013	Projection	
			2014	
			Staff, OPS, ABOD	iFund
IKEA Foundation	774,330	340,619	200,000	800,000
HP	??	200,000	100,000	??
UPS	??	100,000	102,000	98,000
Hunt Family / Return on Innovation	??	120,000	100,000	??
Total	776,342	762,632	502,000	898,000

+ UN innovation network

- Established in Nov 2013
- Co lead by UNICEF Innovation and UNHCR Innovation



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UN Field Innovation Collaboration Network

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Empowered lives.
Resilient nations.

