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Impact Investing: Building the Field, Measuring Success

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### Why Impact Measurement Matters

"A hallmark of impact investing is the commitment of the investor to measure and report the social and environmental performance and progress of underlying investments.

Impact measurement helps ensure transparency and accountability, and is essential to informing the practice of impact investing and building the field."

Global Impact Investing Network

"Effective impact measurement generates value for all impact investment stakeholders, mobilizes greater capital, and increases the transparency and accountability for the impact delivered."

Impact Measurement Working Group (G8)

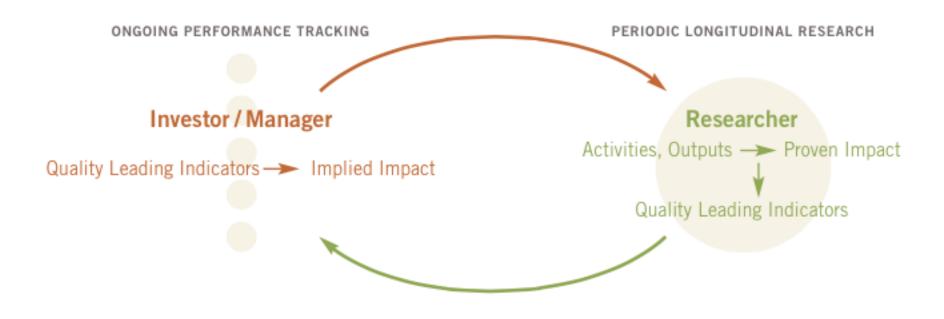
# **Units of Analysis**

- Firm/Enterprise
- Fund/Intermediary
- Individual (as customer)
- Individual (as beneficiary)
- Household (direct/indirect)
- Community (direct/indirect)
- Field-level (overall/sector)

### Brest and Born (2013):

- Enterprise impact
  - Product impact (customers)
  - Operational impact (employees, community, supply chain)
  - Collective impact
  - Sector impact
- Investment Impact
  - Concessionary
  - Non-concessionary
- Nonmonetary impact

# Unpacking "Impact"



"Implied Impact"	"Proven Impact"	"Optimized Impact"
STORYTELLING + INTERNAL DATA ANALYSIS	EXTERNAL DATA ANALYSIS + EXPERIMENTAL ANALYSIS	PROVEN IMPACT + INTERRELATIONSHIP WITH FINANCIAL PERFORMANCE

# Industry Evolution

Eme	rgence	Conv	ergence	Standa	rdization	> Integr	ation
			N	ear-term Focus		Longer-term I	Focus
Spectrum of Measurement Approaches	Organisational Guidelines	Organisational Guidelines	Issue- & Regional Guidelines	Global Guidelines	Standards	Standards	Formalized Reporting & Disclosure Regimes
	(Private)	(Shared)	(Optional)	(Optional)	(Optional)	(Required)	
Illustrative Measurement Approaches	Endeavor Impact Assessment Dashboard Sonen Capital's Impact Measurement Approach	Acumen's BACO Methodology *  Gates, Hewlett & Rockefeller Fdn Impact Measurement Principles  IFC's DOTS Framework	EU Standard (GECES ) EVPA Guidelines NPC's Guidelines	Social Return on Investment (SROI) Methodology UNGC Reporting Guidelines International Integrated Reporting Framework	IRIS Metrics Global Impact Investing Ratings System (GIIRS) Sustainability Accounting Standards Board (SASB)		n analog markets mples available):  Security Regulation (SEC, others)  Disclosure regimes (incl. Evolving nonfinancial reporting requirements, the EU Directive)

## Common Approaches

METHOD	PROCESS	IMPACT	MONETIZATION	NONPROFIT	FOR-PROFIT
Theories of Change	•			•	
Balanced Scorecard (BSc)	•	-		•	
Acumen Scorecard	•			•	•
Social Return Assessment	•				•

















