

# Social Outcomes Conference

## 1-4 September 2020

# Welcome to Day III



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- Introduce yourself on the Zoom chat
- Share your thoughts and questions on the Zoom chat
- Do stay online for informal discussions in breakout rooms at the end of the session





# Impact Alchemy: Turning data into decisions and decisions into outcomes



- Gail Gibbons, Sheffield Futures
- Olivia Prentice, Impact Management Project
- Paddy Carter, CDC Group
- Sarah Henry, Office for National Statistics (UK)

Chair: Clare FitzGerald, Government Outcomes Lab



## Gail Gibbons, CEO of Sheffield Futures

A young people's charity delivering a range of contract, grant funded and traded services.

Currently delivering second Social Impact Bond - Social Care Innovation Fund - supporting care leavers into training & employment



## Vision for a Data Driven Future

- single MI system able to measure impact for all delivery projects
- data measurement which is meaningful for both the provider and service users
- a data flexible data management system if something no longer makes sense, change it



**Context: the IMP is a forum for consensus-building** 

From 2016-18, the Impact Management Project (IMP) brought together more than 2,000 practitioners to agree on norms for impact measurement, management and reporting.



## **For example, the definition of impact...**

An outcome is the result of an action or event which is an aspect of social, environmental or economic wellbeing.

An impact is the change in outcome (positive or negative) caused by an organisation, directly or indirectly, wholly or partially, intended or unintended.

Dimension of impact Data to guide measurement and management

	What	What outcome is occurring in the period? Is it positive or negative? How important is the outcome to the people (or planet) experiencing it?
0	Who	Who experiences the outcome? How underserved are the affected stakeholders in relation to the outcome?
Ξ	How Much	How much of the outcome is occurring – across scale, depth and duration?
+	Contribution	Would this change likely have happened anyway?
$\bigtriangleup$	Risk	What is the risk to people and planet that impact does not occur as expected?

#### **:** ... and the different types of impact organizations can have

	Negative	Less negative	Positive	
Illustrative motivations	"Aware of (potential) negative impact, but do not try to mitigate it"	"To mitigate risk"	"To align with long-term sustainable growth drivers"	"To help tackle climate change or the education gap"
		Act to avoid harm	Benefit stakeholders	
(Expected) effects on people and planet	May have negative outcomes for people and the planet	Mitigate or significantly reduce negative outcomes for people and the planet	Generate positive outcomes for people or the planet	Contribute to solutions Generate substantial positive change for otherwise underserved people or the planet

## What happened next?



#### **Impact Frontiers**

A learning collaboration with leading investors to develop frameworks that quantitatively integrate their specific social and environmental goals with their financial goals, enabling them to optimise their portfolios. Impact Frontiers will summarise lessons from these working sessions and make them available as a public good.



Incubating

#### **IMP Structured Network: our goals for 2020-22**

The IMP team facilitates and provides technical support to a 'structured network' of standard-setting organisations, whose expertise and audiences are complementary and who, taken all together, have the potential to provide complete and generally accepted principles, frameworks and standards for impact measurement and management.



## Building blocks of impact management



**Aligned with the global architecture** on impact investing and playing an active role in **shaping emerging standards**:

Objectives	<b>Sustainable Development Goals:</b> identifying and describing our impact objectives within the framework of the SDGs.	SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GCALS	
Frameworks	<b>Impact Management Project:</b> we have aligned our Impact Framework with the IMP dimensions and hosted events with IMP.	IMPACT MANAGEMENT PROJECT	
Processes	<b>Operating Principles for Impact Management:</b> we are a founding signatory, hold a seat on the advisory board and are active in sharing best practise on how to implement the Principles.	Operating Principles for Impact Management	
Measurement	Harmonising Impact Measurement: developing harmonised methodologies with HIPSO, IFC, EDFIs, GIIN and 2X.		

## Impact Framework



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Our contribution	How we achieve impact	Ultimate impact
<ul> <li>Allocating and managing capital</li> <li>Mobilising capital</li> <li>Adding value beyond capital</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Direct impact of businesses</li> <li>Indirect impacts via economic outputs</li> <li>Catalysing markets Indirect impacts via behavioural change</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>What is the impact? Making a lasting difference to people's lives</li> <li>Who benefits? Geography, income bracket, demographics</li> <li>By how much? Scale, depth and duration</li> </ul>
	Risk	

## The impact of the investment



- + The impact created by the investment, *not* the overall impact of the business
- ✤ The impact of the total investment (e.g. when CDC is not the only investor)
- + Summarised by Impact Dashboard



Assume the size of these blocks represent total impact

## Defining our contribution:



- + CDC makes a **contribution** when the developmental impact of an investee is greater with our investment than it would have been without it.
- + This means asking what would happen without CDC.
- ✤ Contribution cannot be observed in the data
- We should aim to get these calls correct on a risk adjusted basis not set the bar too high.



