

Social Outcomes Conference 2022

8-9th September Online and in-person in Oxford

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Academic Symposium: Governance & institutional logics in outcomes-focused partnerships

Chair: Dr Eleanor Carter



Welcome to "Governance & institutional logics in outcome-focused partnerships"



08:15 Welcome by chair (Dr Eleanor Carter, Government Outcomes Lab)

08:20 Introductory presentations by the panel:

Cornelia Nyssing, *Project Manager Sustainable Social Market Economics, Bertelsmann Foundation*

Julia Bahlmann & Antonia Muhr, PhD Candidate, University of St Gallen; PhD student Vienna University of Business and Economics

Luigi Corvo; Lavinia Pastore & Giulio Pasi, Associate Professor, Milan-Bicocca University; Co-founder, Open Impact; Policy Officer for Social Investment European Commission

Alec Fraser, Lecturer King's College London Business School

Franziska Rosenbach, Research Associate Government Outcomes Lab

08:45 Panel discussion

09:10 Round-up and close

Admin!





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Bertelsmann Stiftung initiated two Social Impact Bonds in Germany

- Bertelsmann Stiftung was a **pioneer** in the field of impact investing in Germany and has been active in this field in various roles since 2013
 - bulding knowledge > basic research
 - building networks > peer learning
 - most recently as practical tester of social impact bonds
- first SIB in Germany: JuMP Youth with perspective 2013 2015
 - entry into training or employment for 25 NEET youngsters
- Bertelsmann Stiftung initiated two local SIB pilots from 2017 2022
 - Prevention in **Family Assistance Programmes** in the district of Osnabrück
 - 2.

Strengthening Educational Opportunities forChildrenin the City of Mannheim



Bertelsmann Stiftung

Prevention in Family Assistance Programmes in the district of Osnabrück from 2017 - 2022

- piloting the parenting program Triple P level 4/5 as a more effective and quick family assistance intervention than conventional more invasive ones
- for 33 families in need of individual assistance due to familyrelated challenges
- in the statutory area
- outcomes:
 - about 2/3 of the families improved their situation in a sustainable, measurable way
 - net savings of almost 50% in comparison to conventional programms
 - Triple P has already been integrated in regular range of family assistance services
 - Saving and repayments will be used again for preventive work in the district of Osnarbrück



Bertelsmann Stiftung

- piloting the Integrative Campus Pestalozzi School (ISC) as an additional, needs-based support programme for pupils with educational disadvantages due to their origins
- two cohorts of primary school children (~150) in particular with a migrant background who are at risk of poor educational performance
- in the voluntary area
- outcomes:
 - improvement of German, math and social skills of the pupils (according to evaluation)
 - elements of the ISC were taken over into the school concept of the Pestalozzi School
 - transferable findings on individual elements of the ISC, e.g. on the successful improvement of mathematics didactics, will be used to advise and develop other schools



Welfare states between tradition and innovation: Opportunities and challenges of establishing Social Impact Bonds in Germany

Social Outcomes Conference Academic Symposium: Governance & institutional logics in outcomes-focused partnerships 9 September 8:15am BST Antonia Muhr & Julia Bahlmann

I. Research Design

Research Question: Which challenges arise from the welfare state characteristics of Germany as conservative/corporate welfare state and from the different institutional logics of the actors involved?

Status quo:

Germany shows a hesitant development in the implementation of SIBs with only 3 SIBs successfully implemented
→ strong welfare characteristics
→ SIB development stayed niche
→ commitment of the federal government to strengthen Germany as a role model for sustainable

Theoretical lens:

 Welfare state theories (Esping-Andersen/Anheier et al.)
 → focus on the structures and interdependencies of Germany

- Institutional Logic Perspective (Thornton et al.)

 \rightarrow perspective to understand different field logics of actors and the complexity within

Method:

Phenomena driven research
(Eisenhardt & Graebner) based on
a single case study

- Expert interviews with actors involved in SIBs, data evaluation with qualitative content analysis method (Mayring)

II. First Key Results

- Structural and cultural factors hindering the establishment of SIBs
 - Structural: multi-level problem (subsidiarity), financing problems (public sector & investors)
 - Cultural: missing social investment culture, lack of cultural embedding of SIBs
- Clash of different logics increases the complexity of the situation and open potential room for conflict (transparency & communication issues), which could be balanced out by intermediary structures
- Narrative of SIBs insufficiently clarified: Are SIBs needed in Germany and if so, which function can they fulfil? → Need for joint debate among all stakeholders

Question or ideas? We are happy to connect!



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The controversial relationship between public value and social impact bonds: Insights from an Italian social innovation program

> Luigi Corvo – University of Bicocca Milan Lavinia Pastore - University of Bicocca Milan Giulio Pasi – European Commission

Public Value and Social Impact

- Are these two concepts convergent?
- SIBs are in line with public value purposes?
- This paper investigates the possible convergences and conflicts among the SIBs and the public value space
- The literature has highlighted the concept of public disvalue (Esposito and Ricci, 2015)
- Here we discuss the possible contradictions between public value and the value of the public

Italian Social Innovation Fund (FIS)

- FIS is a Public Policy issued by the Italian Presidency of Council of Ministries
- Its aim is to boost social innovation approaches within local governments through a 3 years investments programme
- 21 local projects lead by Municipalities have been selected
- The projects are focused on 3 social issues: social inclusion, cultural participation, education
- Each project is composed by several partners:
 - Local Government
 - Social Enterprise and/or SME
 - Private funder
 - Impact evaluator
- The 3 years are scheduled as follows:
 - 1) Feasibility study
 - 2) Impact exeperimentation
 - 3) SIB for scaling the impacts



Methods

- Research etnography has been applied.
- The authors have actively participated to the FIS activities:
 - Focus groups with local governments and their partners (more than 50)
 - 12 Semi structured interviews with key actors
 - Policy design co-working session (more than 20)
- These activities have followed the policy flow and its aims are:
 - set up an impact-based model for addressing social needs;
 - engage private investors to enhance current impact investing schemes;
 - build impact-based arrangements among stakeholders;
 - share the lessons learned among stakeholders to favour the development of new impact investing schemes.

Findings



1) The semantic issue about impact and outcome

2) From words to thoughts: the impact thinking perspective

3) The ecosystem approach as complexity management framework

4) The clear visualization of Public Disvalue vs the uncluear visualization of Public Value

Conclusions

1) The contraddiction among Public Value and Value of the Public

2) High public budget attention for cutback plans and scarse capacity of imagining the public value creation processes (problems in applying the Next Generation EU)

3) The FIS has revealed 3 levels of generative conflicts:

1) federal conflicts between local and central govrnments

2) temporal conflicts between shortermism and medium-long term view

3) political conflict about the role of the Public and, consequently, the emergence of an implicit tension between slow reformism view vs reinventing the public space

Thank you!

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Can the use of outcomes-based contracts lead to the implementation of more effective HIV services?

KING'S College LONDON

Alec Fraser & Clare Coultas King's College London, UK





Background

- The Elton John AIDS Foundation Zero HIV SIB programme ran in South London from 2018-21.
- The goals of the programme included improving the health outcomes of people living with HIV by linking them into HIV treatment either as a new diagnosis or through re-engagement with NHS services if already diagnosed but not receiving treatment.
- Mixed methods service evaluation combining descriptive statistics, documentary analyses and 31 stakeholder interviews conducted towards the end of the SIB programme.
- This research was funded by King's Business School and supported by the South London NIHR Applied Research Collaboration.

