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Funding Environment for the TB Response



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LETTER

Impact of US funding cuts and stop work orders on TB services and research in South Africa

Projected long-term impacts of US funding cuts on TB and HIV in South Africa and the TB Programme response

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RESEARCH ARTICLE

A deadly equation: The global toll of US TB funding cuts

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TB Funding Key Shifts

Integration of TB Conditional Grant into PHC Grant

Abrupt Cancellation of US Funding

Decrease of GF Funding in Grant Cycle 7

Termination of Global Fund in SA 2031

Retention and Growth in HIV Conditional Grant

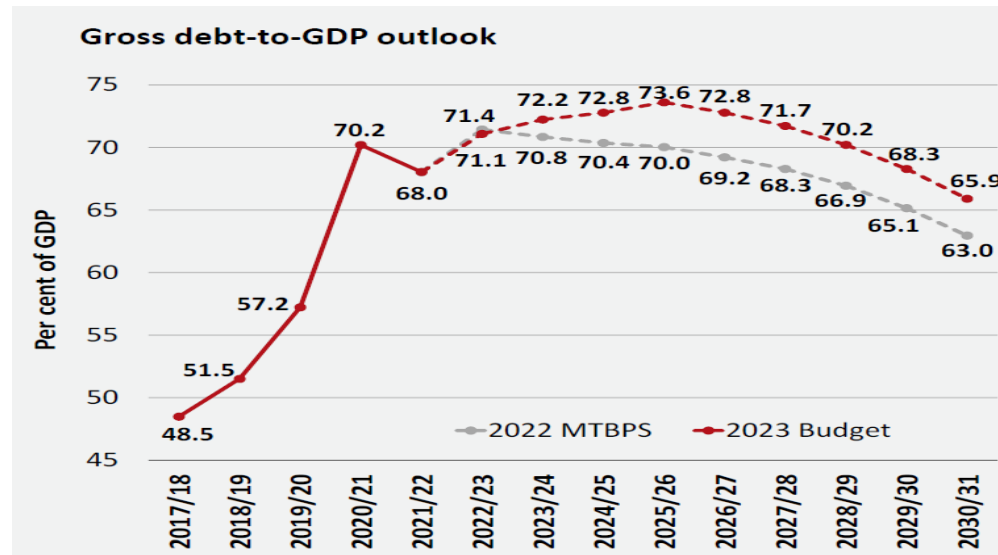
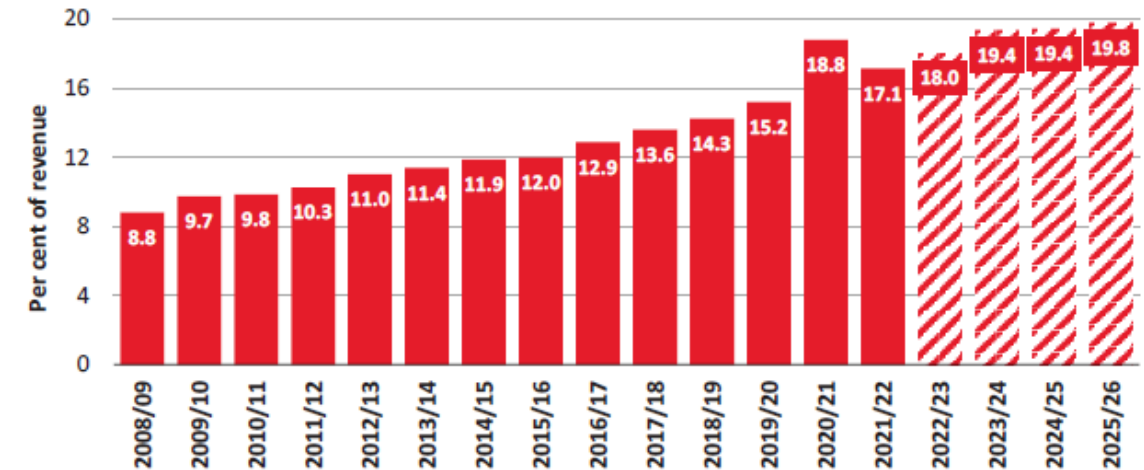


