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Humanitarian Xchange
Webinar Series

Women, tech & bridging the digital divide

Welcome to this session



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About today's session

1. Panellist presentations

Hear about their impactful work to drive digital innovation in humanitarian action

2. Panel discussion led by Lucy Hall

What are the challenges faced & what's needed to accelerate progress?

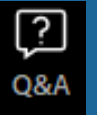
3. Audience Q&A session

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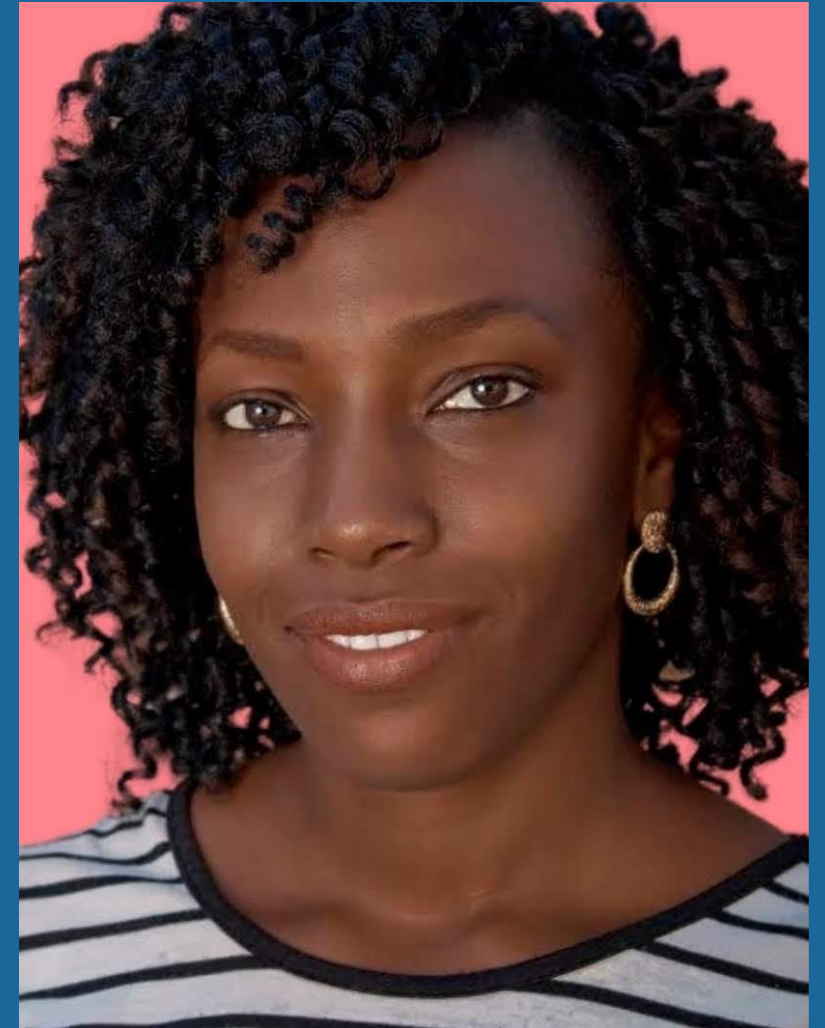


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Background

- **How I got here**
 - **Supporting humanitarian organisations for both immediate and resilient action.**

Experience & Impact in Digital Innovation

- **Kujalink (ADESO)**
 - **Overseeing the development of a digital platform for humanitarian efforts among others**
- **KeNIA**
 - **Policy frameworks to drive innovation & inclusion in the country**
- **WorldReader & SokoWatch**
 - **Using user research to build inclusive digital solutions for women and girls**
- **Refunite**
 - **Leveraging technology for reconnections of refugees and displaced persons.**

Key Lessons from implementing Digital solutions

- **Overlooking professionalism and ethical leadership**
 - Uphold existing professional frameworks for scale & repeatability.
 - Adaptive Software engineering and HCD
- **Collaboration vs competition**
 - Among teams, partners, the community (Men for women - world reader)
 - Strategic partnerships (The Unfunded list - Kujalink, MChanga- REFUNITE)
 - Leveraging networks (National library book clubs - WorldReader, NEAR - Humanitarian and Development mapping)
- **Dynamic and ever evolving systems to support local contexts:**
 - Kujalink: Need for sustainable, scalable solutions that fit local contexts. Wasoko: User-led system development, incentivised content generation by local communities.
 - Dynamic mapping through automated profile creation & management by the CSO staff

Key Lessons from implementing Digital solutions

- **Inclusivity and representation barriers: Language, connectivity and digital literacy.**
 - Continuous engagement through webinars and personalized one-on-one interactions.
- **Receptivity of funders to adapt to changing community needs & experiences.**
 - Educationals (partners across the board) help to spur engagement & participation in the crafting of community centric support.

Conclusion

- **User-centred innovations in humanitarian efforts is a must (women, more so).**
- **Collaboration, Trust and Professional ethics.**

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Panel discussion

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Panel discussion: audience questions



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