Alec Fraser, Clare Coultas & Alexis Karamanos Final report March 2022



An investigation into the implementation and sustainability of activities and system changes designed to bring us closer to an AIDS free future.





KING'S BUbttpe://www.kshac.uk/business//assets/research/psmo/Service-Evaluation-of-the-Elton-John-AIDS-Foundation's-Zero-HIV-Social-Impact-Bond-intervention-in-South-London.pdf





The programme successfully mitigated many of the existing organisational and financial factors that had led to fragmented local HIV services through:

- 1. Improved inter-organisational networked working and effective leadership.
- 2. Informants perceived the increased use of data and monitoring and the realignment of incentives as positively promoting collaboration and better outcomes.
- 3. More flexible financing through the SIB negated many aspects of the existing siloed payments systems for various aspects of HIV services.
- 4. There were challenges too for instance with SIB contracts complicating existing contractual commitments for some community providers.



Policy implications and next steps

- This service evaluation suggests that <u>outcomes-based contracts can lead to the</u> <u>implementation of more effective HIV</u> <u>services</u> through radical changes to the 'outer-setting' (Damschroder et al., 2009) of the implementation context in S. London encouraging improved inter-organisational collaboration and better targeted funding for specific HIV services.
- The programme has had wider implications and impacts upon regional (ICS) HIV service redesign and national (NHS England)HIV policy funding decisions.

• Further research needed!

- The *health economics* implications of the different HIV interventions developed through the programme (+/- SIB financing element) require detailed analysis.
- Questions remain about the wider *transferability* of learning from this case (both in terms of HIV services and outcomes-based contracts).
- Questions remain about the *sustainability* of these improvements in S. London *after the SIB financing has gone*.





Governance as a moderator to institutional pluralism in public service networks

Social Outcomes Conference 9 September 2022 Franziska Rosenbach, Felix-Anselm van Lier, Fernando Domingos & Eleanor Carter



Method



- Case study approach: Kirklees Better Outcomes Partnership
- Primary data source: 32 expert interviews
- Coding: mixed inductive-deductive strategy
 - 1. Stage of analysis: Identification of competing institutional logics using the IL framework by Thornton et al. (2012); *applied logics: market and community*
 - 2. Stage of analysis: SIB's response to logic multiplicity using the lens of organisational governance
 - How did governance structure, processes and members (Battilana et al., 2017) feature a practice of logic integration, differentiation or a combination of both (e.g. Battalina et al., 2015; Smets et al., 2015)?

The SIB's Competing Logics



Conflicting concepts	Payment-by-result	Personalisation
Basis of strategy	Efficiency	User Responsiveness
Basis of attention	Achievement of KPI targets	Frontline Staff Discretion
Ideal Logic	Market Logic	Community Logic

The SIB's Organisational Response to Logic Multiplicity



Governance mechanism	Ideal Logic underpinning governance	Mitigation mechanism	Response
Member	Market & Community Logic	Hybrid professional expertise creating legitimacy & trust to implement mgmt. strategies aligned to both logics	Integration
Board	Market Logic	N/A	Differentiation
Process	Market & Community Logic	Use of control- & empowerment - oriented processes	Combination of Differentiation & Integration



- Importance of 'pluralist' managers (Besharvo, 2014) to mitigate tensions and create unifying force across providers for delivery under a Payment-by-result arrangement
- Further investigation on board dynamics is needed to examine whether and how SIB boards maintain an attention to both logics
- Limited generalisability



Thank you!

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- How do different welfare traditions influence the implementation and dissemination of SIBs?
- How do diverging welfare traditions shape the manifestation and response to different institutional logics?
- What role does governance and leadership play in mediating different institutional logics?

We hope to see you at the SOC22 closing public talk 9 Sept 6pm BST





Join us for a conversation with Professor Stefan Dercon on how to achieve mission alignment from senior stakeholders and shared commitment to action from those involved in the implementation, as well as building in timely learning practices. Find out more: https://golab.bsg.ox.ac.uk/soc22





Thank you!

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Roundtable 2.1 Evidence and practical insights from the UK's Life Chances Fund projects

Chairs: Dr Eleanor Carter & Andreea Anastasiu, University of Oxford



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The Government Outcomes Lab







A brief introduction to the Life Chances Fund

Practical insights & emerging evidence from the LCF projects' journey so far:

Unlocking collaboration at local level & empowering civil society

The value added of outcome-focused partnership working

Sustainability & legacy
An overview of the Life Chances Fund





James Magowan DCMS, UK Government



Roger Winhall The National Lottery Community Fund



Dr Eleanor Carter University of Oxford



The Life Chances Fund

Department for Digital, Culture Media & Sport

The **overall aim** of the Life Chances Fund is to help people in society who face the most significant barriers to leading happy and productive lives.

By **supporting locally-designed approaches to complex social issues** through central government top-up funding, the LCF is helping to **promote collaboration between local and national actors** working to improve social outcomes for citizens. The LCF's overall ambition is underpinned by a number of objectives:



Department for Digital, Culture Media & Sport

29 projects in delivery

LCF Programme **Overview**

LCF funding is being used in tandem with £114m committed by other commissioners to support locallydesigned solutions to complex social issues

Over 51,000 people are expected to achieve improved social outcomes as a result of the interventions being delivered via the LCF

Life Chances Fund - A snapshot





Source: GO Lab Global Impact Bond Dataset, September 2022

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Research and Learning: Case studies & knowledge resources





Chances >

The Chances SIB aims to use sport and physical activity to provide new opportunities and alternative life pathways for children and young people in disadvantaged areas whilst improving their health and wellbeing.

Impact bond Health and wellbeing Child and family welfare UK

Last updated 31 May 2022



Future Impact >

The Future Impact SIB aims to support young people aged 15 to 24 with special educational needs in Nottingham and Nottinghamshire through education and training programmes to ultimately move into and sustain employment or voluntary work.

Impact bond Employment and training Education UK

Last updated 22 Jun 2022



Kirklees Better Outcomes Partnership (KBOP) >

The Kirklees Better Outcomes Partnership (KBOP) impact bond aims to secure better outcomes for disadvantaged Kirklees residents.

Impact bond Homelessness Health and wellbeing Employment and training UK

Last updated 3 Aug 2022



Mental Health and Employment Partnership (MHEP) >

MHEP involves five place-based outcomes contracts (i.e., five SIB projects) that support people experiencing mental health issues or learning disabilities to find and remain in competitive, paid work in the UK.

Impact bond Health and wellbeing Employment and training UK

Last updated 2 Sep 2022

https://golab.bsg.ox.ac.uk/knowledge-bank/case-studies/

Life Chances Fund - research & learning





Life Chances Fund - research & learning



Commissioning and contracting mechanism

Fund-level programme evaluation

SIB mechanism evaluation

LCF project-led evaluation Frontline intervention

What are we evaluating? Did the Social Impact Bond make a difference to the outcomes achieved, compared to alternative commissioning approaches?

Our publications





LCF EVALUATION

An introduction to Life Chances Fund projects and their early adaptations to Covid-19

INTERIM REPORT December 2021



The use of social impact bonds in children's social care: A comparative analysis of project justifications and design considerations in the Life Chances Fund

SUMMARY REPORT May 2021





Kirklees Integrated Support Service And Better Outcomes Partnership The first report from a longitudinal evaluation of a Life Chances Fund Impact Bond

FRANZISKA ROSENBACH AND DR ELEANOR CARTER December 2020 We'll be publishing more reports so do keep an eye out!

