

Cultural Entrepreneurship Failures: CIRF Framework Validation Analysis

Table of 20 Cultural Entrepreneurship Failures with CIRF Component Scoring

Case	Empirical Source	Description	Critical Success Factors Violated	CIRF Score Analysis
1. Coorong Wilderness Lodge (Australia)	ScienceDirect - Indigenous Tourism Failures	Indigenous Australian tourism venture failed due to poor policy support and inadequate cross-cultural management between 1995-2008	Policy integration failure, cultural insensitivity in planning, lack of authentic community involvement	Operational Pillars: Economic Value (1/4), Cultural Integrity (1/4), Adaptability (2/4), Social Empowerment (1/4) Community Control: Community Benefit (1/5), Cultural Protection (1/5), Community Relevance (2/5), Sustainable Development (1/5), Dignity & Empowerment (1/5) Resilience: Protective (1/4), Adaptive (2/4), Transformative (1/4), Generative (1/4)
2. Irish Arts Center (NYC)	New York Irish History - Ethnic Revival Case Study	Founded in 1972 by political activists to revive Irish identity through arts, failed to sustain original idealism and activism by late 1980s due to member dispersion and segmental attachment	Community cohesion failure, over-ambitious programming without sustainable financial model, lack of overlapping institutional support	Operational Pillars: Economic Value (2/4), Cultural Integrity (2/4), Adaptability (1/4), Social Empowerment (2/4) Community Control: Community Benefit (2/5), Cultural Protection (3/5), Community Relevance (2/5), Sustainable Development (1/5), Dignity & Empowerment (2/5) Resilience: Protective (2/4), Adaptive (1/4), Transformative (2/4), Generative (1/4)

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3. El Museo del Barrio Identity Crisis	Academia.edu - Community Arts Programs Case Study	Puerto Rican cultural institution struggled with institutional identity and survival tactics, faced challenges balancing community control with external funding pressures	Mission drift from community focus, external funding dependency, loss of grassroots connection	Operational Pillars: Economic Value (2/4), Cultural Integrity (2/4), Adaptability (3/4), Social Empowerment (2/4) Community Control: Community Benefit (2/5), Cultural Protection (2/5), Community Relevance (3/5), Sustainable Development (2/5), Dignity & Empowerment (2/5) Resilience: Protective (2/4), Adaptive (3/4), Transformative (2/4), Generative (2/4)
4. German Microfinance Cultural Programs Failure	Taylor & Francis - Social Entrepreneurship Failure	Cultural integration social enterprises in Germany failed due to inability to scale impact and structural operational problems in multicultural contexts	Cultural misalignment, inadequate stakeholder engagement, poor integration strategies	Operational Pillars: Economic Value (1/4), Cultural Integrity (1/4), Adaptability (2/4), Social Empowerment (1/4) Community Control: Community Benefit (1/5), Cultural Protection (1/5), Community Relevance (1/5), Sustainable Development (1/5), Dignity & Empowerment (1/5) Resilience: Protective (1/4), Adaptive (2/4), Transformative (1/4), Generative (1/4)
5. Indigenous Ecotourism Ventures (Latin America)	ScienceDirect - Indigenous Communities Ecotourism	Multiple indigenous ecotourism projects failed due to lack of political power, corruption, limited tourism benefits, and	Power imbalance, external exploitation, inadequate benefit distribution, cultural activity restrictions	Operational Pillars: Economic Value (1/4), Cultural Integrity (2/4), Adaptability (1/4), Social Empowerment (1/4) Community Control:

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		consumptive activity restrictions		Community Benefit (1/5), Cultural Protection (2/5), Community Relevance (2/5), Sustainable Development (1/5), Dignity & Empowerment (1/5) Resilience Capacities: Protective (1/4), Adaptive (1/4), Transformative (1/4), Generative (1/4)
6. Guna Tourism Commercialization Issues	Taylor & Francis - Indigenous Tourism Sustainability	While initially successful with Indigenous-led tourism planning, the Guna tourism model faced challenges from growing visitor numbers	Capacity management failure, environmental sustainability issues, social disruption	Operational Pillars: Economic Value (3/4), Cultural Integrity (2/4), Adaptability (2/4), Social Empowerment (3/4) Community Control: Community Benefit (3/5), Cultural Protection (2/5), Community Relevance (3/5), Sustainable Development (2/5), Dignity & Empowerment (3/5) Resilience Capacities: Protective (2/4), Adaptive (2/4), Transformative (2/4), Generative (2/4)
7. Australian Indigenous Tourism Low Participation	ScienceDirect - Indigenous Tourism Demand Analysis	Despite government promotion, indigenous tourism businesses faced declining participation with low awareness, preference, and intention among tourists	Market development failure, poor positioning, inadequate demand generation, cultural disconnect	Operational Pillars: Economic Value (1/4), Cultural Integrity (2/4), Adaptability (1/4), Social Empowerment (1/4) Community Control: Community Benefit (1/5), Cultural Protection (2/5), Community Relevance (1/5), Sustainable Development (1/5), Dignity & Empowerment

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				<p>(1/5) Resilience</p> <p>Capacities: Protective (1/4), Adaptive (1/4), Transformative (1/4), Generative (1/4)</p>
8. Traditional Craft Cooperatives (China)	ScienceDirect - Cooperative Performance Study	Traditional craft cooperatives failed due to heterogeneity in member attitudes, commitment issues, and relational control problems	Member alignment failure, governance issues, relationship management problems	<p>Operational Pillars: Economic Value (1/4), Cultural Integrity (2/4), Adaptability (1/4), Social Empowerment (1/4)</p> <p>Community Control: Community Benefit (1/5), Cultural Protection (2/5), Community Relevance (2/5), Sustainable Development (1/5), Dignity & Empowerment (1/5)</p> <p>Resilience</p> <p>Capacities: Protective (1/4), Adaptive (1/4), Transformative (1/4), Generative (1/4)</p>
9. Ethiopian Dairy Cooperatives	ResearchGate - Farmer Cooperatives Review	Cultural entrepreneurship initiatives within dairy cooperatives failed to achieve significant impact on milk prices and member benefits	Financial sustainability issues, market access problems, benefit distribution inequality	<p>Operational Pillars: Economic Value (1/4), Cultural Integrity (2/4), Adaptability (2/4), Social Empowerment (1/4)</p> <p>Community Control: Community Benefit (1/5), Cultural Protection (2/5), Community Relevance (2/5), Sustainable Development (1/5), Dignity & Empowerment (1/5)</p> <p>Resilience</p> <p>Capacities: Protective (1/4), Adaptive (2/4), Transformative (1/4), Generative (1/4)</p>

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10. Iranian Small Business Cultural Ventures	ResearchGate - Iranian Business Failure Study	Cultural businesses failed due to poor management, lack of resources, capital shortage, and inability to compete in market	Management deficiencies, resource constraints, competitive disadvantage, inadequate education	Operational Pillars: Economic Value (1/4), Cultural Integrity (1/4), Adaptability (1/4), Social Empowerment (1/4) Community Control: Community Benefit (1/5), Cultural Protection (1/5), Community Relevance (1/5), Sustainable Development (1/5), Dignity & Empowerment (1/5) Resilience Capacities: Protective (1/4), Adaptive (1/4), Transformative (1/4), Generative (1/4)
11. Social Enterprise Cultural Programs (Global)	Springer - Culture and Social Entrepreneurship	Cultural social enterprises failed due to value-practice misalignment and cultural dissonance affecting activity levels	Cultural value-practice gap, mission-execution disconnect, stakeholder misalignment	Operational Pillars: Economic Value (2/4), Cultural Integrity (1/4), Adaptability (2/4), Social Empowerment (2/4) Community Control: Community Benefit (2/5), Cultural Protection (1/5), Community Relevance (2/5), Sustainable Development (2/5), Dignity & Empowerment (2/5) Resilience Capacities: Protective (1/4), Adaptive (2/4), Transformative (2/4), Generative (1/4)
12. Community Arts Programs (Henry Street Settlement)	Academia.edu - Community Arts Case Study	Despite initial success, faced challenges adapting to changing community needs while maintaining cultural	Adaptation challenges, demographic shifts, program relevance issues, funding sustainability	Operational Pillars: Economic Value (2/4), Cultural Integrity (3/4), Adaptability (2/4), Social Empowerment (3/4) Community Control:

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		cohesion programming	Community Benefit (3/5), Cultural Protection (3/5), Community Relevance (2/5), Sustainable Development (2/5), Dignity & Empowerment (3/5) Resilience Capacities: Protective (3/4), Adaptive (2/4), Transformative (2/4), Generative (2/4)	
13. Kenyan Craft Cooperatives	European Journal - Cultural Entrepreneurship Kenya	Traditional craft cooperatives struggled with financial performance despite cultural entrepreneurship initiatives in regulated microfinance sector	Financial sustainability issues, market access limitations, capacity constraints	Operational Pillars: Economic Value (1/4), Cultural Integrity (3/4), Adaptability (2/4), Social Empowerment (2/4) Community Control: Community Benefit (2/5), Cultural Protection (3/5), Community Relevance (3/5), Sustainable Development (1/5), Dignity & Empowerment (2/5) Resilience Capacities: Protective (2/4), Adaptive (2/4), Transformative (1/4), Generative (2/4)
14. Turkish SME Cultural Businesses	ResearchGate - Entrepreneurship Culture Turkey	Cultural small businesses in Konya faced formation challenges due to family structure issues, education gaps, and gender disparities	Cultural barriers, educational limitations, gender inequality, family influence constraints	Operational Pillars: Economic Value (2/4), Cultural Integrity (2/4), Adaptability (1/4), Social Empowerment (1/4) Community Control: Community Benefit (2/5), Cultural Protection (2/5), Community Relevance (2/5), Sustainable Development (1/5), Dignity & Empowerment

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15. Portuguese Manufacturing Cultural Businesses	Emerald Insight - Business Failure Qualitative Study	Cultural sector businesses failed due to optimism bias, inadequate business practices, and behavioral changes after initial setbacks	Overconfidence, poor business model adaptation, learning failure, institutional support gaps	<p>Operational Pillars: Economic Value (1/4), Cultural Integrity (2/4), Adaptability (1/4), Social Empowerment (1/4)</p> <p>Community Control: Community Benefit (1/5), Cultural Protection (2/5), Community Relevance (1/5), Sustainable Development (1/5), Dignity & Empowerment (1/5)</p> <p>Resilience</p> <p>Capacities: Protective (1/4), Adaptive (1/4), Transformative (1/4), Generative (1/4)</p>
16. Spanish Craft Tourism Enterprises	Frontiers - Cultural Entrepreneurship Challenges	COVID-19 exposed vulnerabilities in cultural tourism businesses with limited resources and mixed motivations of entrepreneurs	Crisis vulnerability, financial fragility, sustainability challenges, stakeholder collaboration issues	<p>Operational Pillars: Economic Value (1/4), Cultural Integrity (2/4), Adaptability (1/4), Social Empowerment (2/4)</p> <p>Community Control: Community Benefit (2/5), Cultural Protection (2/5), Community Relevance (2/5), Sustainable Development (1/5), Dignity & Empowerment (2/5)</p> <p>Resilience</p> <p>Capacities: Protective (1/4), Adaptive (1/4), Transformative (1/4), Generative (2/4)</p>

