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Purpose

This guide provides SDG teams with a comprehensive, step-by-step process to design and deploy blockchain-powered Proofs-of-Concept (PoCs) using the Cardano ecosystem. It draws from real challenges submitted by UNDP country offices and maps each challenge to sample verticals: **Climate Action**, **Digital Identity**, **Financial Inclusion** and **Supply Chain & Product Traceability**.

Core Design Considerations

Layer	Component	Purpose	Recommended Tools on Cardano
 Identity	DID & Verifiable Credential Issuance	Attest roles, permissions, eligibility, and impact participation	<ul style="list-style-type: none">♦ CIP-68-based identifiers♦ Off-chain VC creation via Verifiable Credential Schema (W3C)
 Wallet	Custody & Signing	Secure access to assets, smart contract signing, and VC presentation	<ul style="list-style-type: none">♦ Lace Wallet♦ Nami♦ Eternl♦ Flint Wallet♦ Smart wallet interfaces (via Lucid)
 Smart Contracts	Business Logic & Enforcement	Execute logic such as loan disbursement, payout criteria, VC anchoring	<ul style="list-style-type: none">♦ Aiken (lightweight validator authoring)♦ Marlowe (low-code financial logic)♦ Plutus (custom logic)
 Data & Metadata	Asset Tracking & Representation	Represent credentials, tokenized data, off-chain data links	<ul style="list-style-type: none">♦ CIP-68 (NFT metadata pointers)♦ IPFS (off-chain VC or proof data)♦ Koios / Blockfrost (indexers)
 UI & APIs	Human Interaction Layer	User access, dashboards, verification portals, VC requests	<ul style="list-style-type: none">♦ Lucid Evolution SDK♦ MeshJS (wallet & smart contract tools)♦ GraphQL APIs♦ React + Typescript for frontends

Vertical 1: Climate Action

Use Case

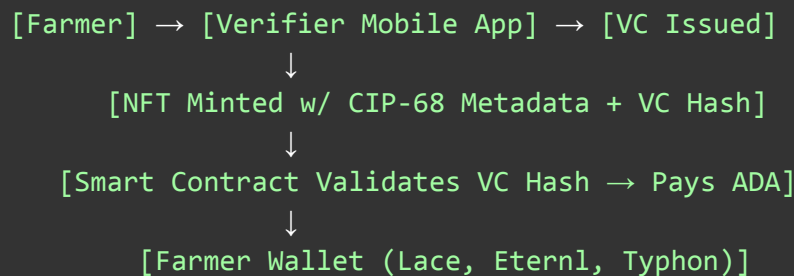
Design a transparent, blockchain-based Payment for Ecosystem Services (PES) program.

The goal is to reward verified ecological actions (e.g., tree planting, soil restoration) with programmable payments in ADA or stablecoins using Verifiable Credentials (VCs), smart contracts, and metadata NFTs — implemented using **Cardano-native tools** with no dependency on external oracle-based systems or deprecated identity frameworks.

1. Functional Flow

1. A farmer performs an ecological activity (e.g., tree planting).
2. A verifier (e.g., NGO or cooperative agent) inspects and validates the activity.
3. A **Verifiable Credential (VC)** is issued to confirm the ecological action.
4. A **CIP-68 NFT** is minted, embedding:
 - Structured metadata (tree species, GPS, timestamp)
 - A **SHA-256 hash of the VC** for verifiability
5. A **smart contract** validates the hash and disburses funds to the farmer's wallet.

2. Architecture Diagram



3. Tools & Libraries

Layer	Toolset	Description
Identity	VC Hashing (W3C JSON-LD)	Attestation of verified ecosystem action
Metadata	CIP-68 + IPFS	Anchor VC hash and location metadata on-chain
Smart Contracts	Aiken	Payout contract verifying credential hash match
UI / Wallets	Mesh SDK + Lucid Evolution	Wallet interaction, NFT minting, verifier/farmer dashboards
Storage	IPFS or GitHub	Off-chain storage of VC files, photos, geodata, logs

4. Credential Format (VC Example)

```
{
  "@context": [
    "https://www.w3.org/2018/credentials/v1"
  ],
  "id": "vc:climate:12345",
  "type": ["VerifiableCredential", "ClimateActivity"],
  "issuer": "did:cardano:verifier123",
  "issuanceDate": "2025-07-03T00:00:00Z",
  "credentialSubject": {
    "id": "did:cardano:farmer987",
    "activityType": "TreePlanting",
```

```

    "treeSpecies": "Acacia Senegal",
    "location": {
      "lat": "15.8921",
      "lng": "35.1831"
    },
    "timestamp": "2025-07-01T13:00:00Z"
  },
  "proof": {
    "type": "Ed25519Signature2020",
    "created": "2025-07-03T01:00:00Z",
    "proofPurpose": "assertionMethod",
    "verificationMethod": "did:cardano:verifier123#keys-1",
    "jws": "eyJhbGciOiJIJFZERTQ5Sj9.."
  }
}

```

5. CIP-68 NFT Metadata (Example)

```

{
  "name": "TreePlanting #12345",
  "description": "Verified climate action - Acacia planting",
  "image": "ipfs://QmExampleHash/photo.jpg",
  "vc_hash": "0x9f2a38...d21b7a",
  "lat": "15.8921",
  "lng": "35.1831",
  "tree_species": "Acacia Senegal",
  "verified_by": "did:cardano:verifier123",
  "timestamp": "2025-07-01T13:00:00Z"
}

```

6. Smart Contract Logic (Aiken Sample)

```

fn payout(vc_hash: ByteArray, submitted_hash: ByteArray) -> Bool {
  assert(vc_hash == submitted_hash, "Credential mismatch");
  true
}

```

- Hash must match the one stored in the NFT metadata.
- In future versions, issuer whitelisting or revocation checks can be added.