## A few observations



- Conceptually, go/no go decisions based on impact/dollar hurdle. This remains a data-informed subjective judgement. I think we are a long way from having satisfactory quasi-objective impact measurement
- ✤ Go/no go decisions are only half the story, our focus is on understanding impact so that we can increase the impact of the investment
- Measuring impact is more like a valuation problem than an accounting problem.
   \$1 in hands of someone living on \$2 per day is more impactful than \$1 for someone living on \$10. But how much more?
- ➡ Impact is about making a difference: observed outcomes minus a counterfactual. Basing impact management on observed outcomes alone risks bad decisions. Example: define and count decent jobs created. Finding: we get more decent jobs per dollar in middle-income than in low-income countries. Implication: allocate more capital to MICs? No, not if a decent job is more impactful (important, valuable) in a LIC than a MIC.
- Our investments (e.g. transportation and logistics) often have an indirect route to targeted ultimate impact of raising people's standard of living. Collecting information on impact is challenging, can require models or use of output data embedded in an evidence-based theory of change to infer impact.



## Next sessions 15:00 BST

Contracting for risk transfer and innovation

INDIGO (International Network for Data on Impact and Government Outcomes)

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# SOC20 Deep Dive **Contracting for Risk Transfer and Innovation**

3 Sept 2020 (Day 3) 15:00-16:30 British Summer Time









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## Welcome to "Contracting for Risk Transfer and Innovation"



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16:00 Audience questions and comments

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Variation in the Emergence and Growth of Social Impact Bond Markets in Advanced Capitalist Countries: a comparative study

Helen Evans, SOAS, University of London



## SIBs in Advanced Capitalist Countries



## SIB Capital Provider Typology



Helen Evans, SOAS

## Differing SIB Types

## Market-Driven SIB

- Bank
- Investment Fund
- Insurance Company
- Pension Fund

# Community-Driven

SIB

- Charity
- Foundation
- Social Enterprise
- Business
- Individual

Helen Evans, SOAS

## Market-Driven SIBs: Market Typology

	Investor Diversity		No Market-	
	Low	High	Driven SIBs	
h Rate High	Netherlands United Kingdom	Australia France United States (Japan)	Austria Finland Germany Switzerland	
Growth Rate Low h	Israel Korea Portugal Sweden	Belgium Canada New Zealand	Helen Eva	ns,

Thank you!

# Helen Evans

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## Are Social Impact Bonds an Innovation in Finance or Do They Help Finance Social Innovation?

#### Gary Painter

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#### co-authored with Kevin Albertson, Chris Fox, Chris O'Leary, and Hilary Olson



- Do SIBs attract new capital or bring capital to a previously excluded population?
  - Determine extent to which SIBs attracted new capital
    - Categorize investors and calculate share that are for-profit
- Do SIBs accelerate Social Innovation?
  - <u>Determine where SIBs fit within social innovation process</u>
    - Create quantitative and qualitative categorizations

## SIBs and Social Innovation









### Social Finance SIB Database - November 20, 2018



## **Investor Classifications**



## **Investor Classifications**



## SIBs and Social Innovation





## Program Classifications





Approximately 75% match between the two categorization strategies



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# FORCE MAJEURE OR NOT

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COVID-19 AND SIBS FOR CHILDREN AT RISK

Elen Riot, PhD-Docet, Strategy and Entrepreneurship Lab. Regards, Reims University

## THE FORCE MAJEURE CLAUSE

- *Vis major* in Canon Law is the opposite of a miracle in reference to God's supernatural power
- Not a mere French version of the Latin expression « vis major » (it includes strikes and breakdown of machinery); trade law, arbitrage in commercial contracts (US)
- Alteration of parties' obligations and/or liabilities under a contract when an extraordinary event or circumstance beyond their control prevents one or all of them from fulfillings those obligations
- It excuses the affected party from performing the contract in whole or in part; excusing that party from delay in performance entitling them to suspend or claim an extension for performance or giving the party a right to terminate.
- Case by case application depending on contractual provisions (the list of events identified with force majeure)
- Alternative principles in common law : impossibility, impractibility, ), imprevision
- Alternative principles in civil law : hardship and MAC (material adverse change), frustation of purpose

