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NGO Innovation Award 2019

Dear NGO Partners,

It is our great pleasure to announce the launch of the NGO Innovation Award 2019, which celebrates efforts and achievements that advance the innovative delivery of services to refugees and other persons of concern to UNHCR.

The Award was widely announced for the first time at the NGO Consultations in 2018, and received 165 submissions from 57 countries. The Award went to SINA Loketa, an organization that empowers youth to self-actualize in a Ugandan refugee camp; and Artemisszió, a foundation creating an inclusive community space in Hungary. With the successful practice of last year, UNHCR is organizing the second NGO Innovation Award to further encourage innovation efforts of NGO partners.

The NGO Innovation Award 2019 wishes to explore how we can collectively improve our efforts in two specific areas:

Category “Partnerships”

What we are looking for:

- **Nontraditional and creative partnerships** that value **inclusion and diversity**, and are people-centered and community-based;
- Solution-driven efforts that introduce **positive change** in improving access to information and knowledge sharing.

Category “Connectivity”

What we are looking for:

- Demonstrated or proposed efforts that address connectivity challenges for displaced persons in a **creative and novel way**;
- Solutions that **encourage inclusion** and ensure that displaced people have **the right and choice to be part of a connected society**.

A jury composed of innovation specialists will select a winner for each category, and a prize of USD 10,000 will be granted to each. Both winners will be invited to an award ceremony held later in the year.

Applications are accepted here <https://www.unhcr.org/innovation/innovation-award-2019/>. Guiding questions are provided. Please note that the deadline for applications is **Wednesday, 31 July 2019**.

We look forward to receiving your creative submissions!



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Yours sincerely,



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