



# Impact Measurement Workshop for Institutional Donors

25 May 2022



# Workshop Objectives

- Introduce participants to the basics of impact measurement
- Gain a deeper understanding of impact strategy and impact metrics
- Understand how to use impact measurement tools
- Understand best practices in impact measurement
- Understand how to undertaken impact measurement in a challenging context through a case study

# Agenda

- 1. About Innovest
- 2. Introduction to Impact Measurement
- 3. Impact Strategy
- 4. Group Exercise

### **Coffee Break**

- 5. Selecting Grantees
- 6. Impact Measurement
- 7. Case Studies
- 8. Questions

# Innovest Advisory

We are an impact investment advisory firm which helps our clients to become more intentional about impact and embed impact into their processes.

We bring our extensive knowledge and expertise in socio-economic development, climate change and environmental sustainability to provide effective impact measurement Impact Strategies and Impact Measurement solutions for our clients.



### Impact Strategy

Theory of Change, Impact Measurement Frameworks and impact metrics.



# Impact Due Diligence / Execution

Integrating of impact considerations into funding decision making processes.



# Impact advisor to private asset owners

We provide a full spectrum of impact services to private capital to drive more active measurement and creation of impact, enhancing credibility and mitigating risk



# Impact Measurement and Reporting

Data collection, monitoring, analytics and reporting on impact outcomes.



# Impact Verification

Third party verification of impact reports or disclosures against global standards.

# We work with

### **Private Asset Owners**

Support private asset owners (including foundations, corporates, charities and families) who wish to commit philanthropic and returnable capital to solve global challenges

### **Impact Funds**

Support impact funds to drive more disciplined measurement and active creation of impact, enhancing credibility and preventing exposure to reputational risk.

### **Impact Enterprises**

Support enterprises from SMEs to multinationals on strategy, impact measurement and networks to enhance companies' impact credentials.

# Our team



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# Introduction to Impact Measurement

- What
- Who
- Why
- How

# What is Impact

### **Financial Inclusion**

1.7 billion people lack access to the formal financial system through savings, credit, pension and insurance services, with financial exclusion being the greatest amongst poor people in emerging and developing countries, including the rural households that account for 70% of global poverty

### **Affordable Housing**

As of 2021, the number of urban residents is estimated at nearly 4.4 billion, that is, 56% of the global population with projections for 2030 estimating a further increase in the number of people occupying crowded and unsafe housing to 1.2 billion

### **Energy Access**

The number of people without access to electricity declined from 1.2 billion in 2010 to 759 million in 2019 yet under current and planned policies, further affected by the COVID-19 crisis, an estimated 660 million people will still lack access in 2030, most of them in Sub-Saharan Africa.

### **Food & Agriculture**

In 2020, 768 million people (9.9 percent of the global population) faced hunger, with a projected marginal decrease to 660 million (7.7 percent) in 2030, a majority of whom are subsistence farmers

### Healthcare

1 billion lack access to healthcare, clean water and sanitation

### Education

263 million children and adolescents without access to quality, affordable education

### **SME Growth / Job Creation**

SMEs, the engine of employment contribute 40% of GDP in developing economies, yet have an unmet financing need of USD\$5.2 trillion every year

### Climate Change, Environment & Biodiversity

13 million hectares of forests are being lost every year and more than 60% of the planet's coral reefs are under threat due to overfishing, destructive practices, ocean acidification and development































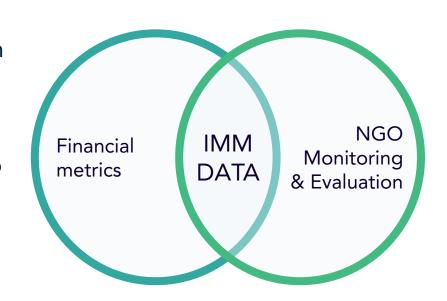






### **M&E versus IMM**

- IMM is blend of two 'worlds' of data
- NGO Monitoring and Evaluation rigorous but inflexible and expensive (10-15% of budgets)
- Comparable metrics to portfolio management, accounting, BI also not possible - measuring impact is more bespoke



## **Impact Spectrum**



DEEP IMPACT SOLUTIONS

### IMPACT INVESTING

### ESG OPPORTUNITES

### ESG RISK MANAGEMENT

### COMPETITIVE RETURNS

- Traditional
- Responsible
- Sustainable

Thematic

Impact-First

Philanthropy

### INANCE ONLY

### MOTIVATION

Financial considerations only

#### MOTIVATION

To take ESG risk factors into account

#### MOTIVATION

To align with long term sustainable growth drivers

### MOTIVATION

Targeted themes and financial returns drive investment selection.
Commitment to measure impact.