### Lean Data

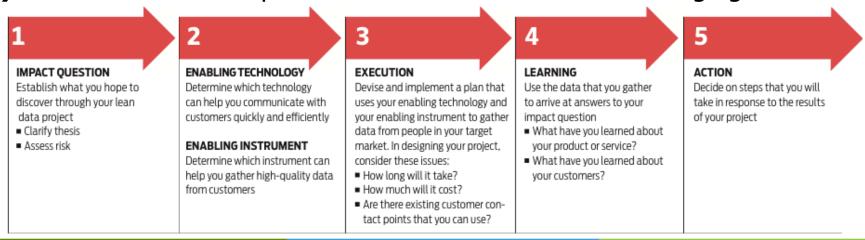
**Bottom-up**. It nurtures the habit of listening to customers in order to provide actionable insight on their needs and interests.

Useful. It yields data of sufficient quality to support decision-making.

Iterative. It allows for learning, adaptation, and replication.

**Light-touch**. It uses low-cost tools and technologies that require a minimal investment of time and money.

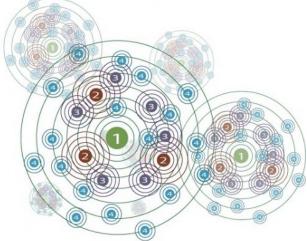
Dynamic. It enables rapid data collection within a fast-changing environment.

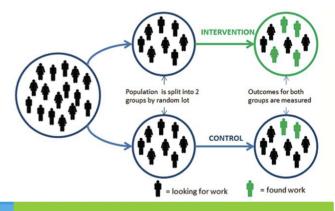


### Innovations in M&E

- Crowdsourcing
- Real-Time, Simple Reporting
- Participatory Statistics
- Mobile Data Collection
- The Micro-Narrative
- Data Exhaust
- Intelligent Infrastructure
- Data Visualization
- Multi-level Mixed Evaluation Method
- Outcome Harvesting







## **Investor Perspectives**

### Input

### Activity

### Output

#### Outcome

#### Impact

Resources that are deployed in service of a certain (set of) activities Actions, or tasks, that are performed in support of specific impact objectives Tangible, immediate practices, products and services that result from the activities 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

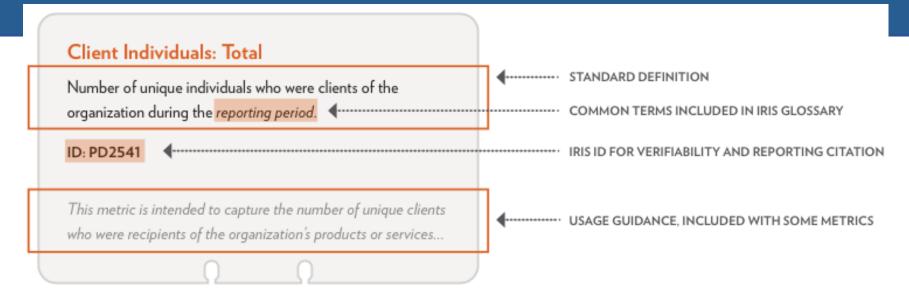
#### Investment Lifecycle

•	Value Definition	Due Diligence	Monitoring	Reporting	Ongoing Measurement
	Identifying impact goals and invest- ment parameters	Selecting investments which fit an investor's impact goals	Understanding whether impact goals are being achieved	Communicating impact with stakeholders	Continuing to mea- sure impact after an investment has closed

