The Role UNICEF plays in Encouraging the “Impact Trinity”
Real World Use-Cases, Open-Source Software and For-Profit Business models.

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The Office of Innovation helps **discover, co-create, and scale** bold solutions and technologies to deliver for children today and to set a new pace of social impact for generations to come.
UNICEF Venture Fund

Since 2014, the VF has provide early-stage funding and support to frontier technology solutions that benefit children and the world.
In October 2019, UNICEF launched the CryptoFund, allowing UNICEF to receive, hold, and disburse cryptocurrency - a first for the UN.

Through the CryptoFund, we can help build successful digital solutions into digital public goods, to ensure fair, equitable, and open access to these tools for human development on a global scale.
BLOCKCHAIN COHORT

Results to date

SOCIAL IMPACT

700k
Beneficiaries w/ increased access to financial services

122k
Financial transactions

1st Startup
to give back to the Venture Fund

FINANCIAL RESULTS

$4M
Follow-on funding raised

1
Company acquired

1
Cohort collaboration/partnership

TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE RESULTS + OPEN SOURCE TRACTION

500+
Mentorship hours

4
Certified DPGs

6,304
Code commits

39
People who have contributed to all portfolio companies (highest # to date during an investment round)
Join us in building a better and more equitable future for children.

- Apply to the Venture Fund.
- Partner with us.
- Mentor with us.
- Contribute (Eth or Fiat).
Thank you!

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