### MOTIVATION

Impact led-investment decision making, that seeks competitive market returns where possible

### MOTIVATION

Provision of funding with no expectation of return to catalyse innovative development outcomes

### INTENDED EFFECTS ON PEOPLE & PLANET

No consideration, may have negative outcomes

### INTENDED EFFECTS ON PEOPLE & PLANET

Mitigate or reduce negative exposure

### INTENDED EFFECTS ON PEOPLE & PLANET

Considers carbon footprint, resource use, reduce waste, compensation product safety, gender equality

### INTENDED EFFECTS ON PEOPLE & PLANET

Seeks solutions to SDG aligned thematic challenges such as climate change, health, education, and poverty alleviation

### INTENDED EFFECTS ON PEOPLE & PLANET

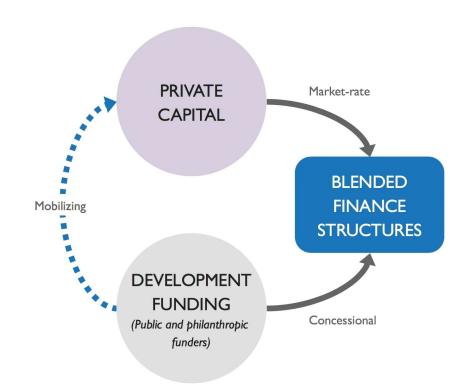
Seeks to create intentional and measurable positive outcomes for beneficiaries

### INTENDED EFFECTS ON PEOPLE & PLANET

Generate substantial positive impact at scale through systems change

### **Blended Finance**

- The use of catalytic finance from public or private philanthropic sources to increase private sector investment in sustainable development.
- Blended finance is a structuring approach, whereby funders with different capital types are able to invest alongside one another, to achieve a set of common social and environmental impact objectives.



## Three levels of impact measurement

**Output Measurement** 

Measuring the **immediate effects** of the organisation's activities. They are the tangible products which come about as a result of the activities and can often be quantified easily. They are the building blocks off of which the outcomes and impacts can occur.

**Outcome Measurement** 

Measuring **medium term changes** which are achieved through outputs. These can be more difficult to measure and can often be influenced by external factors.

**Impact Measurement** 

Measurement of **long term changes** which come about as the result of the accumulation of the outcomes. These take into account social, environmental and economic goals and are aligned to why organisations do what they do.

## Output vs Outcome vs Impact - an example

**Output Measurement** 

Sample metrics: # of clients first time access to finance, # repeat clients, # communities served

Data collected from: Microfinance Institutions

**Outcome Measurement** 

Sample outcomes: Increased household income, Business growth of microentrepreneurs, Improved financial resilience Data collected from: Microentrepreneurs

**Impact Measurement** 

Impact Measurement Survey: A comprehensive survey of a MFI's clients to understand the impact of loans on their lives

Data collected from: A sample of clients in the relevant regions

# Who is making impact

# **Funder** Typology



### Corporate

Drivers: Reputation, CSR

Activities: employee engagement, Sponsorship

Funding approach: Grant, Investment



Drivers: Legacy, Mission

Activities: geographic and thematic programming

Funding approach: Venture Philanthropy, impact investing



### **Private Foundation**

Drivers: Legacy, Mission

Activities: geographic and thematic programming

Funding approach; grant making, impact investing



### Charity

Drivers: Transparent use of public funding

Activities: geographic and thematic programming

Funding approach: grantmaking, emerging social enterprise models

# Pathways to Impact

Structuring approaches for private asset owners seeking to create impact



### **Portfolio Approach**

Funding of portfolio of projects to achieve agreed stated impact goals via a range of funding approaches

E.g. Dubai Cares



### **Venture Philanthropy**

Creation or purchase of a business which is achieving impact via a commercially viable social enterprise model

E.g. Al Fanar



### **Impact Investor**

Providing seed capital to design and anchor an impact investment fund

E.g. SEAF Jordan Growth & Impact Fund

## Why we measure impact

### Funders require it

IMM strategies demonstrate that organisations' activities produce positive change

### **Proving mission alignment**

Use of measurable outcomes and data collection to confirm progress toward mission

