



United Nations Entity for Gender Equality  
and the Empowerment of Women

# BLOCKCHAIN SOLUTIONS FOR WOMEN AND GIRLS IN HUMANITARIAN SETTINGS

# Innovation in Humanitarian Action and Crisis Response

- ▶ Crisis is the new normal.
- ▶ New approaches to humanitarian action is needed to meet growing needs and reach women and girls in crisis settings who are often the furthest left behind.



# Katapult Future Fest – The Beginning of a New Partnership

- A partnership to accelerate the achievement of gender equality and women's empowerment through innovative technology solutions.





# Katapult Future Fest – Blockchain Hackathon

- A unique opportunity for technological innovators and humanitarian workers to come together and build technology-driven solutions to complex humanitarian problems



# Challenges

- ▶ Women and girls are differently and often disproportionately impacted by crises
- ▶ Gendered dimensions of lack of documentation
- ▶ Gendered dimensions of financial exclusion



# Blockchain Powered Solutions

- ▶(Re)building Economic and Civic Identities
- ▶Transfer of Digital Assets



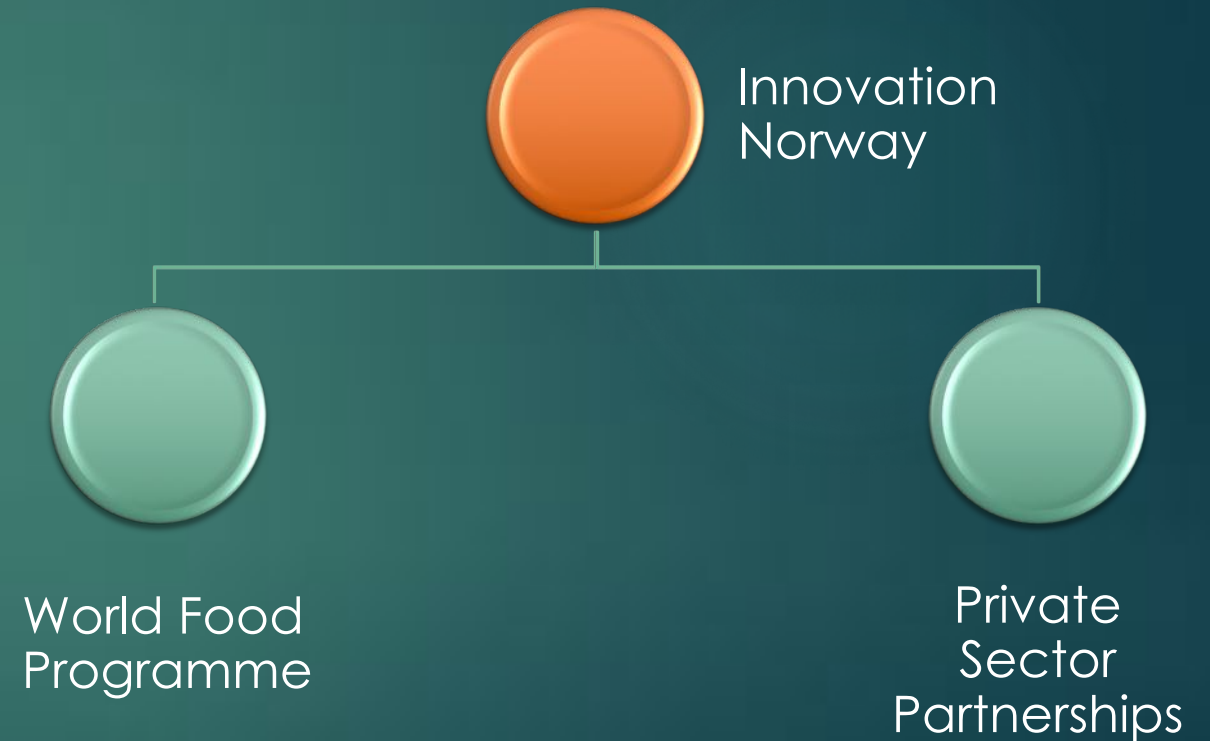
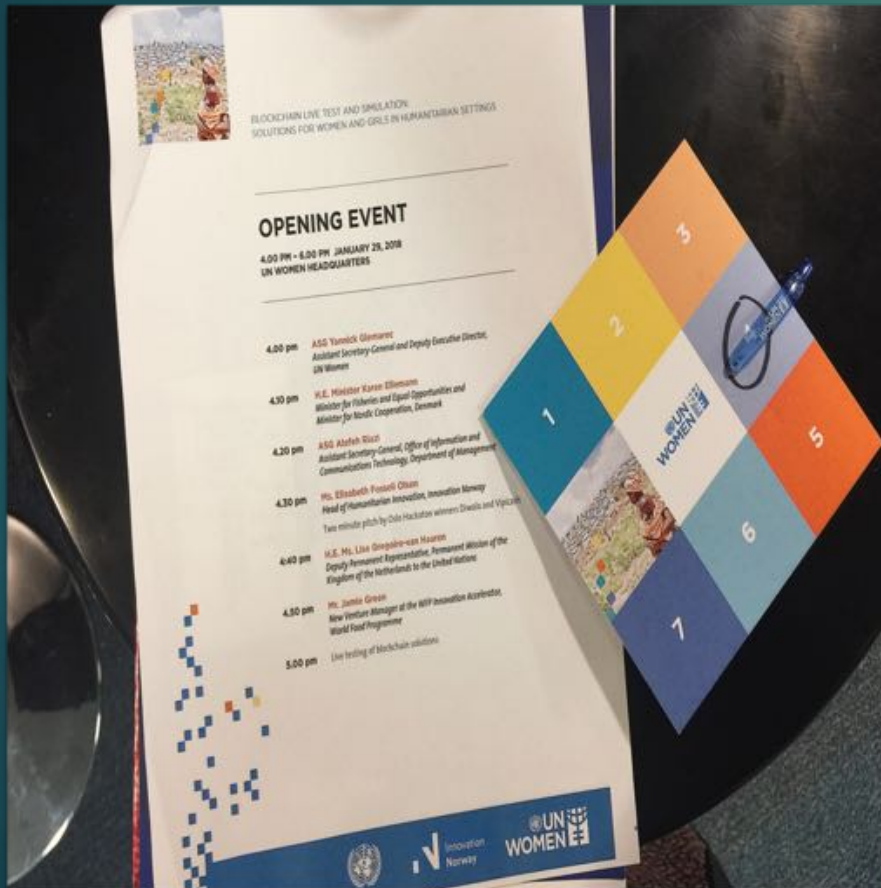


# Risks and Limitations

- ▶ Gender blind implementation could exacerbate existing inequalities and discrimination.
- ▶ Blockchain is a very complex technology which is still at a nascent stage.



# Harnessing Blockchain Technology through Partnerships





# Building Blocks Interagency Pilot (WFP)

► An interagency pilot program that leverages blockchain technology to enhance the effectiveness of cash-based interventions and contributes to transformative change for women and girls



# Blockchain Live Test and Simulation

► UN Women, in partnership with the UN Office of Information and Communications Technology (UN OICT) and with the support of Innovation Norway, hosted a four-day simulation lab to explore cutting-edge solutions based on blockchain technologies that address challenges faced by women and girls in humanitarian settings.





Blockchain Live Test and Simulation: Solutions for Women and Girls in Humanitarian Settings





# QUESTIONS

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