

# THE GLOBAL SOCIAL IMPACT BOND MARKET

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## **Global interest in SIBs**

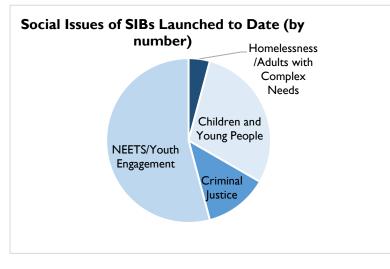
Since Social Finance launched the world's first Social Impact Bond (SIB) in 2010 we have seen the concept adopted globally, capturing the interest of both policymakers and social innovators. Over the last four 25 SIBs have been years, commissioned in total, by seven different countries, aimed at tackling a variety of social problems. SIBs have generated significant interest as an innovative instrument that brings private finance, public investment and the expertise of the Voluntary,



Community and Social Enterprise sector together in partnerships that enable public sector investment to focus on programmes that deliver measurable results.

#### An instrument to address defined social issues

The first SIB launched in 2010 focused on rehabilitation of ex-prisoners. Other SIBs are testing the model's effectiveness in other social areas. Among the 25 SIBs launched globally, there is concentration on four broad social areas with a particular emphasis on children and on young people who are not in education, employment or training. These common themes are typical of



issues facing governments in countries where SIBs have been launched to date. The pipeline of SIBs under development will continue to expand the number of programmes funded by SIBs in these areas, but we also anticipate a growing focus on issues affecting older people, such as social isolation and end of life care.

As the concept expands into the developing world we expect areas such as health, education

and poverty alleviation to become prominent, reflecting development priorities. There is already progress: the U.K. Department for International Development announced in April 2014 that it would launch a Development Impact Bond (DIB) to tackle African sleeping sickness in Uganda. In Latin America, the Inter-American Development Bank has announced a \$5.3 million 'SIB facility' for the development of a SIB market to address high priority social issues in those economies.

## An investment opportunity for the growing market of social impact investors

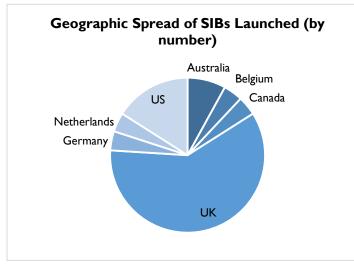
More than £65 million (100m) of investment has been committed to the SIBs commissioned to date. The largest transactions have been seen in the US – New York State (13.5m) and Massachusetts (18m) – both in the area of prisoner rehabilitation. While the first investors in SIBs in the UK were predominantly philanthropic foundations, the market has started to attract a broader range of capital. For example, in the US, Goldman Sachs have acted as investor and Bank of America Merrill Lynch as private placement agent while in Australia, investment has

occurred though private ancillary funds and in the UK, through social investment funds.

However, private foundations and endowments remain a critical part of the investor landscape. Capital provided by foundations is typically able to fund the most innovative interventions; while other capital sources may be better suited to invest in SIBs that focus on scaling up successful interventions.



As the market matures we would expect to see more interest from institutional investors for whom the lack of scale and track record, and a need for capital at risk protection, has so far limited their ability to invest. The first institutional investors have however been seen: in Australia's two out of home care SIBs. We also believe retail social investment offers extraordinary potential as people seek closer links between their capital and social impact from their investment, but it is some way off at this early stage of the market. The UK's new Social Investment Tax relief has the potential to broaden capital pools.



While the core tenet of SIBs has remained consistent across geographies, different commissioning frameworks and types of investor have changed the structure of the deals. Some SIBs have mitigated investor risk, with a variety of mechanisms such as guarantees or first loss capital from grant donors. Others mitigate risk through staged payments linked to interim outcomes. As the market continues to develop and more SIBs come to market, we look forward to

a continued evolution of the model and its adaptation to new market and issue areas.

#### NORTH AMERICA

SOCIAL

Riker's Island SIB 2012 New York, USA Recidivism First US SIB

Utah SIB, 2013 Salt Lake City, USA (18) High Quality Preschool Program First early education SIB

New York State SIB 2013 New York State, USA Recidivism and employment First state-led SIB

Massachusetts SIB 2014 Massachusetts, USA Criminal Justice/Rehabilitation First non-guaranteed US SIB

Sweet Dreams SIB 2014 Saskatoon, Canada At-risk single mothers First Canadian SIB

# EUROPE

Peterborough SIB 2010 Peterborough, England Short sentence offenders First SIB launched

APM UK SIB 2012 West Midlands, England Unemployment/NEETs First round DWP Innovation Fund Links4Life SIB 2012 East London, England Unemployment/NEETs

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Living Balance SIB 2012 Perthshire & Kinross, Scotland Unemployment/NEETs First round DWP Innovation Fund

 Nottingham City Council SIB 2012
Nottingham, England Unemployment/NEETs First round DWP Innovation Fund

ThinkForward SIB 2012 East London, England Unemployment/NEETs First round DWP Innovation Fund

3SC Capitalise, Oct 2012 Cardiff & Newport, Wales Unemployment/NEETs Second round DWP Innovation Fund

Energise Innovation, Oct 2012 Thames Valley, England Unemployment/NEETs Second round DWP Innovation Fund

Prevista, Oct 2012 West London, England Unemployment/NEETs Second round DWP Innovation Fund

(12) Teens & Toddlers, Oct 2012 Greater Manchester, England Unemployment/NEETs Second round DWP Innovation Essex SIB 2012 Essex, England Children at the edge of care First local authority commissioned SIB

GLA Homelessness SIB 2012 Greater London, England Homelessness Service providers also investors

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It's All About Me (IAAM) SIB 2013 Whole of the UK Adoption services First supplier-led SIB

 Manchester City Council SIB 2014
Manchester, England Children in residential care Investment directly in service provider

20) Buzinezzclub SIB 2013 Rotterdam, Netherlands Unemployment/NEETs First SIB in continental Europe

Juvat SIB 2014 Augsburg, Germany Unemployment/NEETS First German SIB NEETs/Youth Engagement Children and Young People

Criminal Justice

Adults with Complex Needs

(25) SIBs numbered in chronological order

Belgium SIB 2014
Brussels, Belgium
Workforce empowerment
Focused on migrant job seekers

## AUSTRALIA

Newpin SIB 2013

New South Wales, Australia
Complex families & child welfare
First Australian SIB

Benevolent Society SIB 2013 (17) New South Wales, Australia Complex families & child welfare Used low and high-risk investment tiers