# Communicating impact to stakeholders

Quantifying social impact in understandable terms creates stakeholder engagement that grows supportive partnerships

### Market demands it

Donors are looking for greater accountability and impact measurement provides credibility

### Improving and managing Impact

Review and redesign approaches to more effectively achieve outcomes

### **Accountability to funders**

Robust impact measurement framework ensures expected impact is accurately compared to the cost of delivering a given project

### Impact risk

Need to articulate and measure impact to avoid reputational risk

## How impact is measured

- No consensus on methodology for measuring impact yet - nascent industry
- Significant progress in recent years on harmonisation -IRIS+, IMP, IFC's Operating Principles, SDG alignment

### **Guiding Frameworks**









## **Integrating Impact into Funding Strategies**

**MEASUREMENT & IMPACT MEASUREMENT DISCOVERY** RESEARCH **IMPACT STRATEGY IMPLEMENTATION FRAMEWORK** REPORTING Market sector Define vision, Refine impact goals **Determine Key Design and** Impact data analysis **Performance** mission and values implement collection tools **Develop Theory of** Indicators (KPIs) impact screening Thematics and and metrics **Identify** impact Change (ToC) **Data collection** geographic themes and In depth Due and validation analysis objectives **Develop impact Develop Impact** Diligence Measurement narrative **Impact Analysis** assessment Network and Determine Framework (IMF) funding landscape Final funding resources and Define scope and **Impact Reporting** capabilities approach Map alignment decision making with Sustainable Learning and Determine funding **Development** improvement Project Goals (SDGs) approach management

**IMM SYSTEM** 

# Developing an Impact Strategy

- Setting Impact Goals
- Theory of Change
- Impact Measurement Framework

# **Setting Impact Goals**

- More complex than setting organisational goals
- May be influenced by people, place or institution
- Can be SDG thematic or more specific challenges

- Using Impact Management Project's 5 dimensions of impact
- Target setting?
- Using goals to inform and improve theory of change and due diligence process





### **WHAT**

What outcomes does the effect relate to, and how important are they to people (or the planet experiencing it?



### **WHO**

Who experiences the effect and how underserved are they in relation to the outcome?



### **HOW**

Consider the various ways/channels in which an organisation delivers impact.



### **CONTRIBUTION**

How much does the effect compare and contribute to what is likely to occur anyway?

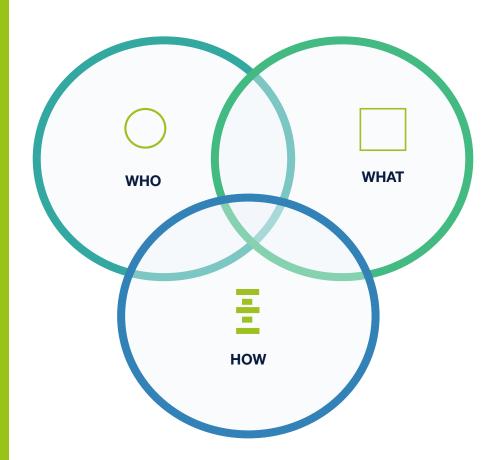


### **RISK**

Which risk factors are material, and how likely is the effect different from the expectation?

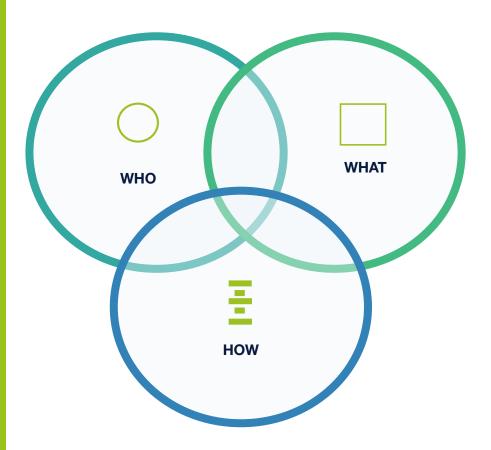
# **Setting Impact Goals**

- WHO Target Beneficiaries
- WHAT Depth of Impact
- HOW Nature of Impact



# Setting Impact Goals Example: Climate Fund

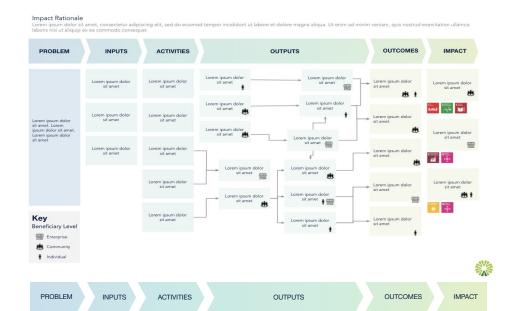
- **WHO** Businesses seeking low carbon pathways
- **WHAT** Climate change mitigation, sustainable use of water, just transition to economic growth
- HOW Investing in proven and scalable equipment and digital solutions that improve the carbon, operational, capital and production efficiency