7. Frontend Features

- **Verifier UI:** Credential issuance form with GPS, photo upload
- **NFT Mint UI:** Embed VC hash and metadata via Mesh + Lucid Evolution
- **Farmer Dashboard:** Display NFTs, payment status, QR export
- **Admin Panel:** Track verifications, contract executions, disbursed funds

8. Deployment Simulation (Testnet)

- Use testnet wallets: **Lace, Eternl, Typhon**
- Issue VC, mint NFT via **Mesh + Lucid Evolution**
- Submit payout transaction to Aiken contract (manual TX or via UI)
- Log VC → NFT → payout steps in GitHub, include TX hashes

9. Output Expectations

Deliverable	Description
<code>contracts/payout.aiken</code>	Smart contract that verifies credential hash
<code>vc-schema/climate-activity.json</code>	VC JSON schema with location and activity data
<code>mint-nft.tsx</code>	Frontend flow to mint CIP-68 NFT via Lucid Evolution
<code>demo/funding-flow.mp4</code>	Optional demo recording of full PES cycle

<code>docs/dashboard-mockup.png</code>	Optional UI concept for verifier/farmer view
<code>README.md</code>	Instructions for running full simulation locally

10. Best Practices for Climate Action PoCs

✓ Start Small

Use one verifier and a handful of farmers. Scale only after first cycle is documented.

✓ Use Standard Schemas

Design VCs using `@context`, `proof`, and structured `credentialSubject` fields.

✓ Anchor Hashes Only

Only store VC hashes on-chain. Keep documents/images in IPFS or GitHub.

✓ Define Governance

Use multisig or DAO to control payout contract. Define who can revoke VCs.

✓ Ensure Field Usability

Offline UI caching for verifiers in rural areas. Multilingual UI tags included.

✓ Document Every Step

Log VC issuance, NFT mint, and payout TXs. Link them in a public GitHub repo or dashboard.



Vertical 2: Digital Identity

🧠 Use Case

Design a decentralized identity solution for underserved populations to access public and private services with verifiable credentials.

In many low-infrastructure regions, people lack formal documentation. This solution enables identity creation and access using Cardano-native verifiable credentials (VCs), anchored via CIP-68 NFTs and validated through off-chain hash comparisons — with optional on-chain enforcement for gated access.

1. Functional Flow Diagram

```
[NGO Agent / Self Onboarding]
↓
[VC Created & Signed (JSON-LD)]
↓
[SHA-256 Hash of CredentialSubject]
↓
[Anchor hash in CIP-68 NFT (optional)]
↓
[Store VC in Wallet / Mobile App]
↓
[Verifier App → Upload or Scan VC]
↓
[VC Hash Compared to On-Chain Anchor or Registry]
↓
[Access Granted / Denied]
```

2. Verifiable Credential (VC) – Schema Breakdown

📁 `vc-schema/basic-identity.json`

Field	Description	Example
<code>@context</code>	W3C standard credential context	<code>https://www.w3.org/2018/credentials/v1</code>
<code>type</code>	Credential type	<code>["VerifiableCredential", "BasicIDCredential"]</code>
<code>issuer</code>	DID of the credential issuer	<code>did:cardano:ngo789</code>

<code>issuanceDate</code>	Date of issuance	<code>2025-07-10T00:00:00Z</code>
<code>credentialSubject</code>	Data about the subject (user)	<code>{ name, birthYear, nationality }</code>
<code>proof</code>	Digital signature block	Ed25519 signature

```
{
  "@context": ["https://www.w3.org/2018/credentials/v1"],
  "type": ["VerifiableCredential", "BasicIDCredential"],
  "issuer": "did:cardano:ngo789",
  "issuanceDate": "2025-07-10T00:00:00Z",
  "credentialSubject": {
    "id": "did:cardano:user123",
    "fullName": "Fatima Diallo",
    "birthYear": "1990",
    "nationality": "Senegalese",
    "verifiedBy": "Red Cross Dakar"
  },
  "proof": {
    "type": "Ed25519Signature2020",
    "created": "2025-07-10T00:00:00Z",
    "proofPurpose": "assertionMethod",
    "verificationMethod": "did:cardano:ngo789#keys-1",
    "jws": "eyJhbGciOiJIJFZERTQSI9..."
  }
}
```

3. CredentialSubject Hashing Script

 `utils/hash.ts`

```
import { createHash } from 'crypto'

export function hashCredentialSubject(credentialSubject: object): string {
  const canonical = JSON.stringify(credentialSubject)
  return createHash('sha256').update(canonical).digest('hex')
}

// Example usage
const subject = {
  fullName: "Fatima Diallo",
  birthYear: "1990",
  nationality: "Senegalese",
  verifiedBy: "Red Cross Dakar"
}

console.log("VC Hash:", hashCredentialSubject(subject))
```

⚠ Exclude the **proof** field from hashing to ensure verifiability and privacy.

4. CIP-68 NFT Metadata (for Anchoring VC)

📁 nft-metadata.json

```
{
  "name": "ID Credential - Fatima Diallo",
  "description": "Anchored VC for identity verification",
  "vc_hash": "0x9f2a3878c1ed2f...d21b7a",
  "issuer_did": "did:cardano:ngo789",
  "credential_type": "BasicIDCredential",
  "schema_id": "ipfs://QmSchemaRef123",
  "issued_at": "2025-07-10T00:00:00Z"
}
```

Mint using **Mesh SDK + Lucid Evolution** with an inline datum and reference NFT under CIP-68.

