



**humanitarian  
innovation fund**

# Early-stage Innovation Facility



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**Have you got a bright  
idea that could improve  
humanitarian action?**



# Agenda

1. What is 'early stage innovation'?
2. How does the HIF support early stage innovation?
3. Is your idea right for funding?
4. What does this look like in reality?
5. Q&A Session



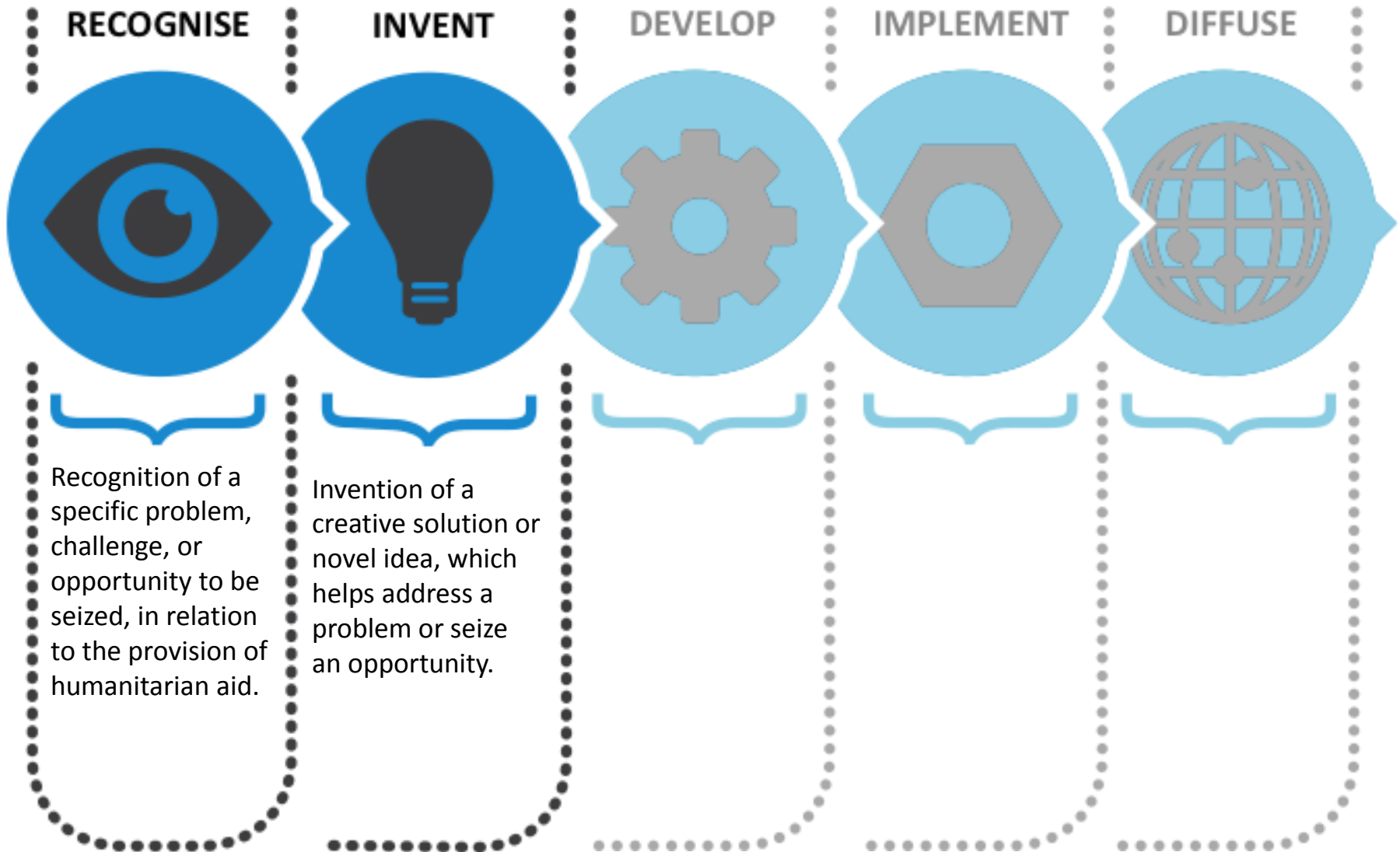
# An Overview of the HIF

The HIF aims to use innovation as a means of achieving demonstrated and cost-effective improvements in humanitarian action

- Grants to support emerging innovations
- Accelerated innovation and targeted R&D resources to address challenges
- Improving the system's ability to innovate



# The Innovation Process





**What is early  
stage  
innovation?**



# Recognition



Recognition of a specific problem, challenge or opportunity in relation to the provision of humanitarian aid.

