

Expert Clinics

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Beyond the Pilot: Scaling AI and Digital Innovation for Impact

Central Hub

Artificial intelligence and digital technologies are transforming the humanitarian and development sectors, yet many innovations fail to scale beyond pilots. Drawing on practical experiences from GOAL, Action Against Hunger and technology partners, this interactive panel explores what it really takes to scale innovation across organizations and systems. Through reflections on successes, failures and lessons learned from Action Against Hunger's WASH AI and GOAL's AI-enabled Intelligent Systems (Resilio, ADAPT and ANCHOR), panelists will discuss the organizational, operational and partnership changes needed for sustainable adoption. Participants will leave with practical recommendations on what organizations should stop, start and scale to accelerate responsible digital transformation.



Elizabeth Devine

Head of Program Technical Team, GOAL

Liz Devine is Head of GOAL's Programme Technical Team and a public health leader with 10+ years' experience leading humanitarian and development programming in complex emergencies across Ethiopia, South Sudan, Syria, Turkey, Moldova, and the regional Ukraine response. She has managed \$30M+ annual budgets and led large multi-disciplinary teams delivering health and multi-sector portfolios in fragile and conflict-affected contexts. At GOAL, Liz leads a global "research and design" team supporting operations in 17 countries, translating frontline realities into responsible, practical innovation — selecting and shaping AI- and digital-enabled approaches (e.g., real-time monitoring and feedback loops, predictive analytics/early warning, and decision-support tools) that strengthen government- and community-aligned response without adding operational burden.



Nicolas Villeminot

Global WASH Lead, Action Against Hunger USA

Nicolas Villeminot is the Global Lead for Water, Sanitation and Hygiene (WASH) at Action Against Hunger USA. He brings over 20 years of global experience across 40 countries. His work spans both emergency response and long term recovery, with a focus on technical leadership, evidence generation, and scaling high quality programming. He supports country teams through strategic guidance, capacity strengthening, and applied research. As the WASH expert supporting the organization's fight against hunger and malnutrition, he leads technical learning and knowledge management initiatives that include the adoption of digital transformation and artificial intelligence.

**Olivier Mills**

Founder, Baobab Tech

Olivier Mills is the Founder and CEO of Baobab Tech, a Canadian company building AI tools for the humanitarian and development sector. He spent 18 years in WASH programming across Africa, Asia and the Caribbean. He founded the company to give civil society organizations and governments practical solutions and guidance on AI implementation across programming, policy and research, specifically in sub-sectors including WASH, nutrition, SRHR and human rights. Its tools now run in production with organisations such as Action Against Hunger, UNICEF, IPPF and the UK's FCDO. He argues for open, sovereign and frugal AI, and aims to show that we can do AI differently.

Climate Mobility, Displacement and Pathways to Resilience

The Forum

The climate crisis is increasingly shaping migration and displacement patterns across Latin America and the Caribbean, amplifying existing vulnerabilities and protection risks while undermining livelihoods and access to essential services. Yet responses often remain reactive, addressing the consequences of displacement rather than its drivers. Bringing together protection and economic recovery and development experts, the International Rescue Committee explores how integrated and complementary anticipatory action, resilient livelihoods, cash assistance, and protection programming can help communities adapt to environmental pressures, reduce displacement risks, and strengthen resilience before crises escalate.

**Camille Andre**

Regional Lead for Violence Prevention and Response, Latin America, International Rescue Committee

Camille Andre is the Regional Lead for Violence Prevention and Response, Latin America, at the International Rescue Committee (IRC). She brings more than 10 years of experience in the humanitarian sector and with the IRC in roles spanning emergency response and protracted crisis contexts, including Sierra Leone, Greece, Burundi, Iraq, Mexico, and Poland. Since 2024, she oversees the IRC's protection portfolio in Latin America (across Mexico, Guatemala, El Salvador, Honduras, Venezuela and Colombia), encompassing gender-based violence prevention and response, child protection, and rule of law. Camille speaks French, English and Spanish, and holds a bachelor's degree from McGill University and a master's degree from New York University.

**Johanna Contreras**

*Regional Economic Recovery and Development Technical Advisor for Latin America,
International Rescue Committee*

Johanna Contreras is the Regional Economic Recovery and Development Technical Advisor for Latin America at the International Rescue Committee (IRC). Drawing on her background in Agro-Industrial Engineering and more than 15 years of humanitarian and development experience, she supports programs that strengthen resilient livelihoods and economic inclusion across Latin America. Since joining IRC in 2022, she has provided technical leadership to country programs across the region, advancing integrated approaches that promote anticipatory action, preparedness, and recovery for communities affected by displacement, climate-related shocks, and other crises. Prior to IRC, she held technical and leadership roles with Action Against Hunger, the Ministry of Agriculture of Colombia, and other national and international organizations. Johanna speaks Spanish and English and holds master's degrees in Business Administration and International Cooperation.