5. Smart Contract – VC Hash Verification

📁 `contracts/verify_id.aiken`

```
fn main(submitted_hash: ByteArray, expected_hash: ByteArray) -> Bool {  
  assert(submitted_hash == expected_hash, "Invalid Credential")  
  true  
}
```

Deployment:

- Use this contract to **gate access** (e.g., claim subsidy, mint token, access portal).
- Optional: Extend to support datum-based hash registry.

6. Tooling Table

Layer	Toolset	Function
Issuance	Custom issuer dashboard / CLI	NGO admins generate and sign VCs
Hashing	<code>crypto</code> (NodeJS), <code>sha2</code> (Rust)	VC integrity check via SHA-256
Anchoring	CIP-68 NFT, Mesh SDK	Optional hash storage on-chain
Wallet UI	Eternl, Lace, PWA	Display VC and QR for offline use

Smart Contracts	Aiken	Validate hash match during access
Frontend	Mesh SDK + Lucid Evolution	dApp for validators, verifiers
Storage	IPFS, Arweave, GitHub	Store VC, schemas, revocation files

7. Frontend Validator Flow (React/TS)

📁 frontend/verify.tsx

```
const handleFileUpload = async (file: File) => {
  const text = await file.text()
  const vc = JSON.parse(text)

  const subjectHash = hashCredentialSubject(vc.credentialSubject)
  const knownHash = await fetchAnchor(vc.credentialSubject.id)

  if (subjectHash === knownHash) {
    showResult("✅ Credential Valid")
  } else {
    showResult("❌ Credential Invalid or Unrecognized")
  }
}
```

8. Deployment Simulation Plan



Step	Actor	Tool
Create VC	Issuer	Custom CLI / JSON generator
Hash credentialSubject	Issuer	<code>utils/hash.ts</code>
Mint CIP-68 NFT	Issuer	Mesh SDK + Lucid Evolution
Upload VC (QR or file)	User	Wallet / PWA export
Validate hash	Verifier dApp	React app, smart contract call

9. Output Deliverables

Path / File	Description
<code>/vc-schema/basic-identity.json</code>	JSON-LD credential schema
<code>/contracts/verify_id.aiken</code>	Hash-checking Aiken script

<code>/utils/hash.ts</code>	CredentialSubject hashing util
<code>/nft-metadata.json</code>	CIP-68 NFT metadata template
<code>/frontend/verify.tsx</code>	Basic VC validation dApp logic
<code>/demo/verify-flow.mp4</code>	Optional demo screencast
<code>/README.md</code>	Instructions for testnet setup

Best Practices for Digital Identity PoCs on Cardano

 Practice	 Rationale
Use Hashes, Not Signatures On-Chain	Cardano smart contracts cannot verify Ed25519 signatures. Only hash-matching is supported.
Use JSON-LD + W3C-Compatible Schemas	Ensures VC interoperability across issuers and chains.
Support Offline Use	Verifiers in the field can validate VCs via QR scan + local hash check.

Plan Revocation via Metadata	Use <code>expirationDate</code> or CIP-68 pointer to IPFS-based revocation list.
Minimize Sensitive Data	Avoid collecting full addresses, ID numbers, religion, or health records.
Structure Codebases Cleanly	Easy auditability and testing in repositories and workshops.

Recommended Directory Structure:

```

/contracts/verify_id.aiken      -- On-chain VC hash enforcement
/vc-schema/basic-identity.json -- Credential schema
/utils/hash.ts                 -- VC hashing utility
/frontend/verify.tsx           -- Web or kiosk VC verification
/demo/verify-flow.mp4          -- PoC screencast (optional)
/README.md                     -- Setup and deployment instructions

```

Advanced Practices for Digital Identity PoCs on Cardano

1. Credential Anchoring with CIP-68 NFTs

Purpose: Create tamper-evident, on-chain reference to a VC.

Implementation:

- Hash the `credentialSubject` portion of the VC.
- Mint a CIP-68 NFT with:
 - `vc_hash`: SHA-256 hash
 - `issuer_did`: e.g., `did:cardano:ngo789`
 - `schema_ref`: IPFS or URL of the schema

- **purpose:** “Basic ID”, “Training”, etc.





Benefits:

- Off-chain VC can be verified by comparing hash.
- Preserves privacy — no personal data on-chain.

2. **Offline Presentation + Kiosk Verification**

Purpose: Ensure usability in remote or low-connectivity areas.

Implementation:

- Export VC as:
 -  QR code (with embedded JSON-LD VC)
 -  Printable format (with visible hash or issuer info)
- Verifier app performs:
 -  Local hash computation
 -  Offline schema validation (preloaded schema + trusted DIDs)
- Optionally, later online sync with CIP-68 hash.

Benefit:

- Works in humanitarian deployments or borderless field contexts.

3. **Revocation Strategy via IPFS + CIP-68**

Purpose: Enable revocation without central APIs.

Implementation:

- Issuer maintains a list of revoked **vc_hashes** (CSV or JSON).
- Push this list to IPFS.

- Mint or update a CIP-68 NFT with:
 - `revocation_list_ipfs: ipfs://QmHash...`
 - `last_updated: 2025-07-12T00:00Z`

Frontend Logic:

```
const isRevoked = async (vcHash) => {
  const list = await fetch("https://ipfs.io/ipfs/QmRevocationList")
  return list.includes(vcHash)
}
```

Benefit:

- Audit trail of credential lifecycle changes on-chain.

4. Smart Contract Gating (Hash Matching Only)

Purpose: Enforce access control (e.g., subsidies, voting, scholarships).

Implementation:

 `contracts/is_verified.aiken`

```
fn main(vc_hash: ByteArray, allowed: ByteArray) -> Bool {
  vc_hash == allowed
}
```

- Submit user VC hash as redeemer.
- Match against a known on-chain hash in datum or inline redeemer.

