

# Technology Transfer in Action

## SIEMENS STIFTUNG EMPOWERING PEOPLE NETWORK /COLOMBIA

In partnership with the Siemens Stiftung empowering people.Network, this year's Co-Design Summit served as an experiment with the D-Lab co-design methodology to catalyze and improve the outcomes of technology transfer.

For the team working on clean drinking water access, the design process was used to validate the need and the relevance of the technology, as well as to build a common understanding and buy-in into the management system needed for the sustainability of the solution.

At the end of the summit, the Skyhydrant Water Filter was introduced to the community and donated by Siemens Stiftung to World Vision Colombia. World Vision will work with the community to move the technology transfer forward. This experiment was a first step in exploring a broader collaboration between World Vision and Siemens Stiftung to scale access to basic needs technologies in Colombia.

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## PIA CO-DESIGN SUMMIT: NOVEMBER 2017, COLOMBIA



Forty-five participants including PIA members, Colombian social entrepreneurs, and community representatives from Conejo and Colonias came together to practice co-design and explore collaborations. [Explore video coverage of the summit here.](#)

### OUTCOMES

**Practicing Co-Design:** With MIT D-Lab's co-design methodology, participants gained hands-on experience in actively engaging beneficiaries in co-designing development solutions.

**Community Empowerment:** The 15 community volunteers from Cornejo and Colonias gained new skills and confidence in their own capacity to tackle local problems. They were introduced to the design process through a Creative Capacity Building (CCB) training delivered by C-Innova prior to the co-design summit and are now driving the projects forward with support from World Vision Colombia.

**Co-host Capacity Building:** For the second year, World Vision co-hosted the PIA Co-Design Summit increasing the organization's experience with D-Lab's CCB and Co-design methodologies. Through the summit organization, World Vision Colombia (WVC) developed a close relationship with D-Lab local partner C-Innova, towards a partnership for scaling local innovation programs.

**Exploring Partnerships:** Participants learned about each other's work and exchanged ideas, resources, and collaboration opportunities.



### FIVE PROJECT TEAMS

**Education:** Restituting the right to education for the Colonias families

**Solid Residues:** Transforming plastic waste into building material for affordable housing

**Fruit Excess:** Turning excess fruit harvest into livelihood opportunities

**Water:** Expanding affordable access to clean drinking water

**Harvest Transportation:** Overcoming terrain challenges to bring harvests closer to market

