



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

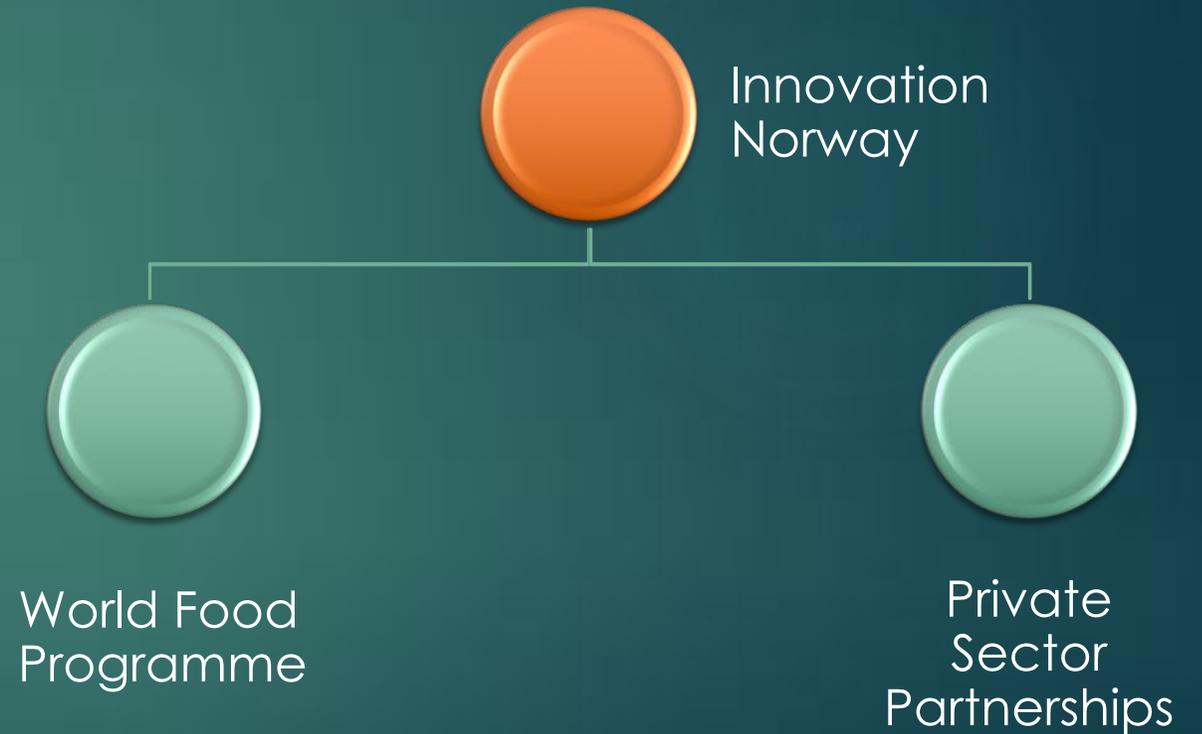
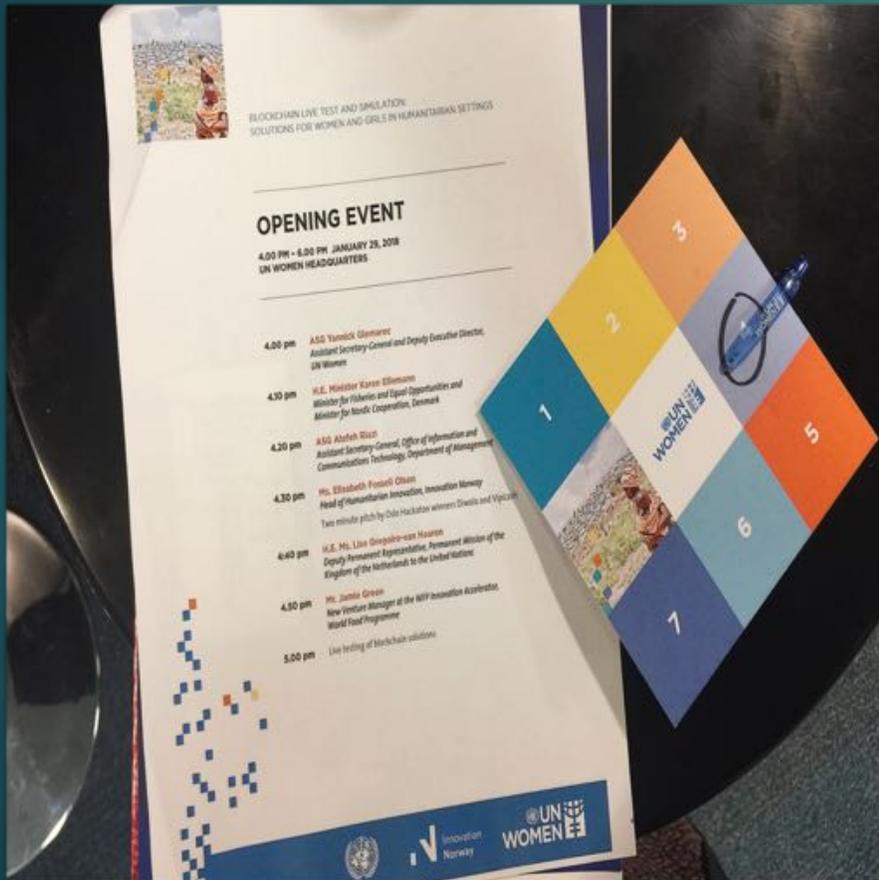


Risks and Limitations

- ▶ 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

CAROLINE RUSTEN
Chief, Normative and Coordination
Section
Humanitarian Action and Crisis
Response Office, UN Women