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### CIFAL Saudi Arabia - From Idea to Impact: Mechanisms and Stages of Innovation in Humanitarian Work

People

Deadline: 19 Apr 2025

Type:	Public Lecture
Location:	Riyahd, Saudi Arabia
Date:	21 Apr 2025
Duration:	1 Days
Programme Area:	Decentralize Cooperation Programme
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### BACKGROUND

Held in celebration of the International Day of Innovation (April 21), this specialized workshop was co-organized by CIFAL Saudi Arabia and the King Salman Humanitarian Aid and Relief Centre. It aimed to build capacity in applying innovation methodologies to the humanitarian field. The session replaced a planned panel to better meet the demand for interactive, skill-building

experiences that promote sustainable, high-impact humanitarian practices.

## EVENT OBJECTIVES

- Define innovation in the humanitarian context and distinguish it from development and improvement
- Understand the phases of humanitarian innovation from ideation to implementation
- Explore emerging technologies (e.g., AI, renewable energy, portable medical tools) and their application in humanitarian response
- Learn how to foster partnerships and access resources that support innovation in humanitarian initiatives.

## CONTENT AND STRUCTURE

- Introduction to Humanitarian Innovation
- Innovation Lifecycle
- Innovative Technologies in Relief
- Partnership Models and Enablers

## METHODOLOGY

Interactive in-person workshop with expert-led presentations, real-world case studies, and moderated discussions. Participants engaged with hands-on examples and exchanged insights to apply frameworks in their fieldwork.

## TARGETED AUDIENCE

Professionals and stakeholders working in humanitarian aid, relief operations, NGOs, and relevant government sectors affiliated with KSRelief and partner institutions.