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https://golab.bsg.ox.ac.uk/ knowledge-bank/resources



Discussion: Practical insights & emerging evidence from the journey so far

Unlocking collaboration at local level & empowering civil society

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Practical Insights & emerging evidence from the journey so far



1. Unlocking collaboration at local level & empowering civil society

Kirklees Better Outcomes Partnership

The Pause Project

Future Impact





Mila Lukic Bridges Outcomes Partnerships Sarah Cooke Kirklees Better Outcomes Partnership Robbie Smyth Bridges Outcomes Partnerships (Pause Project)



Esther Murray Future for You

Practical Insights & emerging evidence from the journey so far



2. The value added of outcome-focused partnership working

Analysis: The Value Created by SOCs	
in the UK	

The Mental Health & Employment Partnership

Outcomes-based partnerships in Norfolk



Neil Stanworth ATQ Consultants



Liam Thornton Social Finance UK



Tanyah Hameed Social Finance UK



Partnerships



Sarah Cubitt Norfolk County Council

Bethany Small NHS Norfolk and Waveney ICB

Methodology





High, medium and low confidence ratings Net present social value (total value minus outcome payments) Benefit cost ratio (total value relative to outcome payments)



By sector (Net present social value and Benefit cost ratio)

Child & family welfare	Education	Employment and Training	Health	Homelessness
£353 m	£35 m	£566 m	£157 m	£169 m
10.9	6.1	17.7	8.6	5.0

Introduction to the Mental Health and Employment Partnership (MHEP)

What is MHEP?

The Mental Health and Employment Partnership is a company set up by Big Issue Invest and Social Finance in 2015 to invest in individual placement and support and similar supported employment services.

Why was it set up?

At the point of its founding a strong majority of persons living with severe mental illness wanted to work, yet less than 10% were. MHEP seeks to address this inequity and improve access to employment for this cohort through commissioning individual placement and support services.

What is IPS?

Individual placement and support (IPS) is a model of supported employment which integrates & values employment as part of the treatment of severe mental illness (SMI). It involves intensive, individual support, a rapid job search followed by placement in paid employment, & timeunlimited in-work support for both the employee & the employer.

Who does MHEP work with?

MHEP partners with local commissioners, national funders and providers to deliver IPS, or IPS adjacent, services to persons with SMI, learning disabilities or a history of addiction. It has invested in 14 areas to date and currently commissions 5 operational services.

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Insights from the Mental Health Employment Partnership (MHEP)

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Liam Thornton and Tanyah Hameed



SOCIAL FINANCE

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What is the value added by the MHEP and SOC approach?



Social Finance

Sustainability





Sustainability



Kirklees Better Outcomes Partnership

The Chances Project

Practical insights from chairing SIBs in the UK & internationally



Emma Hanley Kirklees Council



Sangita Patel Substance



Richard Johnson GO Lab Visiting Fellow of Practice



Thank you!

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Break

In-person: Join us in the Inamori Forum

COMING UP NEXT: Big Picture Session at 11.45 BST Data with a purpose: Insights from an emerging learning collaborative for outcomes-based partnerships





Roundtable 2.2 Balancing act: measuring what matters in outcomes-based partnerships

Chair: Nigel Ball



Measuring What Matters: Prosperous Pacific Families

- Pacific families in New Zealand experience significant and persistent inequities. To transform our future, we established the first Pacific commissioning agency and co-designed an outcomes framework with our community.
- We have invested \$149 million, reached 328,947 individuals, improved over 132,000 family outcomes and supported 67% of the Pacific population during lockdowns.
- Measurement is more than assuring funders and providing confidence. Measurement, most importantly, enables *families* on their journey to prosperity.
- To harness our collective power, we have a relational commissioning model and invest in growing the capacity and capability of our organisation and our partners to measure and achieve outcomes





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Break



In-person: Join us in the Inamori Forum

Zoom: Stay on Zoom for informal discussions in breakout groups

COMING UP NEXT: Deep dive sessions at 2:00pm BST

- Outcomes are knotty for public procurement
- Exploring the role of outcomes-based contracting for environmental management
- Let's be friends: outcomes contracts & relational contracting

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Deep Dive 2.1 Outcomes are knotty for public procurement

Chair: Professor Anne Davies





Social Outcomes Conference **Deep Dive: Outcomes are knotty** for public

procurement

9 September 2:00pm BST



Chair

Professor Anne

Davies Oxford Law

Faculty



Ruairi Macdonald Government **Outcomes Lab**

Dr Elizabeth Newman-Earl Chandler E50k Consultancy Education **Outcomes Fund**



Stephen

Speakers

BLAVATNIK SCHOOL OF GOVERNMENT



Dr Felipe Roa-Clavijo **Andes University**





Marcos Rodriguez Fazzone United Nations Food and Agriculture Program

Nadiya Parekh Sonoma State University



Mayra Gramani Education **Outcomes Fund**

This session will explore the differences of procuring services on an outcomes basis, instead of an activities basis, by looking at market engagement, requirements specification, procurement procedures, tender valuation, contract design and modifications, payments, and oversight. Find out more: <u>https://golab.bsg.ox.ac.uk/soc22</u>







Engaging with diverse solutions in homelessness: Are governments missing the social value potential in alternative approaches?



Nadiya Parekh Sonoma State University



Opportunities for family farming through public procurement of food in Colombia





Marcos Rodriguez Fazzone United Nations Food and Agriculture Program Dr Felipe Roa-Clavijo Andes University

Opportunities for family farming through public procurement of food in Colombia

Felipe Roa-Clavijo School of Government Universidad de Los Andes Marcos Rodríguez Fazzone FAO Colombia




How can national and local governments collaborate with family farmers to



Create inclusive markets for marginalsied small farmers

Invigorate local economies: employment, incomes, innovation



Improve nutrition of beneficiaries through local diets

Local supply with local producers



Transparency

Legislative background

All public agencies

That purchase food with public resources oriented to consumption (hospitals, prisons) and distribution (school feeding programmes)

Should purchase a minimum of **30%** of all its food to **Local family farmers.**

Law 2046 of 2020

National Task Force on Food Public Procurement

Food demand institutions



institutions involved in technical assistance for food supply





Other potential institutional markets:

Armed forces Hospitals Elderly homes Local school feeding programmes



Percentages of food public procurement participation





Where does food come from?





Organización de las Naciones Unidas para la Alimentación y la Agricultura

www.fao.org/colombia

Organización de las Naciones Unidas para la Alimentación y la Agricultura FAO Cll 72 # 7-82, Oficina 702 Bogotá. Colombia Teléfono: (57) +1 346 51 01 ext: 135

Challenges of food public procurement

Data and capacity

- Quantity
- Quality
- Safety
- Location
- Seasonality

Infrastructure

- For production: storage, cold chain
- Transport

Sustainability



Department of Huila

First department to create the Task Force on Public Procurement on Food

Prioritised local produce in the regional School Feeding Programme:

- engaged 1,700 producers
- Local produce: rice, beans.

Actions for strenghthening smallholder's production: technical assistance

30% to 50% purchased to family farmers

Creation of family farmers data base

Steps for food public procurement at the local level

- 1. Estimate food demand by public procurement estimate local production by family farmers associations.
- Design a technical assistance plan for family farmers associations (quantity, quality, safety)
- 3. Coordination between local actors participating in food public procurement
- 4. Creation of institutional architecture for food public procurement
- 5. Citizen participation in the contract process and monitoring of food public procurement





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MODELOS DE ARTICULACIÓN DE LA AGRICULTURA FAMILIAR

CON LAS CADENAS DE ABASTECIMIENTO DE ALIMENTOS DE LOS MERCADOS INSTITUCIONALES EN COLOMBIA. SISTEMATIZACIÓN DE EXPERIENCIAS





"It can't be done here"; Challenging and changing service provision for Armed Forces Families



Dr Elizabeth Newman-Earl E50k Consultancy





GoLabs - Outcomes are knotty for public procurement

"It can't be done here", challenging and changing service provision for Armed Forces families.