Figure 3.9 Debt-service costs as a share of main budget revenue

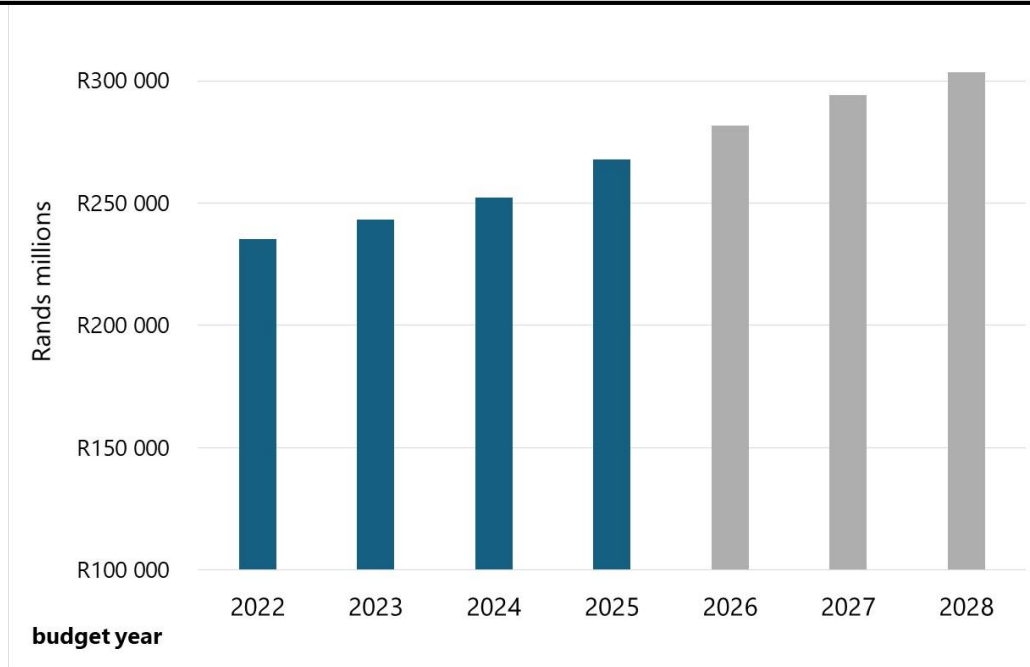


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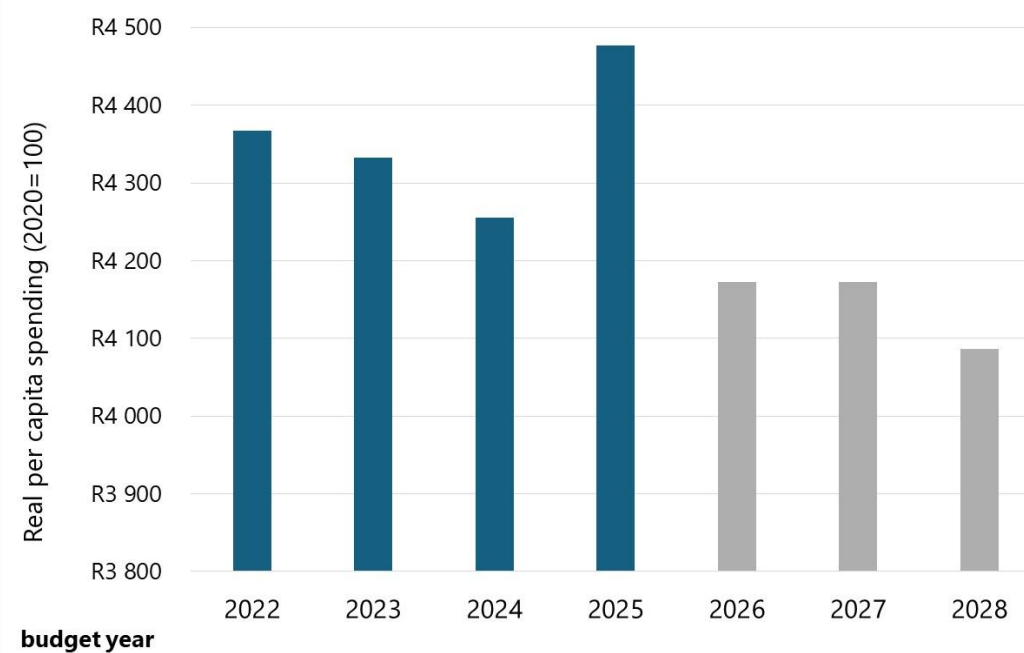
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Consolidated Health Spending Budget 2026