Limitation:

- No VC field logic or signature validation is possible on-chain.




5. GLEIF Tiered Issuer Reputation

Purpose: Help users quickly assess VC issuer credibility.

Implementation:

- Maintain a JSON registry (IPFS or frontend file):

```
{
  "did:cardano:gleif-org": {
    "tier": "GLEIF",
    "name": "Gov ID Authority",
    "country": "DE"
  },
  "did:cardano:ngo789": {
    "tier": "Accredited NGO",
    "name": "Red Cross Dakar",
    "country": "SN"
  }
}
```

- Add issuer tier icon in UI:
 = GLEIF |  = NGO |  = Community

Benefit:

- Frictionless trust signal in both mobile and kiosk flows.

6. Traceability of Issuance Events

Purpose: Monitor where, when, and by whom VCs were issued.

Implementation:

- Mint metadata-only transaction with:

```
{
  "vc_hash": "0xabc123...",
  "issuer_did": "did:cardano:ngo789",
  "recipient_did": "did:cardano:user123",
  "issued_at": "2025-07-10T00:00Z"
}
```

- Pull data via Koios or Blockfrost for dashboards.




Benefit:

- Track credential issuance at scale (map by issuer or region).

7. Progressive Credentialing

Purpose: Lower friction for first-time users.




Implementation:

- Begin with low-risk credentials:
 -  Proof of Attendance
 -  Community Member Verified
 -  Phone or Email Linked
- Allow users to build up credential layers over time.

Benefit:

- Higher adoption rates and user safety in sensitive areas.

8. UX Enhancements for Real-World Use

Feature	Description
Language Localization	Translate schemas/UI dynamically by locale
Trust Icons	Show issuer credibility visually ( /  / )
Expiration Alerts	Highlight VCs nearing expiration or revoked

Offline Mode	Cache VC schemas and trusted issuer list locally
VC Export + Recovery	QR download + encrypted backup of VC (optional)



Summary Table: Advanced Enhancements

Feature	Realistic on Cardano	Tools Involved
CIP-68 VC Hash Anchoring	✓	Mesh, Lucid Evolution, NFT metadata
Offline QR Presentation	✓	PWA, QR SDK, IPFS
IPFS-Based Revocation	✓	IPFS, CIP-68, frontend checker
Hash-Based Access Control	✓	Aiken contracts
GLEIF Tiered Trust Registry	✓	JSON + frontend icons
Issuance Event Logging	✓	Metadata TXs, Koios APIs
Progressive Schemas	✓	JSON-LD schemas
Dashboards / Analytics	✓	GraphQL, Koios / custom endpoints

Vertical 3: Financial Inclusion & Payments

Use Case::

Build a decentralized microloan platform for underserved small businesses.

Smallholder farmers, women-led cooperatives, and informal vendors often lack access to traditional financial services. This PoC enables credential-based microloans, with VC-anchored eligibility, Aiken smart contracts for disbursement/repayment, and clear Cardano-native tooling for frontend + on-chain coordination.

1. Functional Flow (Cardano-Compatible)

```
[Borrower Onboards]
↓
[VC Issued (Eligibility, KYC, Score)]
↓
[VC Hash Anchored in CIP-68 NFT (optional)]
↓
[Loan Contract Deployed w/ Terms]
↓
[Loan Claimed Manually → Funds Sent]
↓
[Manual Repayment via Wallet TX]
↓
[NGO Reviews Loan Status via Dashboard]
```

2. Credential Schema – **vc-schema/msme-eligibility.json**

Field	Description
<code>type</code>	Type of VC (e.g. MSMEEligibility)
<code>issuer</code>	DID of issuing NGO
<code>credentialSubject.name</code>	Borrower's legal name
<code>businessType</code>	Informal sector classification
<code>location</code>	Region or city

incomeBracket	Self-reported or verified income
eligibilityScore	A simple float between 0–1

```
{
  "@context": ["https://www.w3.org/2018/credentials/v1"],
  "type": ["VerifiableCredential", "MSMEEligibility"],
  "issuer": "did:cardano:ngo123",
  "issuanceDate": "2025-08-01T00:00:00Z",
  "credentialSubject": {
    "id": "did:cardano:user789",
    "name": "Ama Diarra",
    "businessType": "Agriculture",
    "location": "Bauchi, Nigeria",
    "incomeBracket": "USD 200-400/mo",
    "eligibilityScore": 0.72
  },
  "proof": {
    "type": "Ed25519Signature2020",
    "created": "2025-08-01T01:00:00Z",
    "proofPurpose": "assertionMethod",
    "verificationMethod": "did:cardano:ngo123#key-1",
    "jws": "eyJhbGciOiJIJFZERTQ5JSJ9..."
  }
}
```

3. CredentialSubject Hashing Script

 `utils/hash.ts`

```
import { createHash } from 'crypto'

export function hashCredentialSubject(input: object): string {
  const canonical = JSON.stringify(input)
  return createHash('sha256').update(canonical).digest('hex')
}

// Example usage
const subject = {
```

```

    name: "Ama Diarra",
    businessType: "Agriculture",
    location: "Bauchi, Nigeria",
    incomeBracket: "USD 200-400/mo",
    eligibilityScore: 0.72
  }

  console.log("VC Hash:", hashCredentialSubject(subject))

```

4. 📖 Smart Contract Logic (Aiken) – `contracts/loan_repayment.aiken`

```

// Validate that the VC used is one of the authorized hashes
fn validate_eligibility(vc_hash: ByteArray, expected_hash: ByteArray) ->
Bool {
  vc_hash == expected_hash
}

// Validate repayment meets deadline and minimum repayment
fn validate_repayment(due_date: Int, amount: Int, paid_on: Int) -> Bool {
  paid_on <= due_date && amount >= 1000000 // min 1 ADA
}

// Combine checks for loan claim
fn main(
  submitted_hash: ByteArray,
  expected_hash: ByteArray,
  amount: Int,
  due_date: Int,
  paid_on: Int
) -> Bool {
  validate_eligibility(submitted_hash, expected_hash)
  && validate_repayment(due_date, amount, paid_on)
}

```

🔒 Smart contracts only validate — the borrower must manually submit loan claim and repayment TXs.

