

Reflecting on the FCDO DIB pilots

Possible next steps for the DIBs model

The evaluation of the FCDO DIBs Pilot found that stakeholders were broadly positive about the benefits of launching projects through DIBs. Whilst stakeholders thought the DIB costs were value for money, they also thought the model could be streamlined. We think this could be achieved in the following ways:

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Designing dedicated **outcomes funds** in policy areas so that multiple DIBs can be launched, leading to economies of scale.

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Taking a '**model agnostic**' approach to outcomes-based contracting: Designing an outcomes funding model but leading organisations to decide the most appropriate form of outcomes-based contract to use.

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Prioritising organisation-level scaling rather than DIB scaling: DIBs build the capacity of organisations and can be a 'one time pivot'. After a DIB has been effective, it is possible the intervention can be just as effective outside of the DIB, and the DIB structure is no longer necessary.

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Options to simplify the DIB model could include:

Designing a model that retains the focus on clear outcomes and a high-stakes environment but **reduces the reliance on intermediaries and/or external expertise.**

Using a **25% PbR** model to create a focus on clear outcomes and a high-stakes environment but reducing financial risk down to a range that service providers could tolerate (removing the need for complex investment vehicles).

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Experimenting with simpler ways of bringing together philanthropic and government funds, like **Social Impact Guarantees**, which could encourage donors to take greater risks with untested solutions while maintaining a sharp focus on outcomes.

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