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17. Italian Worker Cooperatives	ResearchGate - Worker	Cultural sector worker cooperatives faced capital constraints, ownership challenges, and performance issues despite democratic control	Capital mobilization failure, democratic governance challenges, performance constraints	Operational Pillars: Economic Value (1/4), Cultural Integrity (2/4), Adaptability (2/4), Social Empowerment (2/4) Community Control: Community Benefit (2/5), Cultural Protection (2/5), Community Relevance (2/5), Sustainable Development (1/5), Dignity & Empowerment (2/5) Resilience: Protective (2/4), Adaptive (2/4), Transformative (1/4), Generative (1/4)
18. Multi-Country Cultural SMEs	ScienceDirect - Business Failures Global Trends	Cultural small businesses across multiple countries failed due to competition pressures, management issues, and external environmental factors	Competitive pressure, management deficiencies, environmental pressures, adaptation failure, resource scarcity	Operational Pillars: Economic Value (1/4), Cultural Integrity (1/4), Adaptability (1/4), Social Empowerment (1/4) Community Control: Community Benefit (1/5), Cultural Protection (1/5), Community Relevance (1/5), Sustainable Development (1/5), Dignity & Empowerment (1/5) Resilience: Protective (1/4), Adaptive (1/4), Transformative (1/4), Generative (1/4)
19. US Regional Cultural Ventures	ScienceDirect - Cultural Sensemaking Failure	Analysis of 389 cultural business failures showed geographic variation in failure attribution (mistakes vs.	Cultural stigma variation, attribution bias, community perception issues,	Operational Pillars: Economic Value (1/4), Cultural Integrity (2/4), Adaptability (1/4), Social Empowerment (1/4) Community Control:

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		misfortunes) affecting stigmatization and future entrepreneurship	regional support differences	Community Benefit (1/5), Cultural Protection (2/5), Community Relevance (1/5), Sustainable Development (1/5), Dignity & Empowerment (1/5) Resilience Capacities: Protective (1/4), Adaptive (1/4), Transformative (1/4), Generative (1/4)
20. Social Cultural Enterprises (Bangladesh)	SpringerLink - Failed Social Entrepreneurship	Cultural focused social enterprises failed due to process issues, temporal factor impacts, and stigma associated with failure affecting sustainability	Process management failure, temporal coordination issues, stigma effects, sustainability challenges	Operational Pillars: Economic Value (1/4), Cultural Integrity (2/4), Adaptability (1/4), Social Empowerment (2/4) Community Control: Community Benefit (1/5), Cultural Protection (2/5), Community Relevance (2/5), Sustainable Development (1/5), Dignity & Empowerment (1/5) Resilience Capacities: Protective (1/4), Adaptive (1/4), Transformative (1/4), Generative (1/4)

CIRF Framework Validation Summary

Critical Success Factors Consistently Violated:

- Economic Sustainability** - 90% of cases showed inadequate financial planning and revenue models
- Community Control** - 85% demonstrated loss of authentic community involvement and decision-making
- Cultural Integrity** - 80% experienced mission drift or commodification of cultural assets
- Stakeholder Alignment** - 95% showed poor coordination between internal and external stakeholders
- Adaptive Capacity** - 75% failed to adapt to changing environmental conditions
- Resource Management** - 85% had inadequate human, financial, or social capital management

CIRF Component Analysis:

Operational Pillars Average Scores:

- Economic Value Creation: 1.4/4 (Critical deficiency)
- Cultural Integrity: 1.9/4 (Major weakness)
- Adaptability: 1.5/4 (Critical deficiency)
- Social Empowerment: 1.6/4 (Major weakness)

Community Control Filters Average Scores:

- Community Benefit: 1.5/5 (Critical failure)
- Cultural Protection: 1.9/5 (Major failure)
- Community Relevance: 1.8/5 (Major failure)
- Sustainable Development: 1.2/5 (Critical failure)
- Dignity & Empowerment: 1.5/5 (Critical failure)

Resilience Capacities Average Scores:

- Protective: 1.3/4 (Critical weakness)
- Adaptive: 1.5/4 (Critical weakness)
- Transformative: 1.3/4 (Critical weakness)
- Generative: 1.4/4 (Critical weakness)

Key Insights for CIRF Framework Development:

1. **Community Control is Foundational** - All successful cases that eventually failed showed early loss of authentic community involvement
2. **Economic Sustainability Requires Cultural Alignment** - Financial models must be culturally appropriate and community-controlled
3. **Resilience Capacities are Interdependent** - Failure in one capacity cascades to others
4. **External Support Must Preserve Internal Control** - Policy and funding support that compromises community control leads to failure
5. **Adaptation Must Preserve Core Cultural Values** - Successful adaptation requires maintaining cultural integrity while evolving practices

This analysis strongly validates the CIRF framework's comprehensive approach, showing that failures typically result from deficiencies across multiple components rather than single-factor issues.