## **Theory of Change**

### What is the Theory of Change (ToC)?

- A visual representation of the impact pathway
- Presents the logical flow of the organisation's impact creation
- Shows how inputs and activities create outputs, positive outcomes and the ultimate impact of the organisation
- Easily and robustly communicates the intended impact of the organisation and SDG alignment
- Is expected by impact-focused investors
- Used as an internal impact compass and an external visual representation of the Fund's impact goals.



## **Theory of Change - Logical Model**

PROBLEM	INPUTS	ACTIVITIES	OUTPUTS	OUTCOMES	IMPACT
Describe in brief, the problem which is being addressed	Resources that are deployed in service of a certain set of activities	Actions that are performed in support of specific impact objectives	Tangible, immediate practices, products and services that result from the actions that are undertaken	Changes, or effects, on individuals or the environment that follow from the delivery of products and services	Changes, or effects, on society or the environment that follow from outcomes that have been achieved

## **Impact Measurement Framework**

- A measurement framework to demonstrate the impact of the grant or investment
- Evidences the Theory of Change in practice
- Outlines the KPIs and Metrics to be collected a combination of IRIS+ and bespoke
- Demonstrates SDGs alignment

**KPIs** are measurable values that provide objective evidence of progress towards intended targets.

They track change over time

Example: YoY increase in employees (%)

**Metrics** are a standard of measurement to track progress of change in your organisation and to calculate KPIs.

They measure changes at a specific point in time.

Example: Number of employees: Male, Female, Total (#)

### IMFs - GIIN'S IRIS +

A free and widely recognized impact accounting system that is used to measure, manage, and optimize impact

- Provides core metrics sets which are backed by evidence and based on best practices across the industry.
- Provides guidance and resources to support IMM implementation
- Uses thematic taxonomy based on generally accepted Impact Categories and Impact Themes
- It is aligned with the UN's SDGs and other major frameworks and conventions

Metric	Source Client	Source No	Definition	Theme	Population	Priority	Level	FININGL CLIMATE	AGRI
Client Individuals: Smallholder	IRIS	<u>PI6372</u>	Number of unique smallholder farmer individuals who were clients during the reporting period.	Agriculture			Output		х
Supplier Individuals: Smallholder	IRIS	<u>PI9991</u>	$Number\ of\ small holder\ farmers\ who\ sold\ to\ the\ organization\ during\ the\ reporting\ period.$	Agriculture			Output		X
Payments to Supplier Individuals: Smallholder	IRIS	<u>PI7852</u>	Value of payments made to smallholder farmers who sold to the organization during the reporting pe	e Agriculture			Output		х
Percent Smallholder Sourcing Payments	IRIS	PI8632	Percentage of payments made to smallholder farmer suppliers compared to total payments made to	Agriculture			Output		x
Crop Type	IRIS	PD1620	Type of crop(s) produced by the organization during the reporting period. Select from the options in	t Agriculture			Output		x
Livestock/Fish Type	IRIS	PD4686	Type of livestock product(s) produced by the organization during the reporting period. Select from the	Agriculture			Output		х
Land Directly Controlled: Total	IRIS	<u>OI5408</u>	Area of land directly controlled by the organization during the reporting period.	Agriculture			Output		х
Land Directly Controlled: Cultivated	IRIS	<u>OI1674</u>	Area of land directly controlled by the organization and under cultivation. Report directly controlled	Agriculture			Output		X

# Your Turn...

- Setting Impact Goals
- Theory of Change

### **Task**

Discuss and decide on a sample group impact goal, working from that goal build out a theory of change and some sample metrics/ Key performance indicators

- Impact Goals Resource Template A
  - a. Group Impact Goal: thinking about what, who, how
- 2. Theory of Change Resource Template B
  - a. Decide on up to 3 outcomes that can achieve that impact
  - b. Inputs and outputs that could cause these outcomes
- 3. KPIs and Metrics Resource Template C
  - a. Discuss and decide upon 2 metrics/key performance indicators to measure each outcome/impact

