Long list of research and evaluation projects (chronological)

• Study on the development effects of debt funds: high level findings on debt fund managers' approaches to impact management and identification of opportunities for more effective and efficient impact analysis on debt funds by DEG and OeEB (2023)

DEG and OeEB

Role: Project Manager

The purpose of this study was to support the German Investment Corporation (DEG) and the Development Bank of Austria (OeEB) to develop a systematic and efficient approach to capture the development effects of their debt funds and their partner institutions within their soon to be updated impact management system DERa (DERa 2.0). The specific components of the study The specific components of the study were i) conduct a general analysis of debt funds and their impact management including E&S and systems; ii) identify intersections between debt fund data and data needed for DERa; iii) develop a concept for integration of debt funds' development effects into DERa and iv) derive recommendations for DEG and OeEB on the implementation approach, potential limitations and level of burden imposed on fund managers, funds and PIs.

• Evaluation of BIO's Contribution to Decent Work and Quality Jobs (2023)

The Belgian Investment Company for Developing countries (BIO)

Role: Evaluation Consultant

Evaluation of why, how and to what extent BIO contributes to Sustainable Development Goal 8: Decent Work and Quality Jobs. The study applied a mixed-methods approach comprising i) a desk review of BIO strategy, policies, project documents and external literature; ii) analysis of BIO portfolio data; iii) an online survey of BIO direct investee enterprises in the agri-manufacturing sectors; iv) 50+ in-depth interviews with BIO staff and investees; and v) a field visit to two companies and one financial institution in Peru invested in by BIO.

• <u>Tipping Points to Turning Points: How can programmes and policies better respond to the risks of child trafficking and exploitation on the Central Mediterranean Route?</u> (2021-2023)

Save the Children International

Role: Research Lead

A research study to understand how practitioners and policymakers can reduce the risk of child trafficking and exploitation. The research was conducted across the East Africa Central Mediterranean route, through Ethiopia, Sudan, and Egypt as part of Save the Children's work on East African Migration Routes, mandated by the Swiss Agency for Development & Cooperation (SDC). The study employed a qualitative approach comprising one-to-one interviews, focus group discussions and case studies with 200 participants including migrant children, youth with prior experience of child migration, community members, experts and practitioners. This was complemented by a thorough analysis of secondary sources on child smuggling, child trafficking and exploitation.

• "This is my Life, and I Don't Want to Waste a Year of it": The experiences and wellbeing of children fleeing Ukraine (2022)

Save the Children International

Role: Research Lead

Part of Save the Children's European response to the Ukraine crisis. The research aimed to understand the experiences of Ukrainian girls and boys since their displacement, what challenges and enablers they are facing and their hopes and fears about their daily life. The study was conducted in eight of Save the Children's European offices and comprised an online survey of children and their caregivers and focus groups with children. This was complemented by a set of short videos to synthesis the findings.

• Should I Stay or Should I go? Understanding children's migration decisions in Northern Central America (2020-2022)

Save the Children International

Role: Research Lead

Phase II of Save the Children's "Why Children Stay" series, this study explores the decision making factors

involved for children living in highly vulnerable contexts, specifically Northern Central America (El Salvador, Honduras and Guatemala) where gang violence and murder are prevalent. The study explored commonalities and differences with Phase I of the research which focused on children living in areas with high levels of migration in Burkina Faso, Ethiopia and Zambia. Phase II involved interviews with 122 children in eight locations in Northern Central America. This was complemented by 39 interviews with a variety of other stakeholders including parents, representatives of national and international civil society organisations, community leaders and government authorities.

• Research study on climate-related displacement (2020-2021)

Save the Children International

Role: Research Lead

A study which sought to respond to the knowledge gap on the specific vulnerabilities of children and youth and provide a new, child-focused perspective on how the Climate Crisis is driving migration and displacement. More than 200 children were interviewed through focus groups and one-to-one interviews in five different countries and continents living in different types of climate conditions. This was complemented by regional, national and global expert interviews with stakeholders engaged in the climate crisis, mobility and child rights.

