



GKI CHANGES THE WORLD THROUGH COLLABORATIVE INNOVATION

WHO?

GKI works with individuals, institutions, and networks inspired to find innovative solutions to complex challenges.

WHEN?

GKI engages with partners at every stage along the innovation journey from idea to impact.

WHY?

A system that delivers innovative solutions to complex challenges hinges on how well it promotes Collaborative Innovation. Through Collaborative Innovation, people can bring the full force of their capabilities to bear.

WHERE?

GKI operates within systems defined by a specific problem space (e.g., post harvest food loss) or geography (e.g., Rwanda).

COLLABORATIVE INNOVATION:

The act of combining efforts and sharing complementary resources with partners to create, test, and implement innovative ideas. Disproportionately, transformational innovation—that which yields novel vaccines, new transportation alternatives, new markets, etc.—emerges at the intersection between different disciplines, cultures, and sectors. GKI enables success at the intersection by enabling productive, collaborative, inclusive partnerships, networks, and organizations.



TO IMPROVE THE RATE, EFFECT, AND INCLUSIVITY OF COLLABORATIVE INNOVATION,

WE BELIEVE THAT IT IS NECESSARY TO INTERVENE AT FOUR STRATEGIC POINTS IN A SYSTEM:



COLLABORATIVE INNOVATION: THE ACT OF COMBINING EFFORTS AND SHARING COMPLEMENTARY RESOURCES WITH PARTNERS TO CREATE, TEST, AND IMPLEMENT INNOVATIVE IDEAS

1. Individuals who want to address complex global challenges

2. Institutions, built on the power of community, that set policies and provide research, funding, and support

3. Networks of individuals, institutions, and organizations that share knowledge and resources

4. An enabling environment consisting of social, cultural, and political dimensions that support innovation and allow new ideas to grow and thrive

OUR DIRECT IMPACT WITHIN SYSTEMS IS ...

LONG TERM IMPACT 5 - 10 YEARS

SHORT TERM IMPACT NOW - 5 YEARS

INDIVIDUALS

Individuals attain Collaborative Innovation skills and apply them when taking action on global development challenges

More individuals build and lead problem-solving networks that tackle shared challenges through Collaborative Innovation

INSTITUTIONS

Institutions identify and engage potential collaborators and develop strategies and policies that support Collaborative Innovation

A Collaborative Innovation mindset becomes an embedded part of institutions' operation and strategy, increasing the inclusivity and desirability of end solutions

NETWORKS

New networks form between individuals and across organizations that increase access to resources and problem-solving capacity

The diffusion of effective problem-solving networks causes more holistic, sustainable development solutions to reach scale

ENABLING ENVIRONMENT

Policies and strategies become more supportive of Collaboration Innovation

New supporting policies remove barriers and create incentives for Collaborative Innovation, enabling individuals, networks, and institutions to tackle development challenges more efficiently