### **Investor Guidelines**

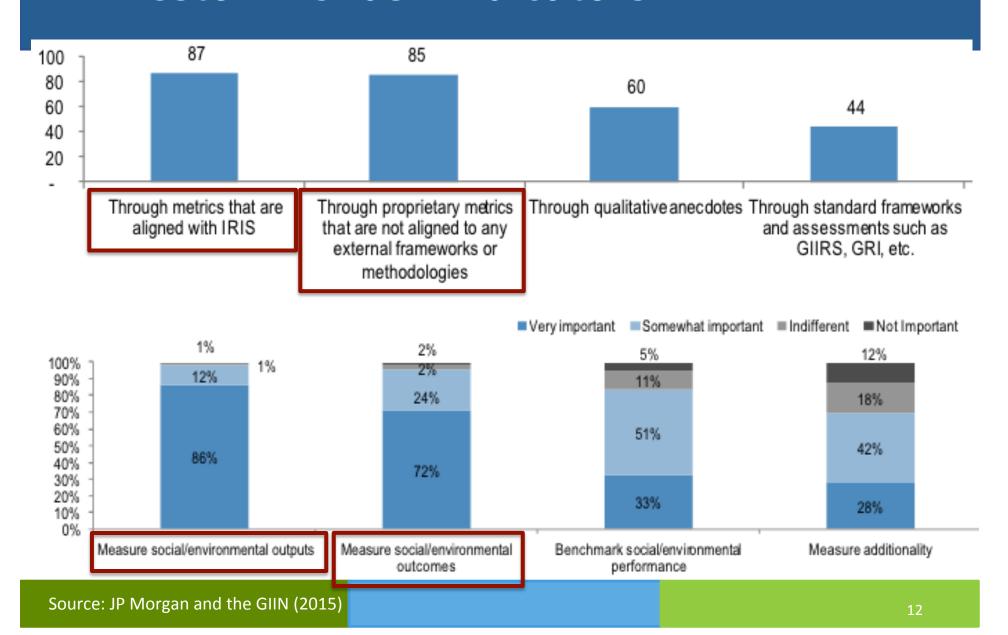
Plan	Set goals	Articulate the desired impact of the investments	
	Develop Framework & Select Metrics	Determine metrics to be used for assessing the performance of the investments	
Do	Collect & Store Data	Capture and store data in a timely and organized fashion	
	Validate Data	Validate data to ensure sufficient quality	
Assess	Analyse Data	Distill insights from the data collected	
Review	Report Data	Share progress with key stakeholders	
	Make Data-Driven Investment Management Decisions	Identify and implement mechanisms to strengthen the rigor of investment process and outcomes	

### Common Language



- IRIS is not an evaluation tool. It doesn't offer a "certification" or "seal of approval" and it does not rate users as having high or low impact.
- IRIS is not a data management platform. It does not provide a system to help you collect and store your performance data.
- IRIS is not a reporting framework. It does not provide reporting guidelines nor require reporting of a specific set of information.

### **Investor Trends: Indicators**



## Fund/Enterprise Ratings

#### **FUND PROFILE**

Fund Type:	Venture Capital
Investment Type:	Equity
Target Financial Return:	15%
Fund Size:	\$5,000,000
Fund Stage:	Growth
Vintage Year:	2008

### **Certified**



# GIIRS

#### **INVESTMENT TARGETS**

Sector Focus:	SGB
Industry:	Healthcare Services
Investment Region:	East Africa
Target Investment Size:	\$200,000 – \$999,000
Other Investment Screens:	Negative screens for Alcohol and Tobacco companies

#### **INVESTMENT MANAGER PROFILE**

Investment Manager:	Health First Investors, LLC
GIIRS Rating For Investment Manager:	****

#### **FUND RATING DETAILS**

	% Points Available
Accountability ★★★★★	81%
Governance/Accountability	88%
Transparency/Reporting	60%

Employees ★★★★	69%
Compensation & Benefits	81%
Employee Ownership	78%
Work Environment	53%

Consumers ****	90%
Beneficial Products/Services	95%
Beneficial Method of Production/Impact	95%
Serving Those in Need	100%

Community	28%
Local	45%
Diversity	27%
Charity/Direct Service	19%

Environment	34%
Corporate Offices	34%
Transportation/Distribution	n/a
Manufacturing Facilities	n/a
Overall Rating	61%