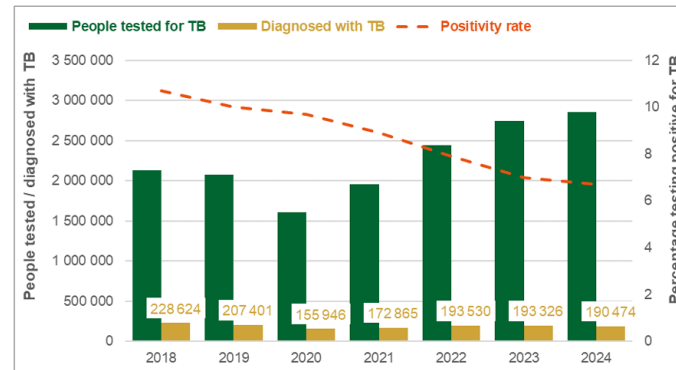


Real per capita health spending



Additional Needs for TB Funding

FIGURE 2: TRENDS IN THE NUMBER OF PEOPLE TESTED AND DIAGNOSED WITH TB, SOUTH AFRICA, 2018-2024



SOURCE: NHLS / NICD CENTRE FOR TB

NOTE: THESE ARE CASE-BASED SURVEILLANCE DATA FOR ALL LABORATORY-CONFIRMED PULMONARY TB, WHICH ARE DE-DUPLICATED AND PROCESSED BY THE NICD.

Catalysing solutions for equitable global access and sustainable financing for novel tuberculosis vaccines for adults and adolescents



END TB CAMPAIGN 2025/26: OPERATIONAL PLAN

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Financing Strategies for TB



Reduce Costs of Screening and Testing

Task Shifting

Shortened Regimens

Increase TPT Coverage and Drug Costs

Market Shaping and Pool Procurement Mechanisms

Innovative Financing Instruments (eg Social Impact Bonds)

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Regulation Treasury, Presidency

Interested Implementers (take on some risk)