> Dr. Elizabeth Newman-Earl Partner / CEO e50K

> > #bethechange

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FDIS: A reframing of the end-user

FDIS contracts [were] developed with Service Personnel and families firmly in mind and in developing them, DIO collaborated closely with stakeholders including Service Personnel [and] their families [...] to ensure that their needs were fully considered

(GOV.UK 2022)







FDIS: A reframing of the end-user

"The Supplier shall be responsible for the delivery of Services across the Affected Property, to ensure that it is maintained in a safe, legal and operational condition and to enhance the lived experience of occupants of SFA."

"The Supplier shall identify how the provision of services shall improve the social and economic wellbeing of Service personnel and their families and the wider community."

(GOV.UK 2022)



e50K Development Timeline





Underpinning Values



Engagement

Education



Employment



Enterprise







Project: Bramble Woodlands



Descriptor: 3.5 acres of crown estate zoned into 3 distinct spaces

- No-dig allotments and polytunnels
- · Educational woodland retreat and health, wellbeing
- Meditation and reflection area

Objective: To co-design, co-create, develop and sustain an intergenerational agricultural and woodland space bringing together those from the Armed Forces community and neighbouring civilian communities

Community Input: c3000 staff hours to date, £150,000 initial investment with £31,000 of grants and in kind donations

Social Outcome: Increased participation in education and employment, improved mental health and well being and reduced social isolation.

Strategy (Years 3-5):



Project: Move You In Packs

Descriptor: The ideation, co-design and delivery of over 6000 sustainable welcome boxes per annum sourcing products from SMEs plus veteran & spousal led companies for families moving into Service Family Accommodation.

Objective: Create an opportunity for service families to feel valued and that their needs have been considered as they arrive at their new posting

Community Input:

Social Outcome: Participation of 45 community members in the co-design of a product which supports the lived experience of those within the community. The economic benefit of 666 employed hours to those within the community to support the delivery of the units

Strategy 3-6 Years: Through profit raised reinvest into the community to develop an Armed Forces



Project: Move You In Packs







Project: Service Family Accommodation Engagement Groups

Descriptor: The ideation, co-design and delivery of a Residents Association for Armed Forces families including a pilot and 3-year design and delivery model.

Objective: Create opportunity for service families to improve social, economic and environmental issues affecting their neighbourhood

Community Input: Engagement with small sample group to develop concept idea. Creating partnerships with civilian Residents Associations minimising gap between armed forces communities and wider civilian counterparts



Social Outcome: Supporting and facilitating discussion opportunities to cause effective change within service delivery. Provision of Essential Skills development within AF community



The Knotty Problem

How to value value?









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Social Outcomes Contracting in Europe -- Procurement Guide





Ruairi Macdonald Government Outcomes Lab Mayra Gramani Education Outcomes Fund



Coming

Soon

European Investment Advisory Hub

Europe's gateway to investment support

SOCIAL OUTCOMES CONTRACTING IN EUROPE – PROCUREMENT GUIDE

A public procurement-focused guide to social outcomes contracting in European Union Member States

In the framework of the Social Outcomes Contracting Advisory Platform, in partnership with the Government Outcomes Lab, University of Oxford









Financial scoring in outcomes-based procurement: pitfalls and best practices



Stephen Chandler Education Outcomes Fund

How does financial scoring of bids differ under outcomes-based procurement?

- 1. Bidders will be submitting a **price per outcome**, not a budget for delivering a service
- 2. Prices per outcome can contain **implicit assumptions about scope & targets** (which you may wish to include in your scoring)
- 3. Price scoring formulas for mature service-based programs may not work as intended
- 4. It will likely be one of the **first few times** that commissioners / providers will be bidding on price-per-outcome

Overview of Price Scoring Formulas

	Туре	Description	Example Formula	Advantages	Risks
Preferred	Absolute Scoring	Scores bids against an objective price per outcome, (e.g. by applying a discount to a maximum price,)	<u>Price_{max} – Price_i Price_{max}</u>	 ✓ Provides objective standard ✓ Bidders have clarity on their own financial score 	 Requires commissioner to know (or calculate) an objective benchmark Benchmark may distort bidder behaviours
	Price per quality point (PQP) scoring	Dividing price by quality score to give a price per quality point	Price _i Quality Score _i	 ✓ Discourages bidders from simply chasing the lowest price possible, 	 Highly disparate bids can result in the same PQP score.
	Relative Scoring	Scoring bids' price per outcome against other bids	Price _{lowest bid} Price _i	 ✓ Commissioner does not have to provide a benchmark price 	 Bidders cannot know how they will perform a priori Penalises middle-ranking bids Ranking can be heavily distorted by outliers / irrelevant bids

Under Relative Price scoring, bid rankings can be affected the performance of an "irrelevant" bid

Scoring Formula using Relative Prices

$$Score_{i} = [Quality_{i} \times 70\%] + \left[\frac{Price_{lowest bid}}{Price_{i}} \times 30\%\right]$$

$$Quality Score_{i} \qquad Financial Score_{i}$$

With 3 bids, Bidder B wins

	Quality Score <i>(max 70)</i>	Price (\$)	Financial Score <i>(max 30)</i>	Total Score	Rank
Bidder A	60	\$100	15	75	2
Bidder B	57	\$75	20	77	1
Bidder C	40	\$50	30	70	3

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$$With a new low-cost bidder, Bidder A now wins$$

$$Quality_{Score}_{(max 70)} \qquad Price_{(s)} \qquad Financial_{Score}_{(max 30)} \qquad Total_{Score} \qquad Rank$$

$$Bidder A = 60 \qquad \$100 \qquad 15 \qquad 75 \qquad 2$$

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57

40

\$75

\$50

20

30

Bidder A

Bidder B

Bidder C

Relative pricing disadvantages middle-ranking prices

• Relative pricing features an "anomaly" where bids are scored non-linearly, despite equal difference in prices



Good practices in price scoring for outcomesbased procurement

- 1. Engage the procurement team from the very beginning
- 2. Make sure **bidders understand your payment function**, and how the price they submit will result in payment
- 3. Give **clear assumptions on pricing** where necessary (e.g. if using benchmarks, include the assumptions that got to that benchmark
- 4. Pick your scoring formula carefully
 - Avoid formulas that have non-linear functions, and purely relative formulas
 - Run multiple scenarios, and see how your formula will react to extreme prices
- 5. If necessary, build in a **degree of flexibility in pricing during implementation**, but specify precisely upfront



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Deep Dive 2.2 Exploring the role of outcomesbased contracting for environmental management

Chair: James Ronicle


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Using outcomes-based contracting to tackle the climate crisis

A systematic review of the evidence

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Service commissioner

Payment conditional on achievement of pre-agreed outcomes

Private or nonprofit *organisation*



18 Studies | 71 outcomes contracts

Policy area	# studies	# outcomes contracts
Energy	7	51
Water	4	8
Pollution/Waste management	4	8
Agriculture	3	2
Sustainable infrastructure	2	2
Total	20*	71

*figure exceeds 18 because one of the studies addressed three policy areas





Heterogenous interventions

Evidence is USA- skewed

Interventions are environmental and social







- realistic

- flexible?

