



# Hack for Farming – East Africa

## October 16-18

## Rules & Regulations

### Teams

Teams are composed of staff members of Gates Foundation grantee organizations and of non-grantee software developers and programmers. Teams have up to 6 members, and were selected by the hackathon organizers to ensure diversity of experience and skills.

### Level Playing Field

To ensure a fair contest, all code, design, art, and assets must be created during the duration of the hackathon. This creates a level playing field for all entrants and is in keeping with the true spirit of the hackathon. You can, however, make plans, wireframes and brainstorm prior to the event. Failure to comply with this rule will result in the offending team's disqualification.

### APIs, Services, Open Source

Take advantage of third party services. Familiarize yourself ahead of time with the APIs, open source databases, libraries and frameworks your team wants to leverage. Hackathon organizers have provided a Resources Kit – including links and instructions for relevant resources – that may be useful in brainstorming.

### Judging Criteria

Winners will be judged based on the following criteria:

- **Impact** – Is there a clear causal link established between the application/idea and improvement of farmer incomes? Even if the link is not direct, teams must demonstrate that their project at least has the potential to help improve incomes.
- **Innovation** – Is the solution novel? Does it solve a problem in a new or creative way?
- **Technical Achievement** – Did the submission solve a difficult technical problem?

### Awards

Following judging, members of the winning team will receive awards based on their affiliation status. Team members who are affiliated with a Gates Foundation grantee organization will be awarded with 15 hours of free consulting services per organization. Consulting services will be provided by aWhere, and each grantee organization of the winning team member will have the option to choose from among aWhere's data management, crop modeling, and weather informatics consulting offerings. The value of these consulting services is estimated at \$1,000 USD for each organization.

Team members who are not affiliated with a Gates Foundation grantee organization will each be offered a fixed-term consultancy contract with aWhere. These contracts will provide the developer/programmer

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with support to continue their hackathon work and also gain experience on other projects related to agricultural analytics. The value of this consultancy offering is estimated at \$1,000 USD per contract.

### Copyright

Any submissions as part of this hackathon must be the work of the participating team. Submissions cannot infringe on any copyright or upon any other third party rights of which the Participant is aware.

### Ownership

All team projects developed during Hack4Farming East Africa are to be posted to Github to promote community sharing and learning. However, we encourage participants to further develop their projects if they believe there is a potential to turn it into a full-fledged app/product/company. Those who do are free to claim intellectual property over their work.

Hackathon winners who take up a consultancy contract with aWhere to develop their project further will share intellectual property over the end product with aWhere.

### Most Importantly – Have Fun

Hack, meet new people, get creative, and have a good time. Getting something meaningful done within such a short amount of time can be stressful, but we'd like to encourage everyone to take a break every now and then to relax and enjoy the event.

**\*\*Attendees violating these rules may be asked to leave the Hackathon at the sole discretion of the Hackathon organizers. Thank you for helping make this a welcoming, friendly event for all.**