Source: B Analytics

## Portfolio Aggregation (Sector)

790k

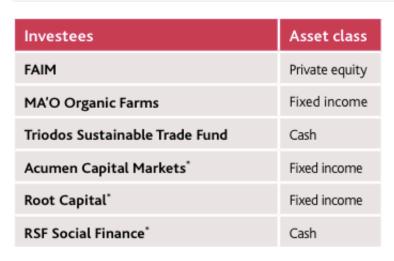
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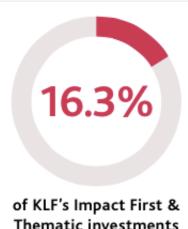
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AGRICULTURAL BUSINESSES DIRECTLY SUPPORTED THROUGH LOANS, GRANTS, INVESTMENT AND SERVICE PROVISION[3] \$236m

DISBURSED TO AGRICULTURAL BUSINESSES[4]

6 INVESTEES \$556,010 2014 MARKET VALUE







#### Average impact practice score



#### No of investees per classification



# Total Portfolio Impact

### Investment portfolio

Impact achieved by individual investments

Impact achieved by theme

Impact achieved across portfolio

Impact Assurance Classification (to assess quality of impact process)

### Movement-building work

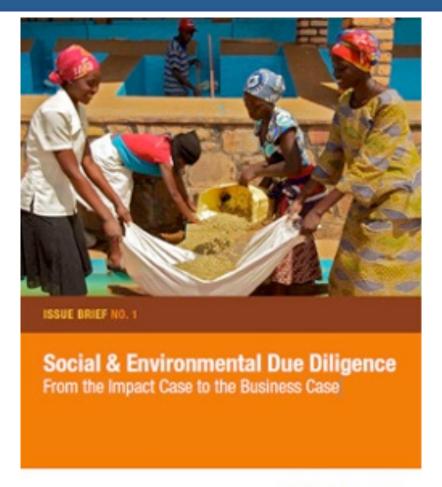
Impact achieved for investees

Impact achieved for intermediaries

Impact achieved for investors

Source: NPC and KL Felicitas Foundation (2015)

## **Example: Root Capital**







Social and Environmental Due Diligence Detailed Methodology Guide and Initial Results

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### Performance Dashboard

### **Financial Performance**

- Loan Disbursements: \$946M
- Household Members Reached:
   5.3M
- Number of Loans: 1982

# Strengthening Small and Growing Businesses

- Enterprise Revenue<sup>1</sup> \$1.5B
- Small & Growing Businesses
   Trained: 800

### **Promoting Sustainable Livelihoods**

- Payments to producers: \$1.2B
- Producers reached directly:
   988K
- Producers reached indirectly:
   209K
- Gender Inclusion and Environment
- Female farmers: 249K
- Hectares under sustainable cultivation: 1.6M

## Outputs to Outcomes

#### What we do

### Root Capital Outputs

- Credit
  - > First-time loans to clients that lack access to finance
  - > Renewal loands to growing clients
- Financial management training

#### What our clients do

### Client Outputs

- Price premiums and/or guaranteed prices to farmers
- Training & inputs to increase productivity
- Sustainable environmental practices
- Social services (health, education)

## What happens to farmers, communities, & ecosystems

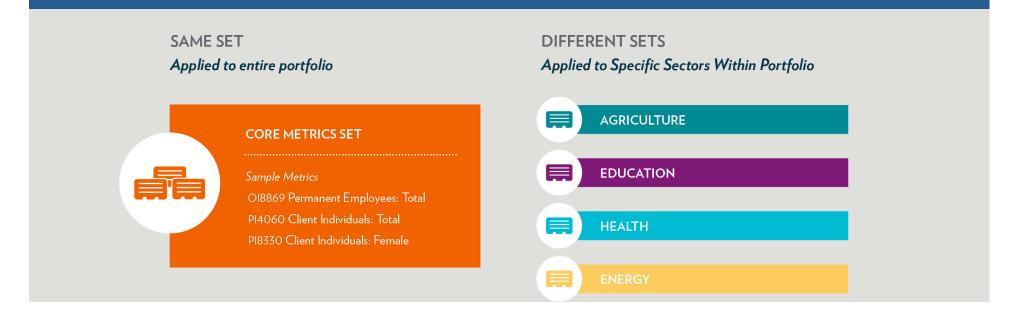
### Outcomes on the Ground

- · Higher and more stable farmer incomes
- · Strengthened rural communities
- Healthier ecosystems