Examples will be given to you. Spend about 20-30 mins - we will be dropping into your various break out groups (in person and virtual)

Scribe and Presentor - decide on someone to write down the groups thoughts and someone to present your key findings

# Selecting Grantees or Investees

- Screening
- Due Diligence

# **Impact Screening**

Impact screening to ensure alignment

- Impact screening criteria
- Alignment to fund impact goals
- Questionnaires, surveys, checklists

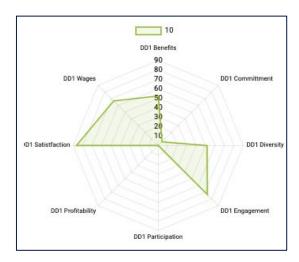
	Impact Goal	Maintains Policy	Procedure to Access & Manage	Trains Staff & Clients	Reporting Framework	Board / Committee Oversight
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# **Due Diligence Assessment**

### Integrating impact into due diligence

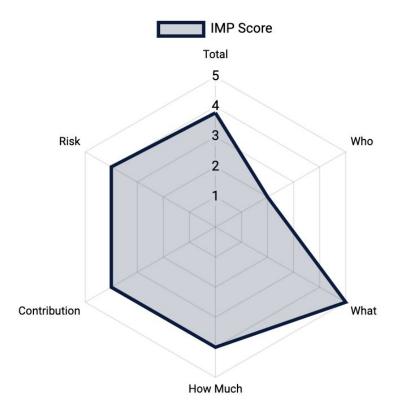
- Deeper impact assessment
- IMP 5 framework
- Baselining
- Gap identification
- Impact target setting
- Assessment of non-financial needs
- Decision making

Impact Assessment				
WHO Who experiences the effect?	Demographics: Geography:	3/5		
WHAT What outcomes does the effect relate to and how are they important?	The challenge: The solution:	2/5		
HOW MUCH How much of the effect occurs?	Depth: Scale: Duration:	4/5		
CONTRIBUTION Would this change likely happen anyway?	More vs less likely to occur:	3/5		
RISK How likely is it that the outcome differs from the expectation?	Operational readiness: Impact track record Mission drift: Negative externalities: [identify mitigants]	5/5		
TOTAL RATING		3/5		



## **IMP 5 Dimensions Scorecard**

Impact Assessment				
WHO Who experiences the effect?	Demographics: Geography:	/5		
WHAT What outcomes does the effect relate to and how are they important?	The challenge: The solution:	/5		
HOW How the effect occurs?	Depth: Scale: Duration:	/5		
CONTRIBUTION Would this change likely happen anyway?	More vs less likely to occur:	/5		
RISK How likely is it that the outcome differs from the expectation?	Operational readiness: Impact track record: Mission drift: Negative externalities:	/5		
TOTAL RATING /5				



# Implementing an IMM System

## **Key Principles**

### Theory of Change driven

Using the outcomes, outputs and impacts identified in the ToC as a guideline for measurement

**Low Cost** 

Low cost solutions enable organisations to gather large amounts of data making measurement more impactful

### **Technology Driven**

stories

**Beneficiary focused** 

Measurement solutions that are technology enabled are more efficient and have the ability to reach a wider audience

Surveys should be designed with the

intention to tell the beneficiaries'

### Data collection is key

Collecting robust data is important to communicating impact

### **Measure outcomes**

Solutions should be designed with the intention of measuring outcomes of impact investment

### Link impact to finance

Ensure measurement solutions communicate the impact the funding has made - value for money, leverage etc

### **Flexibility**

Measurement approach should be flexible in order to reach beneficiaries from different cultures, geographies and socioeconomic contexts





A solution that helps define, measure and report the climate, environmental and socio-economic impacts of investments or grants

- Cloud based impact data collection and analysis system
- Aggregating multi-source data:
  - Philanthropic organisation, investee and beneficiary
  - Using different data collection tool
- Collects data at multiple levels: output, outcome, impact
- Tracking impact performance over time enabling active management
- Adapting to range of geographies, languages and connectivity levels
- Suitable for emerging economy context and bottom of the pyramid beneficiaries