# 2. METHOD AND DATA

Critical discourse analysis and legitimacy (Van Leeuwen and Wodak, 1999; Vaara, Tienari and Laurila, 2006)

	Go-Lab database	Go-Lab Ergo Sessions	Force majeure clause	SIBs	Children at risk	Operations			
First analysis (Until June 15, 2020)	Archives from the Website	7 webinars	Legal definitions (websites)	Announcemen ts of Covid- SIBS by Big Society Capital	Le Monde press review (35 papers)	Reading			
Second analysis (July 1st up to August 31 2020)			Factiva press review (25 871 in the last six months; limited to private equity 228)	Factiva Press (last six months)	Factiva Press Review (children at risk: 3116); (children abuse UK: 253; US: 458; France: 456) Social services (1653)	First coding phase			
Third analysis (August 2020)					Public Reports on Poverty and Child Abuse	Second coding phase			
Confirmatory phase	Interviews with key informants (heads of programs, social workers and children judges)								
Interpretation	Combination of the based on risk-taki			s for children at r	isk in France and the legitimac	y agreement			

#### A COMPARISON OF TWO GROUPS OF ACTORS' DISCOURSES

All actors refer to the problematic situation, the rules and regulation and social relations.

Whereas one group decides to define « the new normal » instead of using the force majeure clause, other actors describe an abnormal situation in the field that seems to correspond to « force majeure »

#### The SIBs Community

- A change of circumstances under control
  - The « new normal » must be defined by the whole outcomes-based investing community
  - Efforts to learn to adapt and adjust, be flexible
  - Outcomes-based contracts are not in the best position to react to the urgency of the situation
  - Opportunities for new collaborations and new methods (intervention, data collection and audit use online services and big data)

#### **Social Services and Public Institutions**

- An unpredictable and irresistible event
  - Social problems add up and children are more exposed than ever
  - Less contacts with the most vulnerable during confinement (invisibility)
  - Extreme urgency of some situations require immediate action
  - Basic human rights are under threat if no major action is undertaken (time bomb)

# **4. INTERPRETATION**

- Key actors' views of the situation diverge
- SIBs actors consider the pandemic as a disruptive event that prompts them to recreate « a new normal »
- Social services find they are no longer capable of properly protecting children at risk

- At this preliminary stage of the research, the data only offers some hypotheses as to this divergence:
  - The general context prior to the pandemic (already difficult) and mixed information about the future
  - Key actors' culture of risk as a challenge and a source of opportunity
  - Key actors' position and the difficulties to point at out-of-control situations if they want to retain their legitimacy
    - Either tactical mimicry (Dey and Teasdale, 2015) or «the mission-centric view of social entrepreneurship » (Bruder, 2020) with no clear ethical grounding

# THANK YOU FOR YOUR ATTENTION.

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# Risk transfer in outcomes-based contracts: Real or illusory?

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3 September 2020

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#### Context and Research Question

- SIBs and other forms of outcomes-based contract (OBCs) are typically understood as involving an element of risk transfer from the public sector to the private and/or third sectors.
- Compared to traditional fee-for-service models, OBCs limit the liability of the government payor where the specified outcomes are not fully achieved (Joy & Shields 2020; Edmiston & Nicholls 2017)
- **BUT** given that the public sector remains ultimately responsible for ensuring certain social outcomes such as minimum standards of health, welfare, justice or security, can the risk of failure to deliver these outcomes be meaningfully transferred by contract?
- Research question: What do responses to the Covid-19 pandemic by parties to public sector OBCs tell us about the degree of risk transfer under these contracts?



#### Theory and hypothesis

- OBCs can be seen as part of a broader trend of **quasi-marketisation** in public service delivery (Le Grand 2007, 2011) – but only if users have a choice AND there is some degree of competition amongst providers
- User choice is directly linked to increased financial and performance risks in OBCs, e.g. low take up > failure to meet targets > failure to achieve payback
- If users lack choice and/or there is little or no provider competition, the benefits of quasimarketisation over direct public provision are questionable
- UK: relatively little user choice and provider competition in OBC 'market'
- In order for OBCs to 'make sense' from a theoretical point of view, risk must be transferred to the private investor and/or service provider

Hypothesis: Responses to Covid-19 show that only limited performance and financial risk is taken on by private and third-sector parties to OBCs