Incentive design...

MetricsTargets- clearly-defined- I- easily verified- I

Energy saving performance contracts Successfully deliver savings **Operate at scale** Single metric Solid understanding of what works



Can the energy model be applied to other environmental policy areas?



See full report here





GREEN OUTCOMES FUND

The Green Outcomes Fund (GOF)

SOC22: Lessons from two years of the Green Outcomes Fund in South Africa



Presentation Outline

- What is the Green Outcomes Fund (GOF)
- The Design
- Challenges and Lessons



WHAT IS THE GREEN OUTCOME FUND?

- The Green Outcomes Fund (GOF) is a first-of-its-kind blended-financing structure
- It provides outcomes-based matched concessionary capital to existing and emerging local investment funds to promote investments in green Small Micro-Medium Enterprises (SMMEs) in South Africa by paying for green outcomes generated.

Objective:

To incentivize local fund managers to use new approaches and financing models, targeting high potential and fastgrowing SMMEs operating in South Africa's green economy.

Design Partners:













CATALYTIC FUNDING



The GOF has raised \$5.7m in grant funding from public and private sector entities, unlocking a total of \$30mil for green SMMEs













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Challenges and Lessons

The encounter a variety of challenges which point to viable lessons that can be applied to other funds of similar nature.

Challenges	Lessons
External market factors e.g. (Covid-19, Economy etc.)	 The affect of external factors such Covid-19 highlights the need to have a strong pipeline of fund managers to mitigate the risk of underperformance and build the market. A shift in economic conditions and an increase in uncertainty affected the risk tolerance for both fund managers and SMMEs which affected pipeline and impact targets.
 Fund manager: Pipeline Team commitment 	 Fund manager: Deep sector knowledge and assistance is vital The GOF encourages innovative deal pricing The GOF has helped mitigate risks associated with green SMME investment
SMME: • Pipeline	 SMME: Business development support and technical assistance is necessary and has been provided through participation in the GOF GOF enables SMMEs to receive funding GOF enables growth that has led to job creation The SMMEs have used the investments to purchase equipment, hire new staff (contractors and permanent), develop marketing strategies, and for staff development and training. Incentive to achieve outcomes is not always apparent to SMMEs



Challenges and Lessons

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Challenges	Lessons
Reporting, measurement and metrics	 It is important to provide adequate reporting time Reporting instructions should be clear and use templates Provide support to SMMEs to ensure the correct measurement systems and understanding of these systems are in place for accurate impact data. Consider encouraging the use of outcomes payments to help with reporting and measurement Green outcomes take different times to achieve and produce Outcomes lag investment
Multiple stakeholders	 Requires as strong central team Clear and frequent communication is necessary Encourage openness and high engagement
Knowledge and information management	 Maintaining current and comprehensive operating guidelines mitigates operational risks Knowledge sharing is important



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The intersection of environmental and social outcomes

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Outcomes based models can ensure that projects deliver on environmental outcomes, but do so in a way that aligns with social outcomes



These models set a clear line of sight to ensure that stakeholders are focused to deliver across a range of outcomes



Combined contracts can ensure the financial viability of a programme (payments for multiple outcomes can allow a project to have enough funding)



Nigeria is 9th highest contributor to plastics pollution globally: **2.5m tonnes per annum**

88% is not recycled

Main disposal method is burning

"A danger to the soil, water and air"

Flooding risks

"A threat to marine biodiversity"



Create well paid, safe job alongside the collection of plastics waste



Bamboo is the fastest growing plant in the world

A mature grove of bamboo can generate around 35 percent more oxygen than an equal area of forest, and may sequester up to 4 times more carbon

Bamboo easily replenishes itself after harvesting

Bamboo is a relatively easy crop to grow, and can be grown effectively without much chemical intervention

Bamboo can be a viable alternative to plastics, wood and metal in many uses



Regenerative Agriculture and Livelihoods (REAL)

Fund



14441

>

1,000 ha of bamboo

Environmental

Development

planted sequestering ~20k

tons of CO₂ annually

Women Empowerment







Equitable Livelihoods Upliftment

11,100 rural beneficiaries uplifted socially & economically

18 women-producer enterprises established employing & empowering 3,600 women

Key challenges:



Finding and developing projects where the alignment is clear Defining the balance between environmental and social outcomes – a debate of values

Finding outcome funders who will fund a broad range of outcomes in one project

What happens when the alignment is not clear?

SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT BONDS WILDLIFE CONSERVATION BOND

SOC22 - Deep Dive 2.2 September 2022

Elisson Wright, Senior Environmental Finance Specialist Naomi Cooney, Senior Financial Officer Steen Byskov, Senior Financial Officer



Background to Wildlife Conservation Bond

New Solutions are needed to secure and grow critically endangered black rhino

A new outcome-based mechanism for funding conservation can unlock new financing

USD \$700bn+

estimated annual funding gap in biodiversity conservation

\$20-50m

spent annually on rhino conservation yet continued declines in populations

the number of current rhino funding programs that are tied to rhino outcomes

Lack of available funding and efficiency of deployment limits conservation efforts



Often funds are restricted to defined activities and equipment, therefore not permitting adaptive management in response to changing in-thefield conditions





Wildlife Conservation Bond (WCB) – Key Features

USD150 million bond issued in March 2022

World Bank issued a **5-year outcome-based impact bond** that mobilized private capital to directly finance conservation activities

- Front-loads financing for rhino conservation at two South African parks, through foregone bond coupon payments
- Transfers project outcome risk from donors to investors; success is measured based on rhino population growth rate, calculated and verified by independent parties
- Principal protected impact bond provides investors with opportunity to invest in outcomes wrapped in a AAA principal protected bond that supports the financing of World Bank projects globally
- Advanced monitoring and verification tools deployed in a bond transaction, with the project overseen by World Bank's Environment team



THE WORLD BANK

WCB Arrangements

In March 2022, SanParks and ECPTA entered into grant agreements with the World Bank: (1) WB Operations <u>Grant Agreement</u> for GEF Conservation Success Payment; and (2) <u>Transfer Agreement</u> with WB Treasury for conservation investment payments (coupon payments)

- 1. WCB conservation investments payments (semi-annual payments to park managers):
 - a) WB TRE deposits funds directly to project-specific accounts at SANParks (AENP) and ECPTA (GFRNR)
 - b) Project activities are consistent with parks management plans
 - c) Funds will be spent as detailed in the TOC, agreed 5-year implementation plans, budgets, and sitespecific workplans
- 2. GEF funded conservation success payment (if triggered, made to investors at year 5): WB makes direct payment to bond investors, tied to achievement of single condition (net rhino growth independently verified in year 5)

Target

Indicators

Project Development Outcome	
Key Performance Indicator (KPI)	Baseline
% increase of Plack Phine in terrat sites (CACD)	2 70/

% increase of Black Rhino in target sites (CAGR) -3.7% 4%

Intermediate Results

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Indicators	Baseline	Target
1. Area under improved management (Hectares)	0	153,141
2. Beneficiaries of project interventions (#)	629	2,306
3. Gender equity in conservation services (female %)	22	27
4. Rhino mortality rate (3-yr average < 4%)	4%	4%
5. Rangers per km ²	0.029	0.059
	rangers/Km ²	rangers/Km ²

RHINO POPULATION GROWTH RATE CALCULATION PROCESS OVERVIEW



WCB Investors and Potential Return

The WCB was bought by institutional investors (7 investors) and the rest by private banking clients of Credit Suisse and Citi