# Step 1: Plan



# Impact Management Framework

Alignment to standards
Custom metrics
Measurement plan

#### **Audience**



**Fund** 



Portfolio Company



**Beneficiaries** 

### **Tools**



Spreadsheet On



Online forms



Web application



SMS



Voice



Whats App

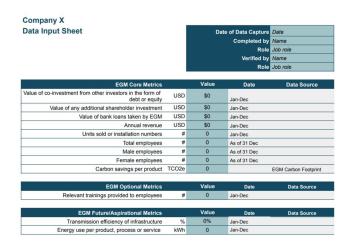


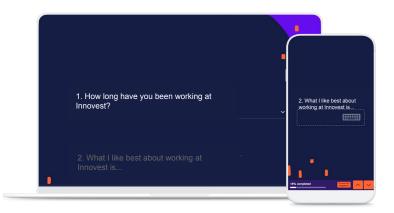
Questions, Flow, Translations



# **Data Collection Surveys**

We work with you to select the most appropriate surveying tools for you; crafting the questions to the channel and audience.







**Spreadsheets** 

Mobile and web forms

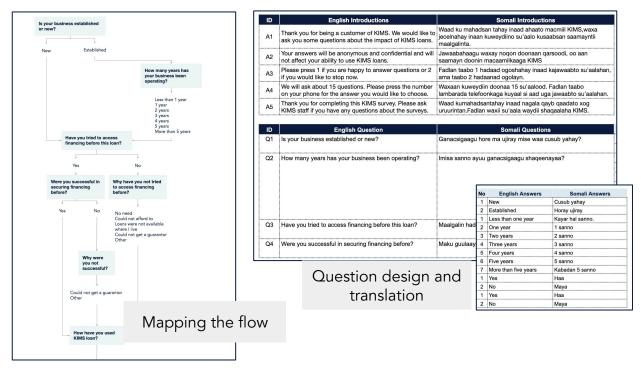
SMS, WhatsApp, Voice

## **Survey Design**

Good survey design will enable you to ask the right people, the right questions, through the right medium to get the right data to evaluate multi-level impact.

#### **Checklist:**

- Type of data: Quantitative and qualitative
- Capacity for measurement
- Where is the data? How is it collected? And by who?
- Methodology: tools, frequency, questions



# **Step 2: Collect**

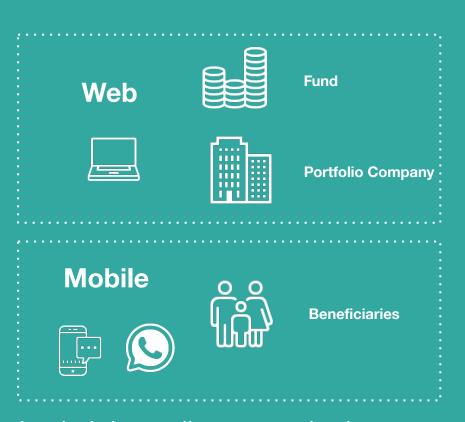
#### **Questions**

Qualitative and Quantitative



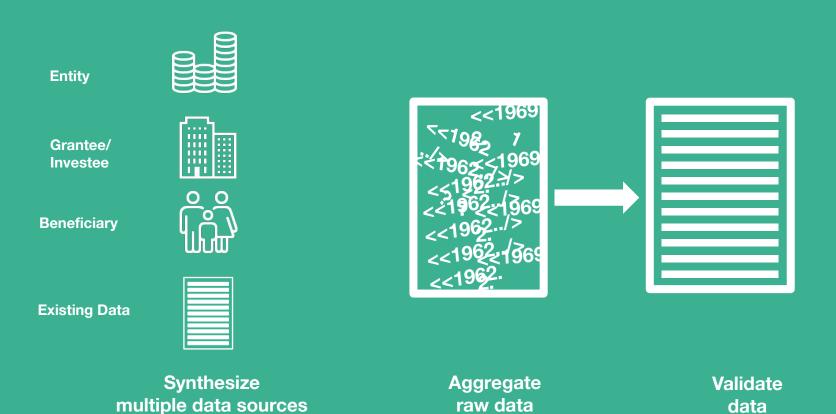
# **Engagement with** reporting entity

- Awareness raising
- Introduction
- Training
- Questions Troubleshooting



Blended data collection methods

# Step 3: Aggregate



data

# Step 4: Analyse





### **Managing Performance**

Custom dashboards

Multiple levels: Output, Outcome and Impact

Track performance over time

Responsive Grantee management

### **Impact Analysis**

<u>Expert analysis</u> of data to uncover key insights and trends to improve impact.

