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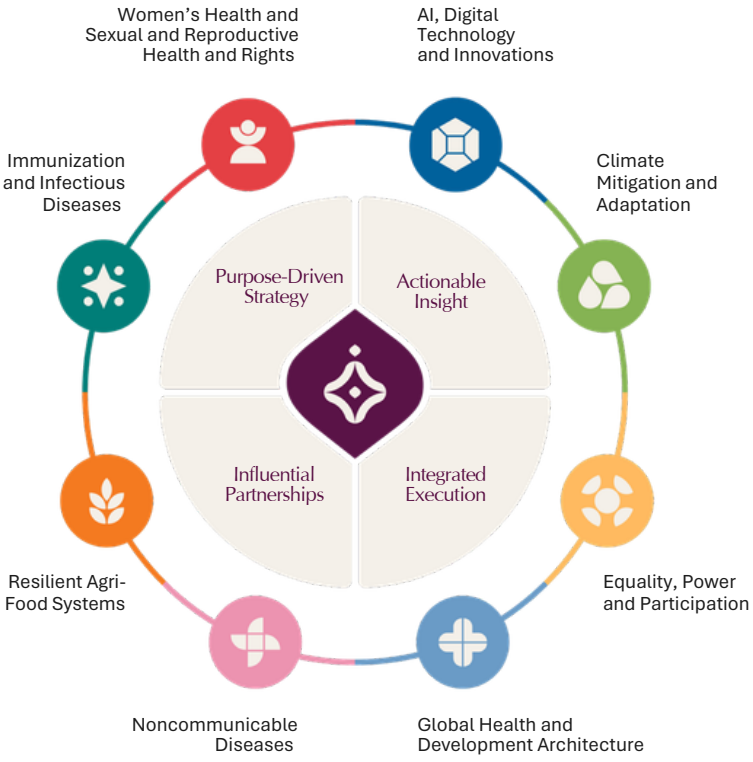


Where bold possibility becomes real-world impact.

Founded in 2008, Kinaura Partners is a global consulting firm that helps transform purpose-driven organizations - bringing expertise in strategy, insights, partnerships, and execution to turn ambition into measurable outcomes.

We turn complexity into clarity and deliver results that matter.

Organizations turn to Kinaura in moments of ambiguity and opportunity, when the stakes are the highest. We move beyond traditional consulting by creating and sustaining partnerships deeply rooted in care, collaboration, and empathy. Our flexible engagement model and global talent network means we can work with organizations in multiple ways, from project-based partnerships to embedded support that extends teams. Across four core services, we connect insights and expertise spanning a range of interconnected issues:



Built on values. Different by design.

Kinaura was intentionally designed for a different way of working. "**Kin**" speaks to the kinship, trust, and proximity we bring to our partnerships. "**Aura**" reflects illumination – the clarity and insight we bring to complex challenges.

As a woman-owned firm, we center equity and inclusion in our heart-forward approach, as core practices that shape how we listen, learn, and lead. Guided by our values of courage, service, love, and curiosity, we are deeply proud of our supportive and unique culture that enables our consultants to show up fully for our partners and deliver excellence.

Our seasoned experts connect deep expertise across issues, sectors, and geographies.

Every Kinaura engagement is led by experienced specialists with deep technical and contextual knowledge. Drawing on our core team of 80 and a global network of 1,000 experts, our high-caliber teams can intentionally flex across topics and regions to ensure the right expertise is brought in at the right moment. Importantly, we don't just design solutions, we earn trust, embed equity, and build coalitions that move ideas forward.

Our approach to Resilient Agri-Food Systems and Climate Change

Grounded in evidence, co-created with partners, and designed to scale

Agriculture remains the foundation of food security, nutrition, and rural livelihoods for billions of people, and it is now central to how the world adapts to and mitigates climate change. As development budgets tighten, realizing agriculture's potential depends on attracting investment from public, private, and philanthropic sources, measuring impact with confidence, and moving proven solutions from pilot to scale. Kinaura helps funders and research institutions meet these demands, shaping finance and resource mobilization strategies and grounding decisions in landscape assessments, investment mapping, and monitoring, evaluation, and learning frameworks. We also convene partners, build the coalitions that align them, and translate evidence into policy and advocacy.

We co-create with our partners, anchoring every engagement in their theory of change and existing portfolio so that our work strengthens what is already in motion. When partners need targeted progress, we lead time-bound engagements with defined deliverables, from strategy refreshes to midterm learning reviews and implementation roadmaps. For sustained momentum, we integrate experienced Kinaura consultants directly into their teams, adjusting support as needs change and working collaboratively from within to advance priorities.

A few of our partners:

MERCY CORPS · VAN DOREN · Gates Foundation · UNEP · WWF · Campaign for Tobacco-Free Kids · PROJECT DANDELION · CLEAN AIR FUND

Experience that meets the moment.

Drawing from our core team and worldwide network, our teams are comprised of seasoned professionals with deep contextual expertise and lived experience across regions, issues, and sectors. Below is a selection of our team.



Temina Lalani-Shariff leads the agri-climate portfolio. A former CGIAR regional director for South Asia, she brings more than 15 years shaping food systems policy, investment, and coalitions.



Jenny Soderbergh leads agriculture, nutrition, and climate work. Formerly a Deloitte strategist, she is a trained facilitator who turns complex agendas into aligned, measurable action.



Challiss McDonough advises on agriculture policy and advocacy. Drawing on a career of more than 25 years in journalism and WFP communications, she turns evidence into policy narratives.



Chase Keenan leads climate adaptation advocacy. With 13 years in climate and food systems, including at the World Bank Group, he builds coalitions and grantmaking strategies.



David Grist is a food systems strategist with over 20 years of experience working in agriculture, nutrition, and climate. A former USAID Foreign Service Officer, he helps partners design market-based interventions for local uptake and ownership.



Karlé Pittsinger supports the agri-climate portfolio with research, analysis, and partner engagement, drawing on prior experience at the Gates Foundation.

Stories of Impact: Resilient Agri-Food Systems and Climate Change

Gates Foundation's Agriculture Stakeholder Strategy:
Mapped stakeholder influence and alignment across the sector, prioritized new audiences, and shaped outreach that built common ground beyond traditional partners.

Clean Air Fund's Results Framework:

Co-created its first results framework and MEL system, strengthening decision-making and contributing to $67 million in renewal funding from CIFF and IKEA Foundation.

Gates Foundation's Climate Adaptation Grantee Network:
Built and coordinated a grantee network for its agricultural development team, bringing country adaptation priorities into national and UNFCCC policy.

Project Dandelion's Climate, Health, and Gender Compact:
Developed the Compact's strategy, theory of change, and investment pathways from over 30 interviews and five salons, making a campaign platform funder-ready.

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