

ABOUT THE GOVLAB

The GovLab's mission is to improve people's lives by changing the way we govern.

Our goal is to strengthen the ability of institutions – including but not limited to governments – and people to work more openly, collaboratively, effectively and legitimately to make better decisions and solve public problems.

We believe that increased availability and use of **data**, new ways to leverage the capacity,

intelligence, and expertise of **people** in the problem-solving process, combined with new advances in **technology and science** can transform governance.

We approach each challenge and opportunity in an **interdisciplinary, collaborative** way, irrespective of the problem, sector, geography and level of government.

WHAT WE DO

BUILD

We develop and test prototypes for new platforms to enable open and collaborative problem-solving inside a variety of organizations.

LEARN

We assess and disseminate information and analysis about governance innovations (successes and failures) globally and their impact on people's lives.

CONNECT

We build networks of innovators from across disciplines to gain deeper insights and develop new frameworks for improving governance.

TRAIN

We train entrepreneurs to tackle public interest challenges using open innovation to take projects from idea to implementation.

HOW WE DO IT

We learn by doing.

We embrace failure: failing fast and often, learning from our mistakes and sharing experiences.

We collaborate with and connect experts and practitioners, across sectors and disciplines, levels of governance and geographies.

We rely on reproducible experiments and metrics to better understand what works (and what doesn't) and to translate theory and hypotheses into actionable insights.

We put users at the center, to ensure we stay focused on improving people's lives.