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

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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.