The GSMA Innovation Fund supports innovative digital solutions with positive socio-economic impact in low- and middle-income countries (LMICs). We believe digital solutions have the power to sustainably reduce inequalities within our world by connecting everyone and everything to a better future.

We are in search of high-impact for-profit small and growing enterprises, including start-ups, that leverage mobile and digital technology to pilot or scale solutions that address humanitarian challenges in LMICs. Humanitarian challenges include, but are not limited to food insecurity, displacement, and natural hazards such as floods, earthquakes and typhoons.

The objective of the Fund is to test innovative use cases, partnerships, and business models in selected geographies in order to **improve access to and the sustainability of digital-enabled solutions** for those who are affected by, or vulnerable to, humanitarian challenges. The Fund also aims to generate and share insights and evidence from these innovations to benefit crisis-affected communities, the humanitarian sector, and digital and mobile industry stakeholders.

The Fund is interested in solutions that use digital technology, especially mobile, which:

* Prevent and minimise the impact of humanitarian crises through preparedness and early warning. This can be for challenges such as natural hazards or drivers of food insecurity (extreme weather, drought).
* Improve preparedness and response to humanitarian challenges using frontier tech-enabled solutions including AI.
* Respond to the needs of crisis-affected populations, including internally displaced persons and refugees, through access to humanitarian assistance, services, and life-saving information.
* Are existing innovations that can be adapted or replicated in a new context to respond to a humanitarian challenge.

The Fund is open to applicants whose projects are implemented in countries that are eligible to receive official development assistance (see [OECD DAC)](https://www.oecd.org/dac/financing-sustainable-development/development-finance-standards/DAC-List-of-ODA-Recipients-for-reporting-2022-23-flows.pdf) in the following regions:

* Africa
* Middle East
* South and Southeast Asia
* Pacific Islands
* The Caribbean
* Latin America

**Do you know any start-ups that meet this criteria and are interested in joining the GSMA Innovation Fund cohort of over 100 start-ups globally? Tell us about them! Complete and return this form to:** **GSMAIF@gsma.com****.**

Nomination deadline: **January 19th 2024 at 23:59 UTC (UK time)**

Application to the Innovation Fund deadline: **February 12th 2024** at **23:59 UTC (UK time)**

Please refer to the Fund’s [Terms and Conditions](https://www.gsma.com/mobilefordevelopment/wp-content/uploads/2023/12/Final_GSMA_Innovation-Fund-for-Humanitarian-Challenges_TC_2023_ACCESSIBLE.pdf) for more information.

**Please, introduce yourself \***

*Kindly indicate your name and surname*

**What organisation do you work for? \***

**What is your job title? \***

**Which organisation or project would you like to recommend us? \***

**Organisation or project website \***

**Please indicate the recommended organisation's founder/project lead name and surname \***

**Founder/project lead email \***

**Referral Comments (Max 250 words)**

*Have they been part of your portfolio? Have you worked with them in the past? Any other reason why would you like us to consider them?*