

EXPLAINER: THE EXPERIMENT JOURNEY

STAGE I: LOCAL SENSING

What	Why	How	Success Indicator	Indicative Timelines	Note
Problem Identification	To improve awareness on ecology & ‘state of play’ concerning the ideas being contemplated.	Desk-top Study Including the use of traditional knowledge	There are potentials for innovation that do not duplicate previous/existing initiatives.	30 Working Days	This stage relied more on traditional knowledge of the existing practice
Aggregation of Problems & Solutions	To identify potential areas of innovation informing the challenge so as to create value. Zoom in on a specific portfolio of problems and solutions.	Consultation(s) with local experts, enablers and potential target groups.	Identification of potential stakeholders, geographical targets, experimental & control Groups. The wisdom and creativity of beneficiary communities is invoked to brainstorm and distil ideas with stand-out potential.		
Solutions Mapping	Map and agree on problem/solution of focus for the innovation challenge.	Brainstorming Sessions, Hackathons, Ideas Fairs or Meetings with both the targeted solution providers and potential users	Validation of the solution		The solution should be implementable with a short period of 6-9 months
Consultation with the users of Innovation (Immersion Visits)	To gain an in-depth understanding of user’s perception of the solution.	Focused group discussion with Key Users of the innovation and stakeholders	Selection of Experimental (Digital) & Control (Traditional sanduk) groups and their sensitization on the innovation process and requirements.		For the experimental stage, both groups should not exceed 200 persons and indicators of success should be defined, including group dynamics, proximity, trust, social capital, etc.

		development and co-creation of new products or services did you put in place.			Data on the group should be available.
Baseline Mapping	To provide information for assessment of the effect of the innovation to enable comparison of what happens before and after implementation.	Surveys	Validation of the Baseline by Experimental Group		The data should be used to develop the Experimental Group Matrix
Update the Workplan based on findings.	To articulate the specific objectives and success indicators of the digital sanduk innovation	Develop a detailed roadmap to help guide the implementation and management of activities	Deployment of Community Immersion Mission		- The workplan and outlines the activities required and the necessary budget.
Develop and Submit Co-Creation Report	To demonstrate ownership of the innovation by users and readiness for implementation.	Analytical Report	Results of co-creation report validated by the deployment of the Community Immersion Mission Stage.		-
Community Immersion	To approve implementation of the innovation.	Consultations, Observations, Engagement with beneficiary end-users, contexts, users, etc.	Approval of the Experimental Group Matrix, Budget and Workplan	5 Working Days	- Exploring opportunities, identifying opportunities, gathering feedback, testing and evaluation ideas/solutions, translating ideas into solutions

STAGES II & III: INNOVATION DESIGN & SOLUTIONS EXPLORATION₃

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Structuring	To ensure that all required pillars of support are included in the design and implementation activities.	Capacity, Incentives, and Enablers and Socialization Actors	Clear outputs identified for each pillar, including how to contribute to change	6 Months	
Training & Capacity Development (3 trainings done; Financial Lit, Digital Literacy & Gender awareness and sensitization)	To respond to the capacity gaps realize the objectives of the innovation	Tailored and focused Physical training	Progress recorded in the behaviours and outcomes of the experimental groups.		The activities should be milestones set in the experimental group
Incentives (Booster Packages)	To implement development interventions to tackle the root causes of the challenge	Procurements, expertise deployment, etc.	Support provided have positive impact on experimental group and contribute to digitization of the sanduk.		These should be applied to both groups in proportionate manner, but should not be pre-condition for participation
Enabler/Technology (MSanduk)	To provide additional technology-focused interventions for the innovation	Procurement, expertise deployment, etc.	Systems developed are contributing to the success of the innovation experiment		This could include identification systems, deployment of internet, energy efficient tools, And development of the application.
Ideas Socialization	To start early cultivation of stakeholders for the scale-up stage & ensure sustainability beyond the 'experiment' stage. (Develop concept for scaling)	Periodic Meetings with potential off-takers to share the design, process, progress, challenges and opportunities. Periodic learning sessions with other AccLabs and Community of Practice	Number of partners that indicate interest to participate in the scale-up stage		Generate list from stakeholders mapping in the Experimental Group Matrix

STAGES IV & V: MONITORING, COMMUNICATIONS & REPORTING⁴

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Application of Matrix	To track results, gaps, challenges and deviation	Monthly Tracking Exercise to be done	100% completion of tracking & sharing of result/ update	-
Discussions of Changes in the Experiment Process	To ensure that observations about the social experiment informs introduction of new variable and impact on result	Monthly Learning Sessions on the Experimental Group Matrix	Majority of the learning recommendations implemented	Share learnings with the wider Acclab Network
Telling the Innovation Story	To elevate voices from the borderlands.	Social Media Campaign, Websites & Quarterly Newsletter of the ABC/UNDP COs. Pictorial and Video Documentary of the Innovation Story. Blogs, Community radio interviews.	Number of new partners that become aware of the result of the innovation experiments	- Within and Beyond
Innovation Report for the Experiment Stage	To share process, substance and outcome of innovation for visibility, resource mobilization and impact.	Detailed Innovation Report of the Digital Sanduk process	Number of new partners willing to implement the scale-up of the experiments with AccLabs.	The cost of the annual report was borne by UNDP South Sudan