

Komal Ahmad

Founder and President of Copia

Using Technology, Creativity, and Innovation to Change the World for a Better Tomorrow. Komal Ahmad believes hunger isn't a scarcity problem; it's a logistics problem. In an uplifting and inspirational presentation, Ahmad shares stories and images including the impact she has made by creating Copia – a for-profit sustainable food waste company that leverages technology to solve world hunger. Ahmad demonstrates how her company is using mobile technology, data and analytics, and a sophisticated algorithm to dramatically reduce food waste and solve hunger, while motivating others to cultivate change. Her innovative model creates jobs and opportunities, while transforming lives. And her story and takeaways prove that a culture of innovation and creativity not only leads to personal and organizational success, but also a better tomorrow for all.

The Woman that Proves 'Impossible is Nothing.' For centuries, solving world hunger felt like more a pipe dream than a genuine ambition. Not anymore. Komal Ahmad's not playing Miss Universe here; she's using major leaps in technology to make this once-unsolvable problem solvable, getting the food we all waste to the people who need it the most. She doesn't have a dream; she has a plan. One that has provided nearly 4 million meals to those who need it most across the US. of food and counting. Leave behind your skepticism and see how you can make hunger history.

The Beauty of Failure. Every Silicon Valley startup has its Founder's story – highlighting the rosy bits of a company's development from conception to execution. But as Komal Ahmad points out, the hardships faced when getting from the beginning to the end of that story are what truly define one's success. Using her own journey as an example – from Berkley grad, to being fired from her entry-level job, to tackling world hunger as the successful, solo-female founder and president of Copia – Ahmad demonstrates the beauty in failure and how it takes the ugly moments and embracing your pitfalls to create meaningful change.

Data + Women. Komal Ahmad, Forbes 30 Under 30 and Nelson Mandela Humanitarian Award recipient, shares how technology and analytics can end world hunger. As an immigrant, solo-female founder, Komal's story inspires the untapped potential within all of us.