- Learn from the community
- Identify new areas of opportunity
- Adapt existing technology
- Explore
- Evidence
- Share





# Invention



Invention – of a creative solution, or novel idea, which helps address a problem or seize an opportunity

- Exploring different ideas
- Discussing solutions with users
- Help visualise solutions
- Which ideas are worth developing
- Feedback
- Quick and easy prototyping
- Combining ideas







**Is your idea  
right for HIF  
funding?**



Is your project  
**HUMANITARIAN?**

Is your project  
**INNOVATIVE?**

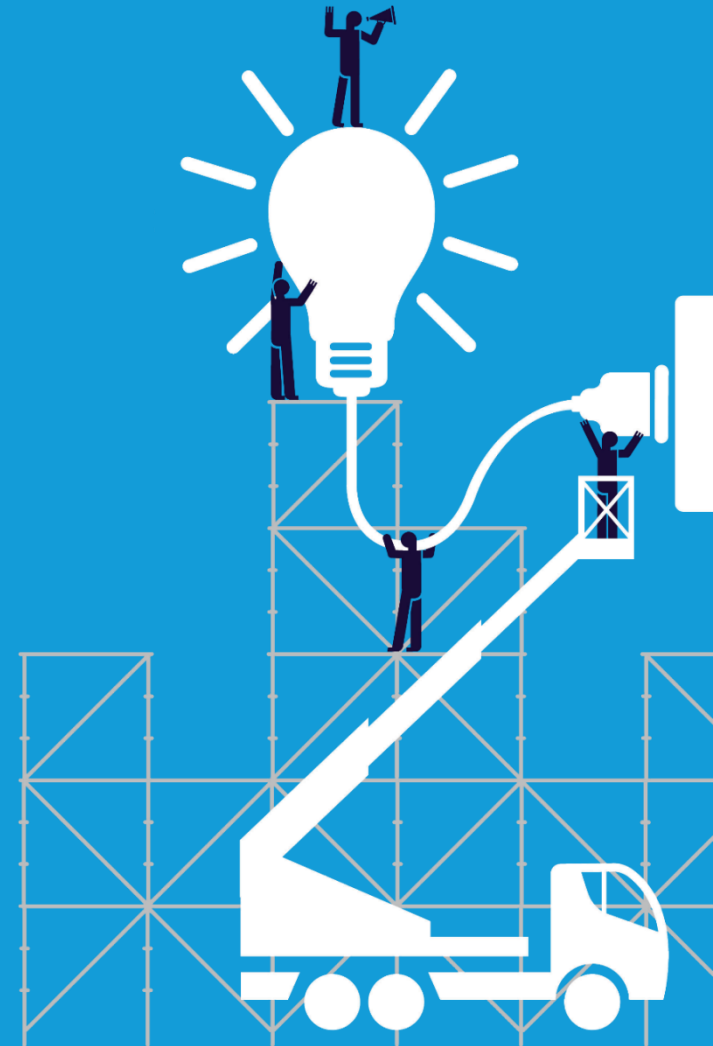


# So you're on the right track... but are you eligible?



Only the following are eligible for a HIF grant:

- Non-profit institutions such as a non-governmental organisation
- Public or governmental institutions
- Academic or research institutions
- Private companies (*must be partnered with one of the above*)

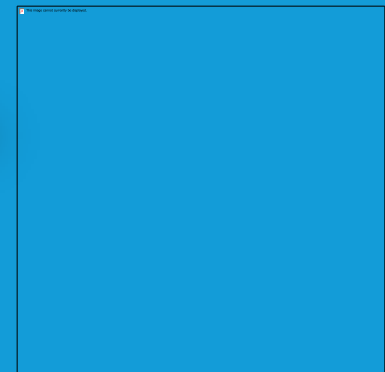






# What we want to see...

- Impact, Approach, Feasibility, Experience
- Learning and Dissemination
- Future Thinking





# Project Case Studies



# START Network



**Speaker: Professor Jerry Skees**

**Project:** Drought Insurance to enable timely humanitarian response  
The START Network and their partners GlobalAge Risk are developing a drought insurance product that will enable automatic pay-outs for early civil society response to major food crises.