### O Preliminary findings

- Cabinet Office PPN 02/20 Supplier relief due to Covid-19: "Where contracts operate 'payment by result' or are 'output / outcome' based, payments to suppliers should be made on the basis of a calculation of the average of the last three months' invoices" [even if performance is suspended/disrupted]
- **Example:** Project Apollo (Care Leavers SIB Sheffield) "approximately half our care leavers have (hopefully temporarily) dropped out of the programme as it is simply not at the top of their agenda at this moment in time...our 'big ticket' outcomes of entry into education; employment; and sustained employment are not there given that educational and training establishments are currently closed...changes to the rate card to reflect this are not currently under discussion though we are hopeful of exploring some flexibility around length of contract"
- In a society-wide crisis government is expected to underwrite risk...and for some public services
  outcome risk can never meaningfully be transferred, although financial risk of intervention may
  be



#### O The exception that proves the rule? And broader implications...

- To the extent that responses to Covid-19 are exceptional, they may not allow us to draw general conclusions about risk transfer under OBCs
- **BUT** risk transfer only really matters when things go 'off-piste'; if everything goes to plan then it doesn't matter who the risk sits with
- If risk transfer is illusory, then parties to OBCs (and other public contracts) could save a lot of time and money (insurance, legal, etc) arguing about it
- Size of market of potential providers of OBCs may also be reduced by perceived levels of risk attaching to these types of contract
- User choice: only government can mandate the use of a particular provider, so it often won't make sense to transfer take-up risk to private parties
- **Innovation:** some degree of risk may help encourage innovation in public services, but too much has the opposite effect!





# Thank you!

# **Abby Semple**

**Public Procurement Analysis** 

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- Does outcomes-based contracting (OBC) work for or against innovation?
- Does OBC allow for more innovative responses to the Covid-19 crisis than other forms of contracting?
- How has financial risk allocation in SIBs changed in response to Covid-19?



Audience comments welcome! Please share your experiences and reflections on these questions in the Chat. We will pick up your comments in the Q&A after the moderated discussion. Thank you all for participating and we hope to see you tomorrow!



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#### 11:00 (BST) DEEP DIVE

Teasing out the SIB effect: emerging evidence and practical insights Impact bonds and outcomes funds

#### **11:00 PEER LEARNING**

My way or the highway: services for vulnerable groups *Collaboration and communities* 

#### **13:00 BIG PICTURE SESSION**

Pricing "Value": Adrian Towse, Jonathan Wolff, Mildred Warner, and Rachel Silverman Measurement and metrics

16:30 FINAL SESSION Reimagining social change for the post-Covid-19 world: Mara Airoldi in conversation with Sir Paul Collier and Alnoor Ebrahim



International Network for Data on Impact and Government Outcomes

# Social Outcomes Conference INDIGO Peer Learning Session



#### September 3, 2020 15:00 BST





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# **INDIGO Peer Learning at SOC20**





Eleanor Carter, GO Lab (Co-chair)



Ruairi Macdonald, GO Lab



Chloe Tye, Big Issue Invest



Susan de Witt, Bertha Centre & UNDP



Steefan Verhulst, Gov Lab NYU

Claudia Coppenolle,



Cori Zarek, Beeck Center (Co-chair)



Ian Makgill, Spend Network & OpenOpps



Oscar Hernandez, Open Contracting Partnership



Lavinia Pastore,

**U** of Rome Tor Vergata

## INDIGO Peer Learning Group Data & Transparency





Our Chair for the first part is Eleanor Carter, Research Director, Government Outcomes Lab (GO Lab), University of Oxford

### INDIGO Peer Learning Group Data & Transparency



Agenda Session is being recorded.

Part 1: Discussion: An emerging data collaborative. A What?! Why?

- Short panel presentations. Five minutes per panellist. Until 15.45
- Questions and discussion from 16:45 to 15:55 Please post questions in the chat throughout.

Part 2: Hack-and-Learn Show and Tell

- Team presentations. Five minutes per team. Until 16.20
- Questions and discussion from 16:20 to 16:30 Please post questions in the chat throughout.

# INDIGO Peer Learning Group



Data & Transparency

# Part 1. An emerging data collaborative. What? Why?







Ruairi Macdonald, Research Associate Government Outcomes Lab (GO Lab), University of Oxford

Next up at 15:10: Chloe Tye

## Why INDIGO? See use cases on our website and the peer leaning session video from June 2020.

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Researcher / Evaluator (e.g. GO Lab)	to see how different projects are designed and how they perform and make comparisons	I can start to understand factors that contribute to success (or not) and design further research.
Local govt. policymaker	to see homelessness outcomes in other projects	I can design a homelessness contract for my local community.
Outcome payer	to see how procurement and contracts have been set up	I can implement a similar or different programme for funding issues within my mission.
Service provider	to see what funders are around, what they offer, and what a good deal looks like	I can navigate this world without too much distraction from my core mission.
Social Investor	To be able to explain how social investment works, including my provision of non-financial technical assistance	I can more efficiently explain my role to commissioners and small social enterprises.
Civil society organisation	to know whether projects are effectively fighting inequality, injustice, climate change,[SDGs?]	I know what initiatives to promote / support and what initiatives are harmful.