5. Tools & Libraries

Layer	Toolset	Description
VC Issuance	CLI or NGO form-based UI	Create JSON-LD VC + Ed25519 signature
Hashing	<code>js-sha256</code> , <code>hash.ts</code>	Calculate VC hash to anchor on-chain
On-Chain Logic	Aiken	Validator for loan claim + repayment TX
Frontend	Mesh SDK + Lucid Evolution	Wallet connect, TX builder, status dashboard
Wallets	Eternl / Lace / Typhon / PWA	Borrower interface to claim and repay loans
APIs	Koios / Blockfrost	Fetch TX status, repayment status
Storage	IPFS	VC backup, signed loan agreements (optional)

6. Frontend Flows (borrower & NGO)

Borrower Dashboard – `frontend/repayment.tsx`

- View loan offer (terms: amount, due date)
- Upload VC → Hash computed locally
- Submit loan claim transaction
- Track repayment status (Koios)



NGO/Funder Dashboard

- Issue VCs to pre-qualified users
- Monitor on-chain status (Repaid, Defaulted)
- Export repayment logs per borrower ID

7. Deployment Simulation (Testnet)

Step	Artifact
VC Issuance	<code>vc-schema/msme-eligibility.json</code>
VC Hashing	<code>utils/hash.ts</code>
Contract Compilation	<code>contracts/loan_repayment.aiken</code>
Loan Claim TX	<code>logs/loan_disbursement_tx.txt</code>
Repayment TX	<code>logs/repayment_tx.txt</code>
Frontend UI	<code>frontend/repayment.tsx</code>
Demo	<code>demo/loan_flow.mp4</code>

8. Best Practices for Microloan PoCs

 Practice	 Notes
Use fixed loan terms in PoC	Simplify demo — hardcode amount/due date for testing
Hardcode 1–2 VC hashes	Avoid needing full VC oracle system
Repayment must be manual	User submits TX, contract validates timing + amount
Hash-based enforcement only	VC fields not evaluated on-chain; only hash compared
Track status off-chain (Koios)	Use wallet address or UTXO tags to track repayment
Revocation not required in PoC	Assume short-term loans; can add in full system with IPFS later

9. 📦 Output Expectations

Deliverable	Description
<code>contracts/loan_repayment.aiken</code>	VC + repayment-checking Aiken contract
<code>vc-schema/msme-eligibility.json</code>	Credential schema for MSME eligibility
<code>utils/hash.ts</code>	CredentialSubject hashing utility
<code>frontend/repayment.tsx</code>	Frontend TX form and repayment checker
<code>demo/loan_flow.mp4</code>	Optional screen capture of end-to-end flow
<code>README.md</code>	Setup + signed testnet TXs + links/logs

🔄 Advanced Design Additions

Optional Enhancements for Financial Inclusion PoC Teams

These optional components help elevate your PoC from a minimal flow to a **mature, system-level pilot** — covering user lifecycle, behavioral scoring, and impact tracking. Each is modular and Cardano-compatible.

🧠 1. Credit Scoring & Risk Segmentation

Purpose: Reflect user creditworthiness via off-chain logic, encoded into a Verifiable Credential (VC).

Why off-chain? Cardano smart contracts cannot access external data or perform dynamic scoring — credit assessment must be done externally, then attested via a signed VC.

📄 VC Example: `vc-schema/credit-assessment.json`

```
{
  "@context": ["https://www.w3.org/2018/credentials/v1"],
  "type": ["VerifiableCredential", "CreditAssessment"],
```

```

"issuer": "did:cardano:ngo123",
"issuanceDate": "2025-07-15T00:00:00Z",
"credentialSubject": {
  "id": "did:cardano:user789",
  "creditTier": "B",
  "maxLoanLimit": 150,
  "scoreBasis": "Field assessment by agent #4"
},
"proof": {
  "type": "Ed25519Signature2020",
  "jws": "eyJhbGciOiJIJFZERTQ5Sj9...",
  "created": "2025-07-15T01:00:00Z"
}
}

```


Smart Contract Tip:

Precompute hash of creditTier and validate it in loan disbursement logic:

```

fn check_credit(vc_hash: ByteArray, tier_hash: ByteArray) -> Bool {
  vc_hash == tier_hash // Assume B-tier hash embedded in contract
}

```

 **Use Case:** Approve higher loan limits only for B+ and above tiers.

2. Loan Renewal, Reward, and Escalation Flows

Purpose: Represent successful repayment behavior with a follow-up VC — enabling progressive access to larger loans or better terms.

Flow:

```
[Loan Repaid] → [New VC Issued: "LoanRepaid": true]
      ↓
[New Loan Request → Higher Tier Validator → Approval]
```

VC Example: `vc-schema/loan-history.json`

```
{
  "type": ["VerifiableCredential", "LoanRepaymentStatus"],
  "issuer": "did:cardano:ngo123",
  "issuanceDate": "2025-10-01T00:00:00Z",
  "credentialSubject": {
    "id": "did:cardano:user789",
    "loanRepaid": true,
    "dateRepaid": "2025-10-01"
  }
}
```

Implementation Tip:

Use a new Aiken validator for **Tier 2 Loan Contract**, checking for prior `LoanRepaymentStatus` hash.

