

Kolba Lab — Armenia's Government-Embedded Crowdsourced Innovation Lab

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Quality score: 71/100

Evidence strength: Descriptive / self-reported

Summary

UNDP/UNICEF's Kolba Lab, the first innovation lab embedded in a UNDP country office, has run 7+ crowdsourced idea competitions since 2011: 700 submissions, 40 start-ups incubated, 14 with documented impact, and adoption by Armenian ministries since 2016.

Key dimensions

Dimension	Score
Evidence of impact / measured results	1/3
Transferability / demonstrated replication	2/3
Scalability	2/3
Sustainability / continuity	2/3
Innovation	3/3
Inclusiveness / equity	2/3
Multi-stakeholder collaboration	3/3

Evaluated by C-NAPSE

Data sources

[C-NAPSE web research](#) — accessed 2026-08-13

[UNDP Armenia / UNICEF Armenia \(Kolba Lab\)](#) — accessed 2026-08-13

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