**START**  
NETWORK

# Field Ready

Speaker: Mark Mellors



Project: Rapid manufacturing for rapid onset disasters. Field Ready is implementing the application of new, smaller and faster manufacturing approaches using 3D printers and other techniques. The project will transform the way humanitarian logistics are done.





**Q&A**

# How to Apply:



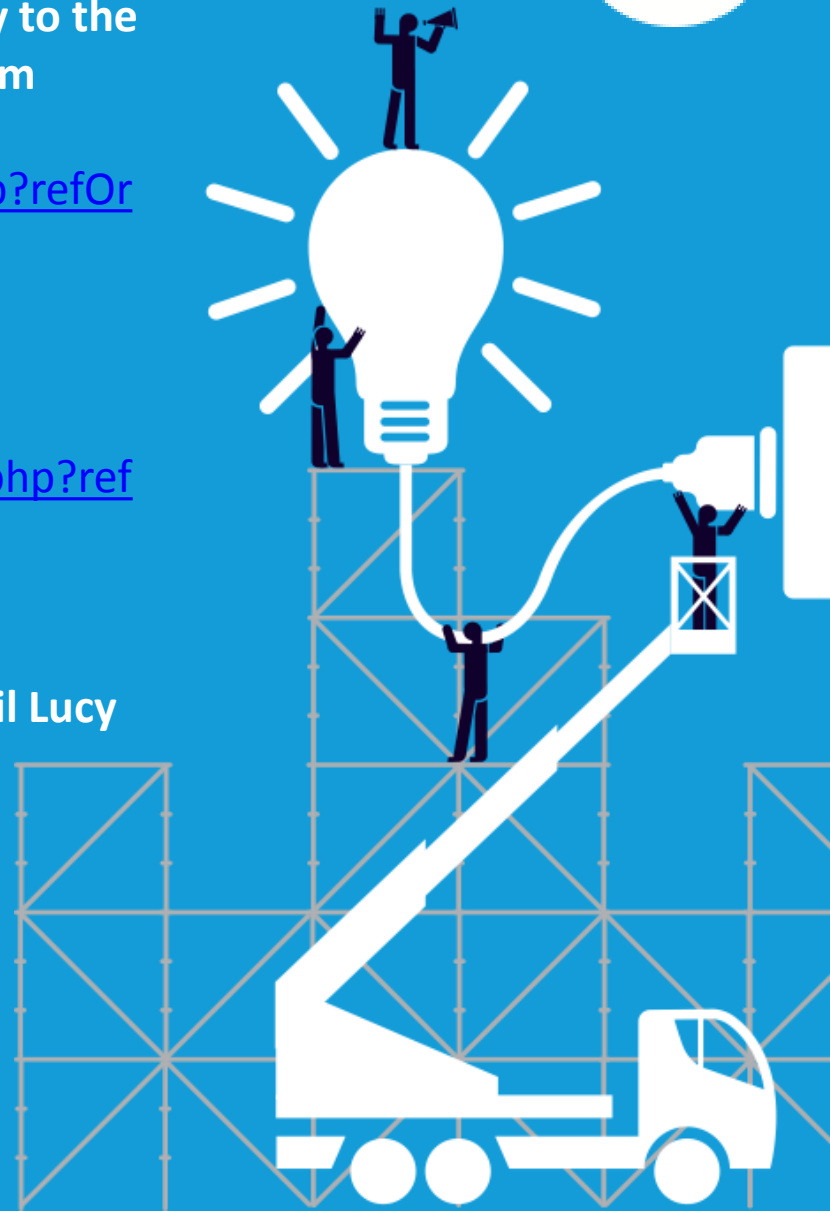
If you think you have a suitable project please apply to the Early Stage Innovation Facility via the online platform here:

<http://www.commongrantapplication.com/login.php?refOrgId=20971&refProgId=395&refProgType=all>

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Still have some unanswered questions? Please email Lucy at [l.kingsbury@savethechildren.org.uk](mailto:l.kingsbury@savethechildren.org.uk)





Thank You