3. Grace Periods & Default Recovery Paths

Purpose: Simulate realistic repayment behavior (e.g., delays, grace periods, status flagging).

Smart Contract Extension:

```
fn validate_with_grace(today: Int, due: Int, grace_days: Int) -> Bool {
  today <= due + grace_days
}
```

Off-Chain VC Logic:

- If repayment missed: Issue **LoanDefaultStatus** VC with reason and lockout period.
- Recovered users can reapply after NGO re-issues eligibility VC.


```
{
  "type": ["VerifiableCredential", "LoanDefaultStatus"],
  "credentialSubject": {
    "id": "did:cardano:user789",
    "defaultedOn": "2025-10-15",
    "status": "Ineligible",
    "recheckAfter": "2025-12-01"
  }
}
```

4. Impact-Linked Repayment Metrics (Optional VC Layer)

Purpose: Track non-financial success metrics to attract impact funders or ESG-aligned capital.

 **VC Example:** **vc-schema/loan-impact-report.json**

```
{
  "type": ["VerifiableCredential", "LoanImpactReport"],
  "issuer": "did:cardano:ngo123",
  "issuanceDate": "2025-11-01T00:00:00Z",
  "credentialSubject": {
    "id": "did:cardano:user789",
    "hiredEmployees": 1,
    "businessGrowth": "15%",
    "fieldVisit": "Passed"
  }
}
```

 Can be minted as a **CIP-68 NFT** for display in public dashboards or exported for donor reporting.

Bonus:

- Use this VC in **impact-weighted repayment** models or bonus logic (e.g., reduce interest for high-impact borrowers in follow-up Aiken contract).

Summary Table: Optional Enhancements

Feature	Purpose	On-Chain ?	Tools Used
Credit Tier VC	Encodes risk segmentation	✓ (hash)	JSON VC + Aiken validator
Repayment History VC	Unlocks renewal or escalated loan logic	✓ (hash)	NGO-issued VC + tier logic
Grace Period Validator	Accepts late repayment within tolerance	✓	Aiken <code>validate_with_grace</code>
Default Status VC	Encodes borrower lockout period	✓ (hash)	Off-chain issuance + dashboard
Impact VC	Reflects outcome metrics post-loan	✓ (NFT)	IPFS + metadata dashboard

Vertical 4: Supply Chain & Product Traceability

Use Case:

Create a blockchain-based traceability system for agricultural exports (e.g., coffee, cocoa), ensuring product origin, sustainability claims, and fair trade certifications are verifiable across the supply chain.

This vertical enables a verifiable trail for certified commodities using Verifiable Credentials (VCs), CIP-68 NFTs to represent product batches, and smart contracts to validate transfers between authorized supply chain actors.

1. Functional Flow

```
[Farmer / Coop Onboards]
  ↓
[VC Issued: Organic / Fair Trade Certified]
  ↓
[Batch NFT Minted (CIP-68)]
  ↓
[On-Chain Transfers (Processor → Exporter → Retailer)]
  ↓
[QR Scan → Traceability Viewer for Consumers]
```

Actors:

-  Farmer or Coop
-  Certifier (e.g., Fair Trade NGO)
-  Supply Chain Participants
-  Retailer + Buyer

2. Credential Schema (Fair Trade VC)

 `vc-schema/fair-trade-certification.json`

```
{
  "@context": ["https://www.w3.org/2018/credentials/v1"],
  "type": ["VerifiableCredential", "FairTradeCertification"],
  "issuer": "did:cardano:certifierXYZ",
  "issuanceDate": "2025-06-12T00:00:00Z",
  "credentialSubject": {
    "id": "did:cardano:farmer123",
```



```

    "farmName": "Alto Sierra Coop",
    "certification": "Fair Trade Certified",
    "validUntil": "2026-06-12",
    "region": "Antioquia, Colombia",
    "product": "Coffee Arabica"
  },
  "proof": {
    "type": "Ed25519Signature2020",
    "created": "2025-06-12T12:00:00Z",
    "proofPurpose": "assertionMethod",
    "verificationMethod": "did:cardano:certifierXYZ#key-1",
    "jws": "eyJhbGciOiJIJFZERTQ5J9..."
  }
}

```

Hash the `credentialSubject` and anchor it in the batch NFT.

3. 🎯 Batch NFT Metadata (CIP-68 Format)

📁 `nft-metadata/coffee-batch-234.json`

```

{
  "name": "Coffee Batch #234",
  "product": "Coffee",
  "harvestDate": "2025-07-15",
  "farm": "Alto Sierra Coop",
  "origin": {
    "lat": 6.25184,
    "lon": -75.56359,
    "country": "Colombia"
  },
  "cert_vc_hash": "0xc6f0d3a1...b0f2",
  "supplyChain": [
    {
      "actor": "ProcessorCo",
      "timestamp": "2025-08-01T12:00:00Z",
      "txHash": "abcd123..."
    }
  ],
  "qrUrl": "https://trace.app/coffee/234"
}

```

```
}
```


The **VC hash** links to the certification claim.

The **supplyChain array** updates with each verified hop.

4. Transfer Smart Contract (Aiken)

 `contracts/verify-transfer.aiken`

```
fn validate_transfer(  
  expected_holder: PubKeyHash,  
  signer: PubKeyHash,  
  approved_list: List<PubKeyHash>  
) -> Bool {  
  signer == expected_holder && List.member(signer, approved_list)  
}
```

 More advanced flows can track current holder via datum and enforce hop order dynamically.

