# **SYNERGOS INNOVATION FUND**

Synergos is a global organization with decades of experience working collaboratively with diverse stakeholders to identify and implement solutions to the world's most complex social problems.

Our theory of change centers on **bridging leadership**, a powerful methodology for building trust and sustaining effective working relationships among diverse stakeholders whose collective input is needed to make progress on a given social challenge.

By "bridging" diverse, often conflicting perspectives across the breadth of stakeholders, **bridging leaders help forge a common agenda for finding and implementing solutions**.

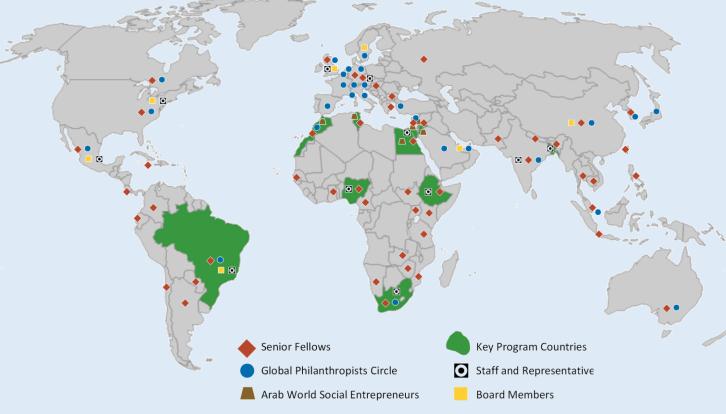






# Synergos is a global network of bridging leaders.

Our network is comprised of leading philanthropists (members of our Global Philanthropist Circle), the leadership and staff of Synergos' country and regional offices, the accomplished alums of the Synergos Senior Fellows program, Synergos Social Entrepreneurs, and a broad array of partners and allies, including prominent social impact, civil society, and government leaders from around the world.









The Synergos Innovation Fund is a powerful catalyst for our mission to advance innovative solutions to some of the world's most intractable and interconnected challenges – including climate change, poverty, and social injustice.

### **What the Innovation Fund Supports**

- **An Internal Think Tank**: Establishing a dedicated team to identify opportunities and drive innovative solutions.
- Targeted Investments: Amplifying our impact through strategic investments in areas where we have established expertise and networks.
- Measuring Impact and Telling the Story: Monitoring and evaluating activities, tracking the impact of our collaborative efforts, and communicating the results in an instructive and inspirational way.

#### **Unlocking Global Network Effects**

Investments from the Innovation Fund will enable us to deploy new technologies and novel approaches to map interests and connections within our global network of bridging leaders, which spans over 40 countries. This will enhance our ability to integrate and activate our network while expanding access and participation for an increasing number of external leaders and stakeholders through our issue-specific Collaborative Communities.

#### **Enhancing Platforms for Collaboration**

Innovation Fund initiatives will strengthen Synergos' Collaborative Communities platforms and facilitate local-to-global connections. With a shift in emphasis and additional resources, Collaborative Communities will supercharge Synergos' contributions to creating scalable, community-centered solutions to pressing social challenges.

#### **Shape the Solutions of Tomorrow**

Synergos is raising funds for the Innovation Fund throughout 2024. Your participation and financial support is crucial to ensure we meet this moment and deliver on our full potential. To give to the Innovation Fund, email Ian Feiler for more information <a href="mailto:ifeiler@synergos.org">ifeiler@synergos.org</a> or visit <a href="mailto:synergos.org/innovation-fund">synergos.org/innovation-fund</a>.

## **About the Innovation Fund's Financing**

Launched in April 2024 with funding from the Ford Foundation, Bloomberg Philanthropies, and generous gifts from several Synergos Global Philanthropists Circle members, the Innovation Fund is reshaping Synergos for the next forty years of collaborative impact and trust-centered global leadership.