• <u>Digital Safeguarding for Migrating and Displaced Children: An overview of the current context and trends,</u> potential risks and practical next steps (2020)

Save the Children International

Role: Research Lead

Research study building on previous <u>study</u> on emerging technologies and exploring how the sector is responding to child safeguarding risks posed by digital technology, and recommendations for immediate and practical next steps to ensure that every migrant or dis-placed child can benefit from digital innovation and stay safe. Research involved interviews with Save the Children employees across the US, the UK, Kenya, Denmark, Switzerland, Lebanon, Ethiopia, El Salvador, Afghanistan and the Balkans as well as external technology and innovation experts within the aid sector.

• Evaluation of Environmental Land Management System Test and Trials (2019-2020)

UK Department of Environment, Food and Rural Affairs (Defra)

Role: Project Manager

Monitoring and Evaluation of a tests and trials programme funding land managers and key stakeholders to trial new and innovative approaches and help design a new ELM scheme to replace the EU Common Agriculture Policy. The approach involves a broad range of secondary and primary data collection, including (1) documentation review and familiarisation interviews; (2) stakeholder consultations with policy makers and land managers and (3) project level case studies.

• Support study to the report on the application of Directive 2014/40/EU (2019-2020)

Directorate-General for Health and Food Safety (DG SANTE)

Role: Core Study Team - Evaluation Expert

An assessment on the application of Directive 2014/40/EU concerning the manufacture, presentation and sale of tobacco and related products (Tobacco Products Directive). The study comprised a literature review, mapping and analysis of data from Special Eurobarometer Surveys and Euromonitor International, stakeholder consultations with health experts, case studies and an online mystery shopping exercise.

• Evaluation of Fisheries Control and Enforcement (2019-2020)

UK Marine Management Organisation (MMO)

Role: Project Manager

Evaluation of the MMO's enhanced budget which replaces the EU Common Fisheries Policy to increase control and enforcement activity in order to reduce illegal fishing in English waters. The evaluation involved a mixed-method approach comprising desk-based review, depth-interviews with key stakeholders, a survey of fishers and port-based case studies.

• Process and Early Impact Evaluation of the 5G Testbeds and Trials Programme (2019-2020) UK Department for Digital, Culture, Media & Sports (DCMS) Role: Project Manager

Building on an existing scoping study, a process and impact evaluation was carried out to take stock of whether the 5GTT programme was delivered as intended and driven wider changes to the UK's 5G ecosystem. The study comprised (1) in-depth interviews with project stakeholders (2) an online survey of network users and (3) a review of secondary evidence.

• Annual EUSR Reports on Zoonoses and Foodborne Outbreaks and Antimicrobial Resistance (2019)

European Food Standards Agency (EFSA)

Role: Project Director

Stakeholder and customer feedback on the efficacy, efficiency, relevance, added value, coherence and timeliness of the annual EUSR on zoonoses and food-borne outbreaks and of the annual EUSR on antimicrobial resistance in collecting data and supporting informed risk assessment and risk management. This study involved an online survey and semi-structured interviews to collate views from across various key stakeholders.

• Evaluation of the EU LIFE Fund (2018-2019)

UK Natural England and the Department of Environment, Food and Rural Affairs (Defra)

Role: Project Manager

Evaluation of the EU LIFE Fund. The fund provided EU finance to increase protection for the environment and support action to address climate change. The evaluation involved triangulation of desk research, database analysis and qualitative stakeholder interviews to inform decisions on post-EU exit funding arrangements for the environment.

• Evaluation of the Controlling Migration Fund (2018)

UK Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government (MHCLG)

Role: Project Director (& Proposal Lead)

The Fund aimed to help improve local and national understanding of the impact of migration on integration and social mixing and perceived increased pressures on the availability and quality of local public services. The evaluation took a mixed-method, theory-based approach comprising stakeholder consultations, project case studies and a residents' survey.

• Evaluation of the Building Stronger Britain Together Programme (2016-2018)

UK Home Office

Role: Evaluation lead

This programme intended to counter extremist beliefs and build a partnership with all those opposed to extremism whilst promoting a positive alternative. The evaluation assessed the impact of the national campaigns, the grants and the in-kind support against a range of key outcomes, whilst establishing 'what works' and understanding the effectiveness of the in-kind support and grant delivery processes in order to optimise the programme.