# Sustainable Agriculture Metrics

Land Directly Controlled: Sustainably Managed (OI6912)	Percentage of land using sustainable cultivation techniques (such as drip irrigation, intercropping, machinery, etc.)
Sales Revenue (PI1775)	Ratio of total value of payments to farmers of target crop sold/Total revenue of target crop sold
Payments to Supplier Organizations: Total (PI5478)	Value of payments made to enterprises that sold goods or services to the organization during reporting period.
Supplier Individuals: Female (PI1728)	Number of female individuals who sold goods or services to the organization during the reporting period.
Product/Service Certifications (PD2756)	% of total production sold as certified (volume) per crop and per type of certification
Units/Volume Sold: Certified (PI7289)	Percentage of production that has received a price premium and amount of price premium

### Indicator Selection



Firm Fund Household Market





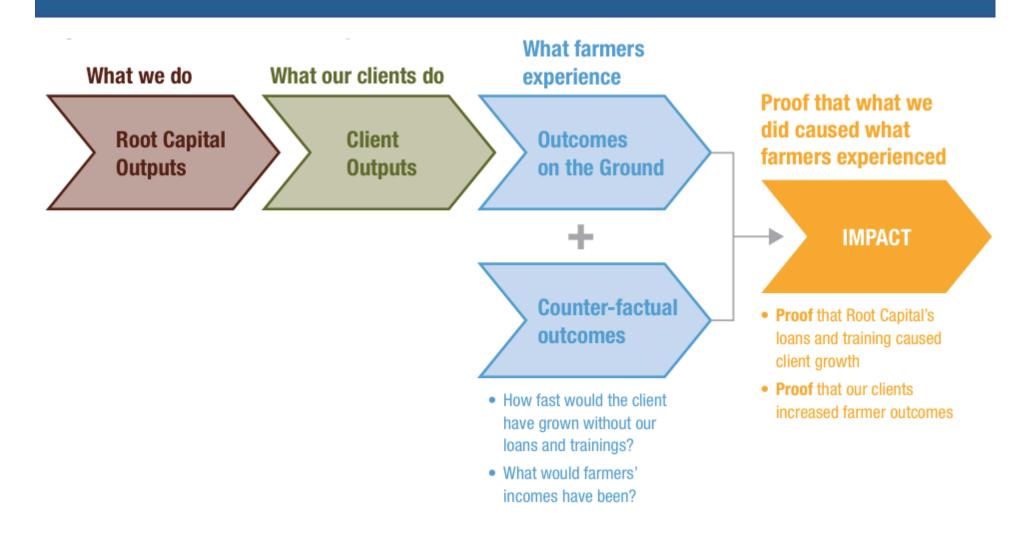




## Progress out of Poverty Index (Ghana)

- 1. How many members does the household have?
- 2. Are all household members ages 5 to 17 currently in school?
- 3. Can the male head/spouse read a phrase/sentence in English?
- 4. What is the main construction material used for the outer wall?
- 5. What type of toilet facility is usually used by the household?
- 6. What is the main fuel used by the household for cooking?
- 7. Does any household member own a working box iron or electric iron?
- 8. Does any household member own a working television, video player, VCD/DVD/MP3/MP4 player/iPod, or satellite dish?
- 9. How many working mobile phones are owned by members of the household?
- 10. Does any household member own a working bicycle, motor cycle, or car?

## Outcomes to Impact



### Review: Trends & Priorities

- Measurement still seen to be too expensive, onerous, disconnected and undervalued
- Investor activity typically focused on due diligence and reporting on outputs (at fund- or enterprise-level)
- 3. Global standards have driven adoption and coordination, but pose some limitations
- 4. New approaches, tools and platforms are being tested
- Sector-specific approaches are providing efficiencies and shared learning
- 6. Emerging appreciation of investee needs and capacity, and inherent value of impact data