Potential investor returns:

Final Growth Rate	Success Payment %	Bond Effective Yield
0% or less	0%	1.06% (min return) *
0% to 2%	40%	1.79%
2% to 4%	80%	2.5%
4% or above	100%	2.83% (max return)

* Bond issued at 94.84%, providing investors with a minimum return of 1.06%


WCB Contributes to Sustainable Development

Biodiversity Values



1,530km² of conservation areas of high biodiversity



Dense thicket vegetation stores up to 4200t of above ground carbon per km², mitigating the effects of climate change



The sites contain five of South Africa's seven biomes. Addo has the highest floral diversity of any national park in Africa



Sanctuary for pollinators, serving the local citrus industry (25% of South Africa's citrus industry) and neighbouring subsistence farmers



The sites protect important water catchments with the associated flood attenuation and water filtering benefits

Supporting Sustainable Development Goals

- ✓ Potential to catalyze economic development in the poorest province of South Africa
- Local community are part-owners of one of the rhino sites, with a revenue sharing scheme in place
- The WCB will invest in community engagement and development through a participatory process



SDG 3: Health and well-being will be the primary indicator of social impact in target communities



SDG 8: Project beneficiaries benefit from employment, enhanced well-being, and financial resilience



SDG 5: Community development interventions and agency policies have strong focus on gender equality

Selecting KPIs for Sovereign Sustainability-Linked Bonds



Framework for Selecting Key Performance Indicators for Sovereign Sustainability—

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Assessment criteria	Description
Available	Data are available at a reasonable cost or publicly available for the
	foreseeable future.
Attributable	Data are plausibly associated with sovereign interventions (for example,
	national-level investment, national laws, and national regulations).
Frequent/recent	Data are current and produced with enough frequency (that is, at least once a year) so they can be adequately linked with financial incentives to promote sustainable performance.
Regular	Data are provided in sequence with equal intervals between them over a long period of time.
Comparable across countries	Data are available across most countries. Data within datasets are consistent and comparable (for example, reported using the same methods) across countries.



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Deep Dive 2.3 Let's be friends: outcomes contracts & relational contracting

Chair: Professor Stéphane Saussier





Partnerships with principles

Nigel Ball and Michael Gibson



Partnerships with Principles

Putting relationships at the heart of public contracts for better social outcomes





Partnerships with principles: putting relationships at the heart of public contracts for better social outcomes



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Defining relational contracting



Relational contracts focus on processes, guided by a commitment to shared principles, in order to achieve the long-term goals of the relationship. This may occur informally in practice, or be formalised if the contract is designed with relational intent and relational principles are legally enforceable.

- Ball & Gibson, 2022



Defining relational contracting





Why have relational intent?



Properties of the service needs (uncertainty)

Properties of the partnership (alignment)

Complexity

Specifying what is needed up-front is hard because of ...

internal uncertainty (e.g. innovation is desired or requirements are expected to evolve) meaning flexibility is required

Changeable environment

Specifying what is needed up-front is hard because of ...

external uncertainty, meaning resilience is required (e.g. Covid-19)

Goal alignment

Partners wish to secure close working throughout delivery because...

they perceive a valuable alignment of interests which is **aspirational**

Mutual reliance

Partners wish to secure close working throughout delivery because...

they need each other to achieve the contract goals, i.e. they have a **circumstantial** alignment of interests

Two illustrations



Kirklees Better Outcomes Partnership *Plymouth Alliance Contract* A strong relationship Lengthy co-design period Lengthy co-design period Tightly defined goals Shared goals tightly defined through outcomes ? Shared goals defined in broad \checkmark framework linked to payment terms terms Shared principles Some contract language describing aspiration Explicit shared principles that all for collaboration partners must commit to A suitable procuremen Appropriate procurement award procedure Appropriate used procurement award procedure used t procedure Risk-sharing mechanism through payment-by-A risk-Risk-sharing mechanism through gain-share / loss-share mechanism outcomes structures sharing mechanism

A decisionmaking structure

- Decision making forums loosely described in contract and much expanded in practice
- Clear decision-making structure built into contract prior and during delivery

Risks of relational contracting



Opportunism	Relational contracts should mitigate this but if it happens anyway the effects could be more serious
Scrutiny and corruption	Less reliance on process and stardard clauses makes scrutiny harder; third parties might spoil things with unfounded accusations of corruption
Restrictive procurement rules	Procurement rules need to be applied creatively; the culture can work against this
Misunderstanding	Principles are open to interpretation
Unequal power dynamics	Weakened legal protections increase risk for the smaller (or less powerful) party; govts can change the rules
High up-front investment	Providers investing in specific assets for this contract alone need recourse should the contract be terminated (or much altered)
Transaction cost	Pre-contract trust-building takes time and money - do the benefits make it worth it?
Staff turnover	Relationships are interpersonal - what if there's a 'new sheriff in town'? Are 'principles' enforceable in court?

Partnerships with Principles

Putting relationships at the heart of public contracts for better social outcomes





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When things go wrong – contracting for impact risk and impact returns

09 September 2022



Why SOC during the pandemic?



Service user impact at the core

How did SOC's respond during Covid-19?

Contractual governance

What can we learn from that for future impactfocused contracts? Termination events

Force majeure clauses

Why does this matter?

Protect service user interests as market grows

Align contractual terms with desired behaviours

Contracts should be a blueprint for how to adapt to unforeseen circumstances

What did we learn?

Language of contracts was rarely fit for purpose - often disregarded or modified



Service providers & evaluators were given time and space to respond to changing circumstances



Service users themselves were generally not part of decision making processes



Contracting for impact risk and impact returns

Why relational contracting?

INCOMPLETE CONTRACTS



What next?

RULES



PRINCIPLES





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'Ain't what you do, it's the way that you do it (and that's what get results)' 9/9/22

PhD researcher: Lee Whitehead <u>lee.whitehead2@stu.mmu.ac.uk</u> Professor Chris Fox <u>c.fox@mmu.ac.uk</u> What impacts on best practice in delivering Social Impact Bonds (SIBs)/Products?

FRAMING

Background Framing:

Social impact products over the last 10 years may be described as: being too complex

being overly transactional (metric-measuring), and not being sufficiently recognised as an innovative/ transformative learning process to prevent social problems becoming crises not crystalising the key relationships, coproduction and capabilities needed for social impact success

unattractive to commissioners/procurers (compared to traditional procurement)

not living up to their promise

The Voluntary Sector and Social Impact Bonds/Products could be a match made in heaven but that is not currently evident at scale since inception 10 years ago. Some modest developments (c. 100 social impact projects live in the UK) and emerging practices now exist, making it possible to research the area

Research aims:

Overarchingly this research investigates why and how SIBs start, develop and deliver.

3 main aims:

• 1. There is a growing body of work that applies relational models of governance such as New Public Governance (Osborne 2006) and related concepts such as co-creation and social innovation to the study of SIBs (Farr 2016, Albertson et al. 2020). In this research we analyse whether concepts associated with relational (including capability and innovation intention) and co-produced models of governance and practice are associated with more successful SIB outcomes.

2. Start to establish a simpler process/ determinants to engage investors, providers and outcomes payers in SIB products based on a capabilities and a relational approach to place-based coproduction

3. Crystalise key elements in play in the most productive SIB projects which VCSE delivery and investment partners can initiate and sustain

THEORY

Theoretical considerations

The key theoretical examination is the relational/relationships that engender successful social impact products.