5. Tools & Libraries

Layer	Toolset	Purpose
Identity	DID + VC Hashing (JSON-LD)	Issue and verify certifications
Tokenization	CIP-68 NFT	Represent product batch and traceability trail
Contracts	Aiken	Validate signed transfer hops
UI / Wallets	Lucid Evolution, MeshJS, Lace	Mint, sign, trace, and display product paths
Storage	IPFS, Arweave	Store VC proof or product images
QR Layer	Mesh QR or custom PWA	Consumer-facing scan interface

6. 🔍 Demo Simulation Flow

Step	Artifact
Issue VC	<code>vc-schema/fair-trade-certification.json</code>
Mint batch NFT	<code>nft-metadata/coffee-batch-234.json</code>
Simulate 3 transfers	Aiken + wallet signatures
QR-linked display	<code>frontend/trace-ui.tsx</code> + <code>scan-qr.mp4</code>

7. 🖌️ Output Expectations

Deliverable	Description
<code>vc-schema/fair-trade-cert.json</code>	VC proving sustainability and certification
<code>nft-metadata/coffee-batch.json</code>	Full batch trace with certification hash
<code>contracts/verify-transfer.aiken</code>	Validator ensuring legit hops only
<code>demo/scan-qr.mp4</code>	QR-to-view traceability journey (consumer UX)
<code>frontend/trace-ui.tsx</code>	React component showing product lifecycle

8. ✅ Best Practices for Supply Chain Traceability PoCs

Best Practice	Reason
Anchor cert VC hash in batch NFT	Maintains integrity and privacy of claims
Use CIP-68 to enable NFT updates per hop	Allows progressive updates without reminting

Ensure signed transfers from wallet owners	Validates actor authenticity at each step
Separate off-chain and on-chain roles	VCs off-chain; signatures + metadata on-chain
Use QR links to live data not static files	Ensures real-time verification (IPFS + Koios fallback recommended)
Demo with 3 hops minimum	Simulates real product lifecycle (Processor → Exporter → Retailer)

Vertical 5: Humanitarian Aid Delivery & Crisis Response (Expanded)

Use Case

Design a blockchain-based aid delivery system to verify eligibility, issue traceable payments (or vouchers), and audit aid impact in crisis zones — including refugee camps, natural disasters, or food insecurity regions.

The system ensures that:

- Only verified individuals receive aid.
- Disbursements are logged immutably.
- Aid eligibility persists post-crisis as a digital asset for recovery or follow-up services.

1. Functional Architecture Overview

```

[NGO Registers Beneficiary]
  ↓
[VC Issued (Eligibility Claim)]
  ↓
[Beneficiary Wallet (PWA / SMS / Lace)]
  ↓
[Smart Contract (Disbursement Logic)]
  ↓

```

```
[Aid (e.g. USDA) Sent + Metadata Logged]
    ↓
[Donor/Aid Dashboard → TX Log via Koios]
    ↓
[Beneficiary Retains Identity for Future Access]
```

Actors:

- **NGO or Field Agent** – Issues the VC
- **Beneficiary** – Receives aid, stores credentials
- **Smart Contract** – Releases funds if VC hash is valid and within aid window
- **Public Verifier** – Monitors disbursements via dashboards

2. Verifiable Credential (VC) for Aid Eligibility

 `vc-schema/aid-eligibility.json`

```
{
  "@context": ["https://www.w3.org/2018/credentials/v1"],
  "type": ["VerifiableCredential", "AidEligibilityCredential"],
  "issuer": "did:cardano:ngo123",
  "issuanceDate": "2025-05-01T00:00:00Z",
  "credentialSubject": {
    "id": "did:cardano:beneficiary123",
    "eligibility": "YES",
    "location": "Zaatari Camp, Jordan",
    "familySize": 6,
    "aidType": "Shelter & Food"
  },
  "proof": {
    "type": "Ed25519Signature2020",
    "created": "2025-05-01T00:00:00Z",
    "proofPurpose": "assertionMethod",
    "verificationMethod": "did:cardano:ngo123#key-1",
    "jws": "eyJhbGciOiJIJFZERTQ5..."
  }
}
```

```
}
```

⚠ This VC is validated off-chain. Only the hash of `credentialSubject` is used in smart contract logic.

3. 🔑 VC Hashing (Credential Anchoring)

📁 `utils/hash.ts`

```
import { createHash } from 'crypto'

export function hashCredentialSubject(subject: object): string {
  const canonical = JSON.stringify(subject)
  return createHash('sha256').update(canonical).digest('hex')
}

// Sample Input:
const subject = {
  eligibility: "YES",
  location: "Zaatari Camp, Jordan",
  familySize: 6,
  aidType: "Shelter & Food"
}

console.log(hashCredentialSubject(subject))
```

✅ Use this hash in a **CIP-68 NFT**, and also as an input for smart contract validation.

4. 🎯 Aiken Smart Contract – Aid Claim & Disbursement

📁 `contracts/aid_disbursement.aiken`

```
fn main(
  vc_hash: ByteArray,
  allowed_hash: ByteArray,
  now: Int,
```

```

start: Int,
end: Int
) -> Bool {
  vc_hash == allowed_hash && now >= start && now <= end
}

```

💡 Explanation:

- **allowed_hash**: Stored in datum or passed via redeemer.
- **now**: Current slot/time.
- **start** and **end**: Disbursement window (e.g., 7-day emergency aid).
- ☒ User submits a transaction including their VC hash → if conditions match, contract validates.