NDOH, National Treasury, Provincial Governments

Operational Handbook

What is a Social Impact Bond

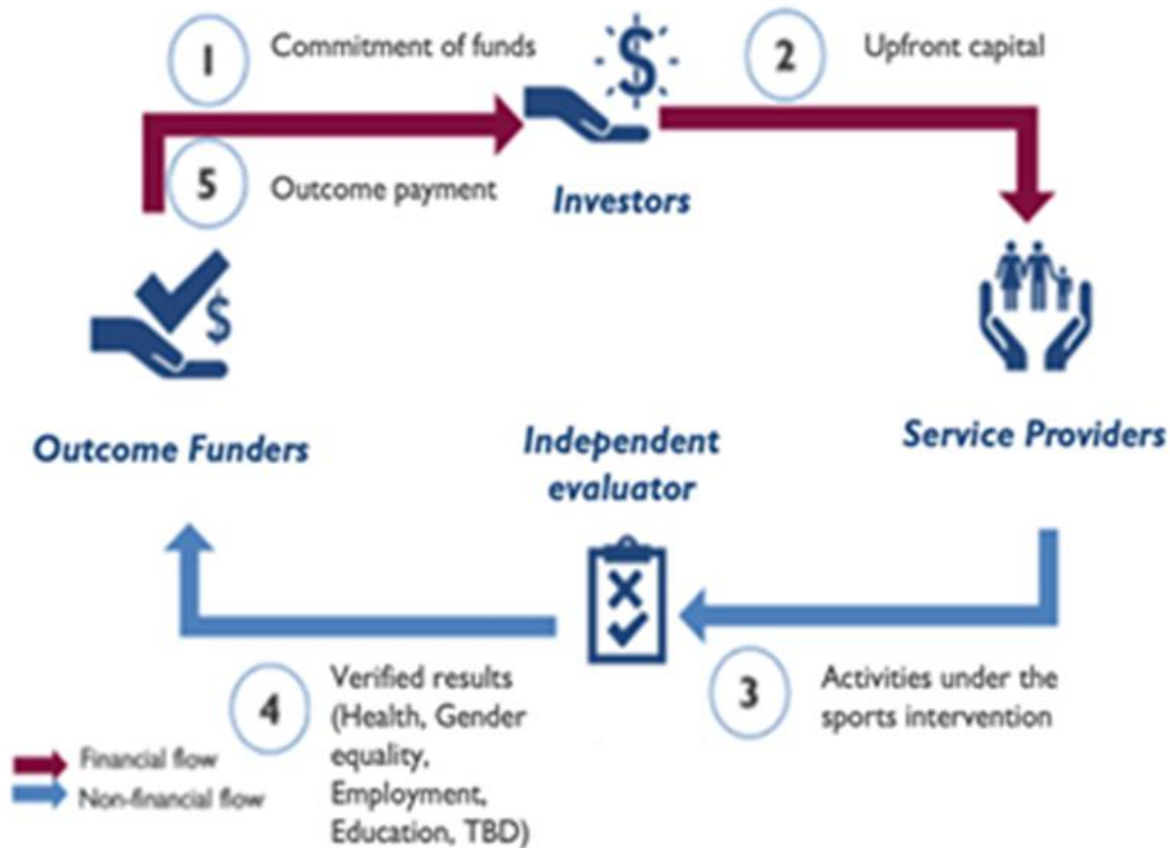
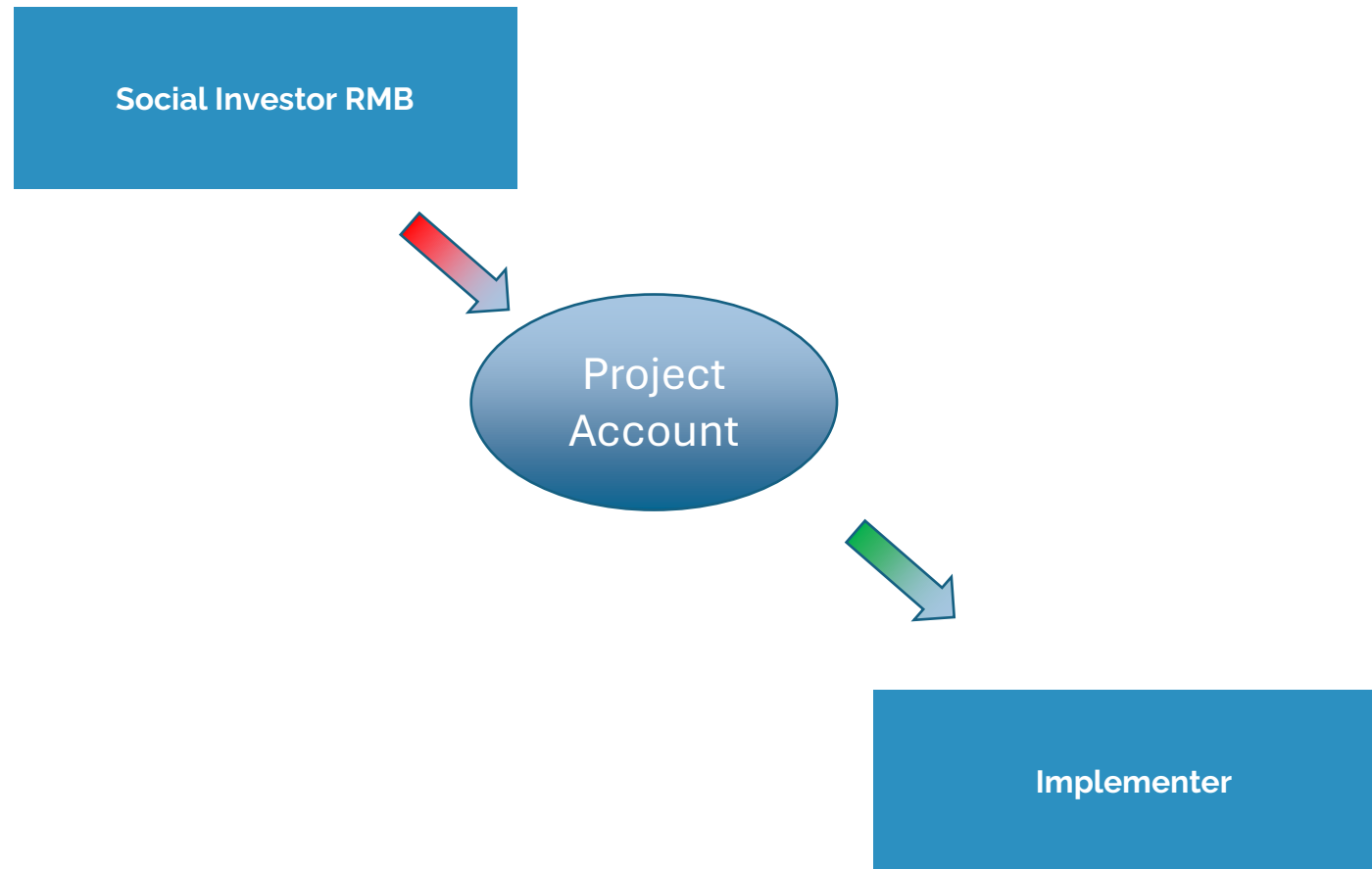