Set within capabilities theory, and what behaviours in the social impact actors/players support innovation especially around a public health approach which benefits systems to promote the established impact value of prevention and earlier intervention (a public health approach).

Human Learning theory/systems will be considered through a coproduction/whole system engagement (integration) lens both within the players setting up and running social impact schemes but also the beneficiaries of those schemes through the behaviour change the impact innovation model creates.

Methodology

18 impact products 2016-2021

4 reviews each

NVivo+ thematics counted

Compared against success

data available

- Data: UK SIBs on the GOLAB database [https://golab.bsg.ox.ac.uk/knowledgebank/indigo/impact-bond-dataset-v2] that went live between 2016 and 2021 and for which we could locate a minimum of four distinct reviews, evaluations, commentaries or academic articles were identified.
- Twenty-five SIBs met these criteria. Seven were discarded because of insufficient data on whether they had achieved their outcomes or not.
- Eighteen were subject to fuller assessment. We analysed the documents gathered for each SIB and searched for key words and phrases associated with innovation, relational and co-produced ways of working using NVivo+. We also read each paper to examine the context within which the theme was used.
- SIBs were deemed to have been successful if they had delivered their stated outcomes within a 10-15% tolerance. Of the 18 SIBs analysed, ten were classified as successful and eight were struggling to meet their stated outcomes

Successful SIBs in our sample were consistently associated with relational working driving innovation, co-production, capability and mutual learning. Successful SIBs were more frequently (by +13 to 23%) associated with:

1) describing outcomes in terms of vision and values first (backed up by quantitative metrics later);

2) close integrated partnership working with a focus on understanding organisational drivers for change and joint problem-solving;

3) asking end users for their input at the design stage (co-creation) and during delivery (co-production);

- 4) describing what they did in terms of capabilities;
- 5) emphasising partners having shared responsibilities (across the impact actors);
- 6) early-on mapped 'impact' skills and gaps in service delivery across all partners;

7) had a clear needs assessed theory of change and interventions plan to deliver innovation; and

8) adapted service models (re-calibrated) frequently.

Struggling SIBs were less associate – on average by one fifth.

It is the relational, co-creative, innovative, preventative and human learning perspectives driving the best SIBs in recent years

Implications

Successful SIBs in our sample were more associated with the human, personal and innovative dimensions that we've explored.

This has implications for the design and commissioning of SIBs, suggesting relational and co-created governance structures are important to hold problem-solving, vision and necessary skills.

When commissioners and procurers are engaging investors and impact delivery partners, time needs to be planned in to really understand the social value, the place-based needs and innovation aimed for and to develop a capable problem-solving approach that is co-created/produced with people who use services from the communities they live in.

This is important not just during set-up, but for the duration of the impact contract (for dynamic evolution).

Further research being carried forward.

Postmortem on a Public Sector Contract Collapse and Welfare Modernization Failure

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Complex contracts and publicprivate partnerships (PPPs)

- Government agencies have increasingly turned to complex, multiactor contracts and public-private partnerships (PPPs) to outsource public services delivery
- ► At the core of a typical PPP is a formal contract that specifies:
 - Partnership goals and roles and responsibilities of the partners
 - Coordination functions for executing the work
 - Guidelines for communication, negotiation, and the sequencing of tasks
 - Terms and conditions of the collaborative arrangement
 - Performance expectations, cost-sharing provisions, stipulations for renegotiation, etc.

Formal, transactional contracts

- Key challenge in establishing a durable contractual arrangement:
 - Specify in advance a complete contract that:
 - Fully addresses contingencies or circumstances that might arise and affect attainment of the contract outcomes
 - Determines rights of control over assets and authority for handling noncontracted contingencies among partners
 - Stipulates course of action that should follow their occurrence and terms or mechanisms (e.g., cost-sharing provisions)
 - Oversights, gaps, omissions, or ambiguities in contracts may lead contracting parties to take measures or engage in behaviors that may be counter-productive to a constructive collaboration and efficient outcomes

Relational governance and contracts

- Managing PPPs to realize an appropriate allocation of risks between public and private partners throughout the life of a project often requires reliance on relational governance mechanisms as well
 - Trust, reputation, reciprocity and other forms of social relations that facilitate ongoing interchange and dynamic collaboration
- Relational contracts supply informal incentives to motivate cooperation
 - Value of future relationships fills in where expectations are unwritten, allowing parties to use judgment as circumstances change
 - Rely on credibility among the parties—expectation that partners will not renege on their promises—and clarity (or mutual understanding) of what each partner has promised to do
 - Shift away from legal mechanisms and renegotiation and toward relationships based on trust, cooperation, and motivation to preserve (rather than renege) on the collaboration

From formal vs. relational to formal relational?

- Both formal and relational contracts embody valuable mechanisms for guiding contracting party behavior
 - Yet neither the formal transactional contract nor the informal relational contract adequately support contracting parties in addressing the complex challenges faced in PPPs
- Relational governance necessitates psychological engagement
 - Partners bring their subjective interpretations about what is contractually specified and have different perceptions about what behaviors are acceptable or aligned with contractual specifications
 - Partners form a psychological contract alongside the formal transactional contract that affects how they interact, including cognitive dimensions of communication and decision making

Case study: State of Indiana-IBM "Hoosier Coalition" PPP

- \$1.3 billion dollar, 10-year contract (Master Services Agreement, or MSA) established with International Business Machines (IBM) and subcontracted partners (Hoosier Coalition) to modernize and improve the state's public welfare system
 - Consisted of more than 160 pages, numerous exhibits, appendices, boiler-plate provisions, and 24 schedules clarifying the parties' responsibilities and detailing performance metrics
 - Performance-based and replete with clauses exemplifying contract control functions and the parties' concerns about potential "hold-ups," i.e., that one party's performance would be held up by the other
- The contract/PPP was terminated in less than three years, but litigation and court rulings continued for a decade afterward

Formal structure of the Hoosier Coalition for Self Sufficiency, the PPP



Case study method to illuminate and advance theory

- Analyzed rich case study data to examine the implementation and unraveling of State of Indiana-IBM PPP
 - Public documents and reports from 2005 (a year before the MSA was signed) through 2010 (a year after the contract was prematurely terminated)
 - ▶ 32 interviews with key informants that took place in 2009 and 2010
 - Court filings, depositions and other internal correspondence from 2008-2013
 - Court rulings and news accounts through the end of 2020
- Employed a process of systematic examination of diagnostic evidence to construct a narrative of case events and evaluate them in relation to theoryinformed propositions
Theory-informed propositions

- 1. Rigid contractual infrastructure—including tight control over residual rights, assets, and authority for handling noncontracted contingencies reinforces hierarchical and legal (over relational) nature of PPPs
- 2. Mechanisms for goal alignment and cooperative action among multiple partners or "principals" can help to limit competitive and non-cooperative behavior that may undercut achievement of PPP goals
- 3. Contractual provisions intended to promote fair trade can be offset by provisions that undermine relational norms such as reciprocity and fairness
- A lack of trust between contracting parties will tax both formal and informal relationships in the PPP and contribute to negative behaviors (e.g., political maneuvers, hidden agendas, disengagement)
- 5. Parties' expectations about how the contract should evolve or about acceptable outcomes (based on their subjective reference points and perceptions of fairness) affect goal alignment, cooperation, and sustainability of the PPP

Key case study findings

- State of Indiana's tight control and oversight of IBM, even in areas where the MSA appeared to cede authority to IBM in executing the work (P1), undermined cooperation and trust in already complicated, interdependent relationships between MSA parties and subcontractors
 - State retained all policymaking authority, incl. day-to-day operational aspects of PPP's work, and reserved the right to replace subcontractors
- Subcontractors were beholden to performance expectations of both the State and IBM—multiple principals (P2)—who failed to sustain a cooperative relationship and goal alignment in the PPP
 - Formal chain of command was not followed; subcontractors circumvented IBM and communicated directly with the FSSA and Governor's Office (ACS)
 - As the MSA parties' interests diverged, collective action problems proliferated (P4)
 - Higher transaction costs, conflicting expectations, accountability confusion, negativism, loss of control, blame games, and symbolic accountability

Nearly all (99.3%) of eligible state employees transferred to jobs with the Hoosier Coalition

"ACS was never on board ...", "...ignored the agreement [and] did not have to answer to anybody."