Analysis should be drawn from a team that has extensive knowledge in:

- Socio-economic development incl. Job Creation, Gender
- Climate change and environmental sustainability

# **Step 5: Reporting**



Data rich and expertised internal reporting



Evidence based **external reporting** 

### **Leveraging Impact**

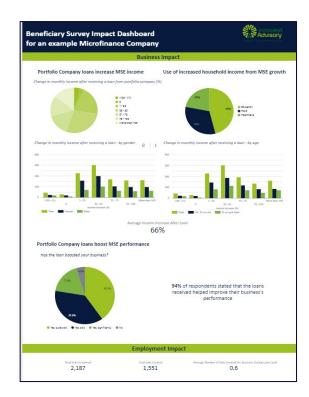
- Manage grantee impact performance
- Evidence organisation's impact
- Demonstrate credibility
- Enhance organisation's profile
- Market engagement
- Attract additional funding
- Contribute to sector expertise

# **Impact Dashboards**

We create customised dashboards at the Entity level, Grantee or Investee level and beneficiary level







# **Case Studies**

### KIMS Microfinance, Horn of Africa

Somalia's largest privately owned microfinance institution

#### **Aims**

Supporting local economic development in the Horn of Africa through a microfinance based social enterprise business model

#### How

Providing shariah compliant micro and small business loans to clients

#### **Outcomes**

- Over 30,000 low income clients financed with \$30 million.
- Over 20,000 jobs created and sustained
- 5,000 active clients with loan portfolio of \$3 million









#### **Innovest's Role**

- Long-term management strengthening support
- Fundraising support and strategic partnership development
- Impact Measurement an Management Support



### KIMS Impact Strategy and Measurement

#### **Example Metrics**

- Loans disbursed (\$)
- New MSEs financed (#)
- First Time Access Clients (#)
- MSE Employees (#)
- KIMS Revenue (\$)

#### **Example KPIs**

- YoY increase in loans disbursed (%)
- YoY increase in new businesses being financed (%)
- YoY increase in new access clients (%)
- YoY increase in MSE employees (#)
- YoY increase in KIMS revenue (\$)

#### **Impact Measurement**

- Innovest supported a client impact survey with over 2,000 clients
- Survey implemented via web surveys delivered to client via WhatsApp making it an accurate, efficient and cost effective surveying solution.

#### **Purpose**

- Determine the impact of lending on clients' business and their families
- To have data available to management to help improve their service provision and help communicate KIMS impact to funders and donors

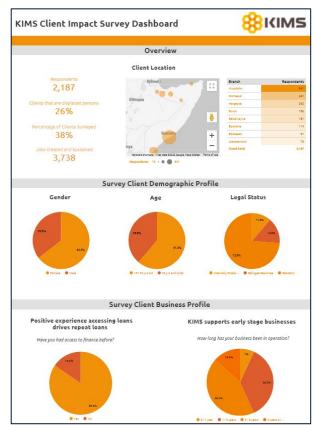
### KIMS Client Impact Survey Results

#### **Survey Results**

- 94% of respondents stated that financing from KIMS helped improve their businesses performance
- **1,551 new jobs** created as a result of being financed
- 93% of respondents reported an increase in income

#### Increase in income resulted in:

- 38% of respondents increasing education spend
- 27% of respondents paying for better quality food
- 21% of respondents covering healthcare costs



# The Near East Foundation, Middle East and Africa

International Non Profit

#### **Aims**

Build more sustainable, prosperous, and inclusive communities in the Middle East and Africa through education, community organising, and economic development.

#### How

Providing finance to micro and small enterprises

#### **Outcomes**

- Over \$500,000 provided to almost 750 micro and small enterprises
- Reach an additional 20,000 clients through new blended finance instrument









#### **Innovest's Role**

- Research and design of a blended finance instrument to enable expansion of existing credit facility
- Engagement with funder ecosystem to determine support for the product

### **IMM Resources**

- AECF's Theory of Change Practical Tool for Action, Results and Learning
- <u>Impact Management Project: Resources and Examples</u>
- IRIS+ IMM System
- The Aspen Institute's "Community Builder's Approach to Theory of Change
- <u>The International Network on Strategic Philanthropy Theory of Change Tool</u>
   <u>Manual</u>
- <u>UNICEF Guide on Theory of Change</u>
- Ventures at the Helm: IMM Guide





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