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*Empowered lives.
Resilient nations.*

Building the world's largest learning network to tackle 21st century development challenges.

Core investors:



Partners:



Knowledge partners:



The big picture



21st CENTURY CHALLENGES

Traditional approaches to development are struggling to keep up with today's social and environmental challenges.

These 21st century challenges are difficult to address because they are fast-moving, connected with other challenges, and often getting worse despite our best efforts to address them.

THREE KEY QUESTIONS

- 1. How do we better tackle complex and fast-moving challenges?**
- 2. How do we find the most relevant solutions that work locally?**
- 3. How do we learn more quickly about what works and what doesn't?**

THE ACCELERATOR LAB

Combining UNDP's expertise with this service, we can help government better solve 21st century problems together with people, civil society, and business.

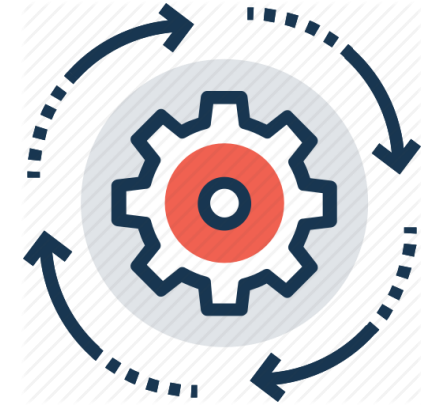
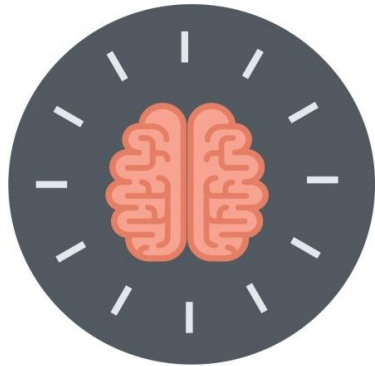
We find and grow local solutions that are already working and speed up the learning process about what works and doesn't by experimenting with many different approaches to a problem.

FOR EXAMPLE...

UNDP is helping government in North Macedonia use a diverse portfolio of potential solutions to test out new ways of addressing air pollution.

UNDP is helping the Sudanese government gain real-time and detailed insights about poverty distribution using mobile phone metadata under an approach called collective intelligence.

UNDP is changing to address this gap



At UNDP, we are disrupting the way we think, deliver, invest and manage to perform faster, better and at scale.

The Accelerator Labs are part of UNDP's effort to inject innovation into our organizational DNA. This network of 60 Labs will create new capabilities for national partners to respond to exponential changes and 21st century challenges.

What is the Accelerator Lab?

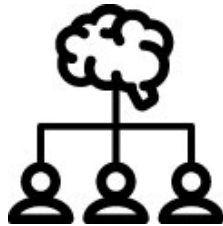


The Accelerator Lab is a set of services we offer to better tackle complex challenges



Sensemaking

Support public sector to be relevant in complex and fast paced environments



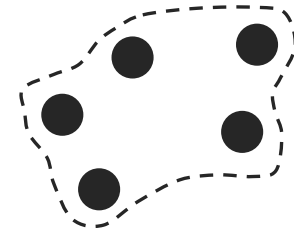
Collective Intelligence

Keep the finger on the pulse (what's happening on the ground & potential futures) and design new forms of public accountability



Solutions Mapping

Branch out to discover solutions and workarounds people in local communities have developed to a challenge



Portfolio Approach

Design & execute portfolios of tests



The MTC / NUST TechHub Innovation Bazaar Challenge

What works?

Challenge parameters::

Our focus is on the informal economic sector and we are calling for solutions to help informal traders / vendors who do not necessarily have access to a smartphone:

Register their services / products at a dedicated platform or space;

Manage their bills and transactions;

Help keep records of both stock and transaction;

Help track who their customers are;

Indicate availability of stock on line to customers

Importantly,

The ability of the solution to bridge to scale.

Growing solutions: The ability to bridge to scale

Within the each of the country labs, scale will be targeted in three ways:



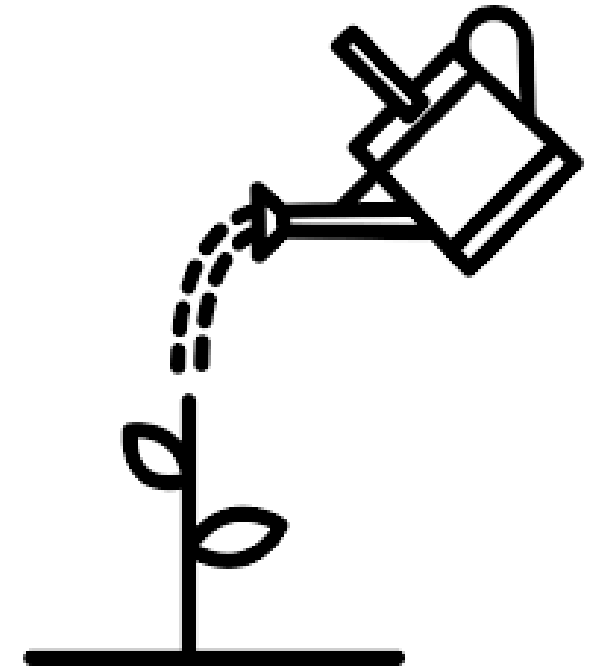
Influence on development programming



Influence on government policy



Spin-offs of Lab initiatives into independent ventures





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