Key case study findings (cont.)

- With many fixed terms, clauses, schedules and boilerplate material, the rigid MSA was less amenable to adjustments (P3) as cooperation among the parties waned and new noncontracted contingencies arose
 - MSA parties regularly negotiated change orders and amendments as the relationship unfolded, contributing to higher transaction costs and a continued focus on procedural minutiae (reinforcing rigidity in the MSA)
- Although some MSA contract clauses implied an intent for fairness in the exchange, the MSA also included many provisions that suggest the State was not in the relationship for the duration (P3)
 - Provisions such as a termination for convenience clause that allowed the State to end the contract without a showing of fault undermined relational norms that are essential for successful PPP relationships

FSSA Comm. Director to FSSA Secretary: "It would be the first time that we've thrown IBM under the bus like this and would definitely change the tone of our position prematurely... you just need to survive until Oct., then we are going to drop bombs ala Hiroshima and Nagaski."

Key case study findings (cont.)

- There is clear evidence in this case that the contracting parties had different expectations about how the MSA should change or what was an acceptable outcome when unexpected events or changes occurred (P5)
 - The parties disagreed on what tasks fell within the scope of work of the original MSA and numerous amendments accompanied by lengthy negotiations were unable to save the PPP
- Based on perceptions of fairness and what tasks were within the original MSA scope of work, the Hoosier Coalition parties saw the deal as falling short of their reference points and stopped cooperating (P4, P5)
 - Attribution also appeared to play a role, and performance monitoring became increasingly antagonistic
 - Non-compliance with the chain of command in the PPP further diminished the trust relationship between IBM and the State and contributed to the MSA's collapse

FSSA Secretary: "As we gear up for a potential breach of contract action against IBM/Coalition, we have asked OVV to really 'audit' performance on timeliness, accurateness, etc. I put audit in quotes because I doubt it technically falls within the definition of audit."

Emerging form of contractual arrangement: formal relational contract

- A formal relational contract may have better served this complex, multiactor PPP
 - Formal relational contract entails the specification of mutual goals and governance structures in a legally enforceable contract, but also involves the cultivation of trust and cooperation at the outset to provide a foundation for keeping contracting parties' interests aligned over time
- Contractual framework is intentionally designed to be flexible and responsive to the dynamics of collaborative work (such as in PPPs)
 - Rules/guiding principles of relationships are negotiated first, and parties work together (via relationship building) to address challenges or conflicts that arise
 - ▶ Basic principles include reciprocity, autonomy, honesty, loyalty, equity, and integrity
 - Expectations about how the agreement should change based on each parties' subjective reference points and perceptions of fairness or equity are calibrated and aligned over time

CONTRACTING IN THE NEW ECONOMY

Using Relational Contracts to Boost Trust and Collaboration in Strategic Business Relationships



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With a Foreword by **Oliver Hart**, Winner of the Nobel Prize in Economic Sciences
 Transactional Contract
 Formal Relational Contract

 Focus
 The commercial transaction
 The relationship

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Focus	The commercial transaction	The relationship		
Relationship	Arm's-length relationship	Partnership		
Social norms Disconnect from social norms		Explicitly includes social norms as contractual obligations		
Risk Use of power and creation of enforceable contractual obligations		Risk avoidance by creation of continuous alignment of interests		
Planning Aims for complete planning, i.e., contract should cover all future events		Creates a fair and balanced flexible framework		

Fig. 7.2 Comparison across five dimensions

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- There is limited real world evidence outside of private sector cases on how the relational or psychological aspects of a contract evolve alongside of a formal contract
 - Frydlinger et al. (2021) offer private sector examples: AstraZeneca, Discovery Health, Telia (Swedish telecommunications firm), etc.
- Further research is needed on the potential for formal relational contracts to improve public sector contracting and PPP success



Formal and informal relational practice in the Kirklees Better Outcomes Partnership contract

9 September 2022



Outcomes contracting and Relational contracting





From contractual relational intent towards considerable relational practice

The KBOP SIB







Parties shall...

"effectively coordinate and combine their expertise, manpower and resources in order to deliver an integrated approach to the delivery of services" (Clause 2.2. KBOP Head Contract).

"develop a close working relationship [...] on all appropriate levels, based on openness and trust [...] (Clause 2.3. KBOP Head Contract).

Building Relationships: Contractual Phases



From contractual relational intent...

- "Getting services running"
- Recruiting personnel; setting up IT structures; setting up governance boards

to considerable relational practice.

- Prepare ground for "culture change"
- Convey a broader sense of the value of evidence requirements and KPIs
- Build trust between stakeholders

Nurturing and Structuring Relationships: Governance



From contractual relational intent...

- Bilateral meetings between Council and KBOP and KBOP and Providers

to considerable relational practice.

- Multi-lateral meetings between all stakeholders
- Extension of forums for exchange
- Broadening the set of stakeholders through co-production forum

Focussing Relationships: Outcomes Framework



From contractual relational intent...

- Formal bi-lateral change procedure for outcomes framework

to considerable relational practice.

- informal multi-lateral change process, involving providers with frontline experience





Watch this space for our next KBOP evaluation report - **COMING SOON**

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Kirklees Integrated Support Service And Better Outcomes Partnership

The first report from a longitudinal evaluation of a Life Chances Fund Impact Bond

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Break

In-person: Join us in the Inamori Forum

COMING UP NEXT: Big Picture session at 4:00pm BST The work never stops: how do we make social change stick? Lessons from outcomes-based partnerships and beyond





The work never stops - how do we make social change stick? Lessons from outcomes-based partnerships and beyond

Chair: Andreea Anastasiu, University of Oxford



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Social Outcomes Contracts & System Strengthening

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"Purpose is the master key especially in public systems. We think innovation in systems for public good should realign resources, relationships and power around a new conception of what a system should be for, the outcomes it seeks to create for society."

Drivers of resilience & impact in SOC

1. Cross-sector alignment	Shared definition of target population and success metrics	Involvement of outcome funders & non-state delivery partners / investors	Alignment of incentives through payments for service user outcomes		
2. Outcomes focused delivery	Real-time data collection, analysis and review	Culture of continuous learning and adaptation	Flexibility to innovate to maximise outcomes		
3. Engaged governance	Accountability for outcomes	Shared learning & decision making	Rapid course correction		
	Based on Savell & Airoldi, 2020				

SOC & system strengthening framework

Change that sticks	Pathway 1	Pathway 2		
Beyond SOC contract duration	Improved policy & service design	Improved policy implementation		
Beyond SOC contract scope	Lessons from SOC inform broader policy & service design for specific issues & populations	Service design, contracting and management processes become more outcomes focused		



Thank you.

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How can we design outcomes-focused programmes that achieve this ambition of systems strengthening/ making change stick beyond the life of the programme?



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Professor Stefan Dercon University of Oxford



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