• Evaluation and Learning Partner of the Financial Capability What Works Fund (2016-2018)

Money Advice Service

Role: Project Manager

The What Works Fund aimed at developing an evidence base of what works well and what works less well to improve financial capability. The study involved supporting the Money Advice Service in building their capacity to embed evaluation approaches across the sector and to disseminate the evidence. Relationship Managers provided "hands on" support to grantees, helping to build their evaluation capacity and to develop project level interventions.

• Evaluation of the UK Climate Investments Pilot (2015-2018)

UK Department for Business, Energy & Industrial Strategy (BEIS)

Role: Project Manager (& Proposal Lead)

The UK Climate Investment Pilot sought to mobilise private finance in Renewable Energy and Energy Efficient projects within middle-income countries. The approach built on a broad range of secondary and primary evidence collection, including (1) documentation review and familiarisation interviews; (2) stake-

holder consultations with UKCI and GIB, the investment community, and sector experts; (3) project level case studies; and a sector and country bench marking. The evaluation framework was reviewed by an external peer reviewer who commended its thoroughness and clarity of approach. Government officials published a redacted version to demonstrate best practice in theory-based evaluation design.

• Year 3 Evaluation of the Liverpool Waves of Hope Programme (2018)

Plus Dane Housing

Role: Project Director

Liverpool Waves of Hope was part of Big Lottery Fund's Fulfilling Lives initiative to provide co-ordinated support for individuals with multiple and complex needs. The Liverpool project supported individuals with at least three of the following needs: homelessness, offending, substance misuse and mental health problems; and is delivered by a number of social enterprises in Liverpool working in partnership. The evaluation team undertook longitudinal case studies with service users of the programme, who are interviewed by the evaluation team every six months. Data obtained from these interviews was supplemented with monitoring data. The team also conducted several waves of in-depth interviews with project delivery staff and with wider stakeholders and services in Liverpool.

• Evaluation of the Global Climate Partnership Fund (GCPF) (2017)

German Federal Ministry for the Environment, Nature Conservation, Building and Nuclear Safety (BMUB) & UK Department of Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy (BEIS)

Role: Project Manager (& Proposal Lead)

A programme aimed at mobilising private finance to promote renewable energy and energy efficiency projects in middle income countries. The primary focus of the evaluation was an assessment of the effectiveness and relevance of GCPF's activities on low carbon development, identifying efficiencies (and inefficiencies) in processes and providing learning for future. This relied on a mixed method, theory-based evaluation design, collecting primary and secondary evidence from performance and monitoring information, operational and market benchmarking, stakeholder consultations and case studies.

• Evaluation of the Uniformed Youth Social Action Funds (UYSAF) 1 & 2 (2016)

Youth United Foundation

Role: Project Manager

The evaluation of UYSAF 1 explored the impact of youth social action on its beneficiaries. Measures of perceived impact were collected from beneficiaries during or shortly after social action activities took place using a self-completion paper questionnaire. Fund 2 aimed to create specific opportunities for young people aged 6 to 25 who face exclusion. The evaluation consisted primarily of case studies across five Uniformed Youth Organisations involving consultations with the project manager and staff responsible for designing and running each youth group and children and young people attending the groups.

• Impact of Apprenticeship Hubs (2016)

Skills Funding Agency

Role: Project Manager

An evaluation to assess the impact of Government funded Apprenticeship Hub activities on additional apprenticeship growth, and lessons learned to inform future LEP or Combined Authority local delivery on apprenticeship growth. The study comprises a quantitative impact assessment including spatial discontinuity design, supplemented by consultations and a survey among Hubs' Skills Leads and detailed case studies in two Apprenticeship Hubs.

• The effectiveness of debt advice in the UK (2012)

Money Advice Service

Role: Project Executive

The study aimed to assess the overall impact of debt advice, the relative effectiveness of different advice channels (telephone, face-to-face, online, post, and printed materials), and the comparison between free and paid advice. A survey was carried out of 4,020 individuals who had reported being in debt since 2006, focusing on their experiences and the manageability of their debt over time. A follow-up survey of 1,247 respondents who had sought advice and maintained manageable debt further explored their motivations

and outcomes. The research utilised logistic regression analysis to determine the effectiveness of debt advice by examining the transition time from unmanageable to manageable debt.