5. 📦 CIP-68 NFT Metadata – Aid Token

📁 nft-metadata/aid-voucher-103.json

```

{
  "name": "Emergency Aid Voucher #103",
  "description": "USDA-backed shelter and food assistance",
  "beneficiary_did": "did:cardano:beneficiary123",
  "vc_hash": "0x9c4a88...ff12",
  "aid_type": "Shelter & Food",
  "disbursed_at": "2025-05-03T14:00:00Z",
  "location": "Zaatari Camp, Jordan"
}

```

- ☒ Use for audit visibility, traceability, and dashboard display.
Can also be burned after redemption to indicate use.

6. Beneficiary Experience

Step	Device Used	UX Design Features
Receive VC	Android / PWA / Paper QR	VC sent via QR, SMS link, or preloaded PWA
Submit Aid Claim TX	Wallet or Mobile Agent	Pre-filled transaction → submit button
See Confirmation	Local dApp / SMS alert	Confirm receipt (voucher, stablecoin)
View History	Optional Aid Journal	VC + token + disbursement records (offline)

7. Simulation & Output Expectations

Deliverable	Description
<code>vc-schema/aid-eligibility.json</code>	Sample credential used in testnet flow
<code>utils/hash.ts</code>	Script to hash and anchor VC
<code>contracts/aid_disbursement.aiken</code>	Disbursement contract with VC hash logic
<code>nft-metadata/aid-voucher-103.json</code>	Aid token metadata (CIP-68)
<code>frontend/aid-ui.tsx</code>	React app for NGO aid agents
<code>demo/aid-flow.mp4</code>	Screencast: onboarding → claim → log
<code>README.md</code>	Deployment + signed TXs

8. Best Practices for Aid Delivery Systems

Identity Onboarding

- Use face scan, mobile ID, or document upload.
- Prefer **in-person agent onboarding** in fragile zones.
- Avoid collecting sensitive data like religion or political status.

Disbursement Logic

- Time-locked disbursement via Aiken contracts.
- Use USDA or voucher tokens, not volatile ADA.
- NGO admin override (e.g., fraud freeze) is stored off-chain or in metadata.

Transparency & Auditing

- Log only **vc_hash**, timestamp, and region on-chain.
- IPFS or Arweave for supporting documents or NGO certifications.
- Open GraphQL dashboards for donors/regulators (e.g., via Koios feeds).

Post-Crisis Continuity

- Beneficiary retains wallet or printed DID for:
 - Education enrollment
 - Job registration
 - Medical follow-up
- Optional biometric recovery using ZK-based face vector or fingerprint hash.

Humanitarian UX Design

- Offline-first design: PWA + QR fallback
- SMS-based notification flows
- Local language support for VC display + claim process

9. Implementation Checklist

Task	Tools / Outcome
Define identity + issuance flow	JSON-LD VC + hashing script
Anchor credentials	CIP-68 NFT w/ <code>vc_hash</code>
Build disbursement contract	Aiken (time-bound + hash check)
UI for NGO agents	Lucid Evolution + React, PWA support
Simulate testnet flow	Mint token, call TX, validate payout
Log results + docs	GitHub, GraphQL TX explorer

Reference Examples & Learning Resources

Vertical 2: Digital Identity

GitHub Repositories:

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- **Lucid Evolution** A lightweight SDK for creating CIP-68 NFTs and interacting with Cardano assets, facilitating decentralized identity solutions:
<https://github.com/Anastasia-Labs/lucid-evolution>
- **CIP 68, Datum Metadata Standard** <https://cips.cardano.org/cip/CIP-68>

Vertical 4: Climate Action & Carbon Credits

GitHub Repositories:

- **BlockCarbon Market:** Development of a hybrid marketplace for Cardano carbon credit tokenization, including token minting, swapping, and retirement mechanisms.
<https://github.com/BlockCarbon/market>
- **Carbon Credits Contract:** A blockchain-based network enabling commercial carbon credit trading in a public and secure setting.
<https://github.com/hrushikesh-choudhary/carbon-credits-contractGitHub>

Demonstrations:

- **Hyperledger Climate Action and Accounting:** Implementations for climate action and accounting, including emissions calculations and carbon trading.
<https://github.com/hyperledger-labs/blockchain-carbon-accounting>

Vertical 5: Supply Chain Traceability

GitHub Repositories:



- **Supply Chain Library:** Integration of GS1 standards like GTIN and GLN into the Cardano blockchain to enhance product traceability and transparency.
<https://github.com/Agrow-Labs/supply-chain-lib>
- **Supply Chain Traceability DApp:** A decentralized application using multichain blockchain and front-end technologies to trace products in a supply chain.
<https://github.com/neo-9981/Supply-Chain-Traceability-using-BlockchainGitHub>

Demonstrations:

- **Cardano Foundation Traceability Solution:** An enterprise-grade solution for end-to-end supply chain visibility using the Cardano blockchain.
<https://cardanofoundation.org/solutions/traceabilityhttps://cardanofoundation.org>


Vertical 6: Education & Credentialing

GitHub Repositories:


- **Verifiable Credentials:** A repository detailing requirements to earn verifiable credentials, focusing on digital identity and credentialing.
 <https://github.com/rcl-coding/verifiable-credentials>
- **Best of Digital Identity:** A curated list of open-source projects related to digital identity, including credentialing systems.
 <https://github.com/jruizaranguren/best-of-digital-identity>

Vertical 7: Health Records & Verifiable Credentials

GitHub Repositories:

- **VC ZK Health Records:** A project demonstrating the use of verifiable credentials and zero-knowledge proofs in managing health records.
 <https://github.com/csalvador58/verifiable-credential-zk-health-record>

Demonstrations:

- **Verifiable Credentials in Healthcare:** An exploration of how verifiable credentials can be applied in the healthcare industry for secure and private data sharing.
 <https://github.com/csalvador58/verifiable-credential-zk-health-record>