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# What is INDIGO?



Our International Network for Data on Impact and Government Outcomes (INDIGO) is a community of peers with a shared interest in data and social outcomes. INDIGO sits across three layers:

- i. Community
- ii. System

iii. Data



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#### INDIGO Quarterly Collaborative Cycle (September 2020)

**1.** GO Lab staff process spreadsheets, do research, and enter data into the INDIGO database system. INDIGO Data Dictionary and INDIGO Data Template Spreadsheet -are key tools at all stages. HI **3.** Project parties can download and update spreadsheets. Ħ Parties send updated spreadsheets to GO Lab.

**2.** Visualisations on the GO Lab website are updated. A quarterly copy of the dataset is published as a CSV file with commentary.

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Chloe Tye Social Impact analyst Big Issue Invest

Next up: at 15:15 Susan de Witt





Susan de Witt Bertha Centre for Social Innovation and Entrepreneurship, University of Cape Town

Next up at 15:20: Claudia Coppenolle





Claudia Coppenolle Co-Founder & CEO, IMP+ACT Alliance

#### Next up at 15:25: Ian Makgill





### Ian Makgill Founder, Spend Network & OpenOpps

Next up at 15:30: Oscar Hernandez





#### Oscar Hernandez

Senior Program Manager, Latin America, Open Contracting Partnership,

Colombia

Next up at 15:35: Lavinia Pastore





#### Lavinia Pastore University of Rome Tor Vergata, Italy

Next up at 15:40: Stefaan Verhulst





Stefaan Verhulst The Gov Lab, New York University





# Any questions or comments?

Next up at 15:55: Hack and Learn

## INDIGO Peer Learning Group Data & Transparency





Our Chair for the second part is Cori Zarek, Director of Data + Digital Beeck Center for Social Impact and Innovation University of Georgetown

#### Part 2. Hack-and-Learn: Show and Tell



#### Where are participants from?



Heads Up: Question for teams coming

#### Part 2. Hack-and-Learn: Show and Tell





Part 2. Hack-and-Learn: Show and Tell



3 teams showing their results and/or visualisations!

Team 1. Social Network Analysis (16:00 to 16:05) Team 2. Social Outcomes and SDGs (16:05 to 16:10) Team 3. Social investment prototype (16:10 to 16:15)

Questions and answers from Hack-and-Learn participants from 16:15 to 16:25

Heads Up: Question for teams coming!







#### Part 2. Hack-and-Learn: Show and Tell The SIB network around the world







### Some remarks about our work – Hackteam #1

- Opportunities of Social Network Analysis
  - Different approaches to try
- Opportunities and challenges around data
  - Data structuring and cleaning up



Potential Solutions: Intuitive Design

Peer support (Hack and Learn!)

Fast / Slow Data Distinction



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Challenge 2 - Data Validation Structure – Freetext Outcomes

Potential Solutions: Standard Categories for Outcomes

## (Freetext) Detail Sections



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Challenge 3 - Quick Fix Language Adjustments

Potential Solutions: "Raising Finance" vs "Fundraising" Private / Public data toggle

Clear way to contact / edit the data template – quarterly quick fix committee





End Goal – Data that is:

Extensive

Accurate

Comparable



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## How to stay involved:



- 1. Keep hacking slack channels will stay open
- 2. Use the data and help improve definitions via Data Dictionary and Data Definition Improvement tool
- 3. Work with us now hiring 'Data Steward' role
- 4. Let us know about any project updates: indigo@bsg.ox.ac.uk
- 5. Spread the word let people know about INDIGO, join our mail list and...
- Join us at next INDIGO peer learning session on 24th September

## INDIGO Peer Learning Group: Closing remarks & Thanks





#### Chair Eleanor Carter, Research Director, Government Outcomes Lab (GO Lab), University of Oxford

Email indigo@bsg.ox.ac.uk to join mail list, receive latest news and/or provide feedback.



# Close of Day III

#### We'll be back live tomorrow, at 11:00 BST

Find the Zoom links at: https://golab.bsg.ox.ac.uk/soc20

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