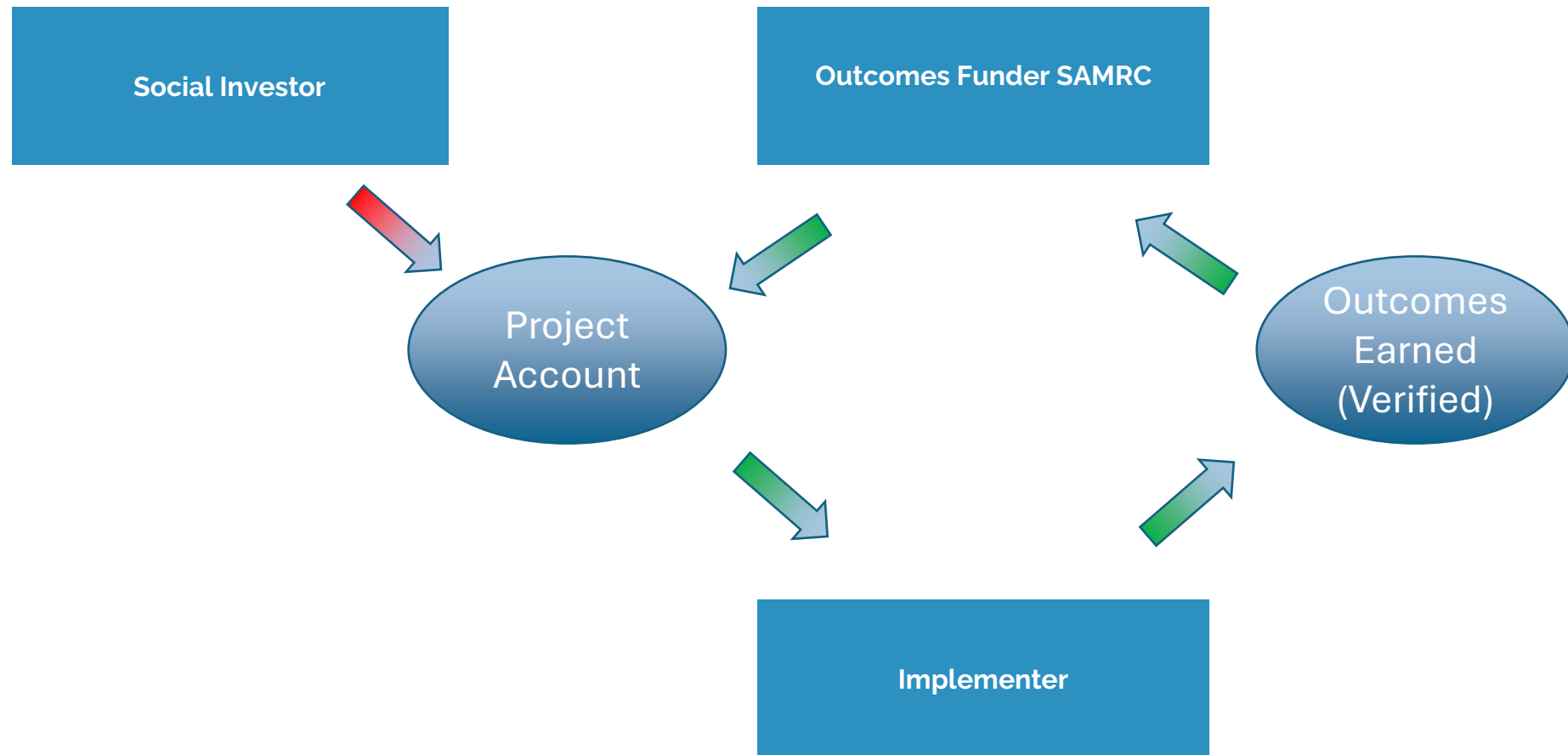
Figure Courtesy of Instiglio

- Social Investor invests upfront capital
- Outcomes funder pays only for verified results
- Social Investor carries risk of underperformance
- Investor makes a variable return on investment depending on the performance
- Creates an ecosystem to improve performance
- Outcomes are priced to ensure financial efficiency and value for money
- Implementer is delegated authority to flexibly change service delivery to optimize outcomes
- Results are independently verified

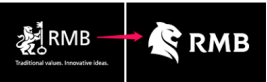
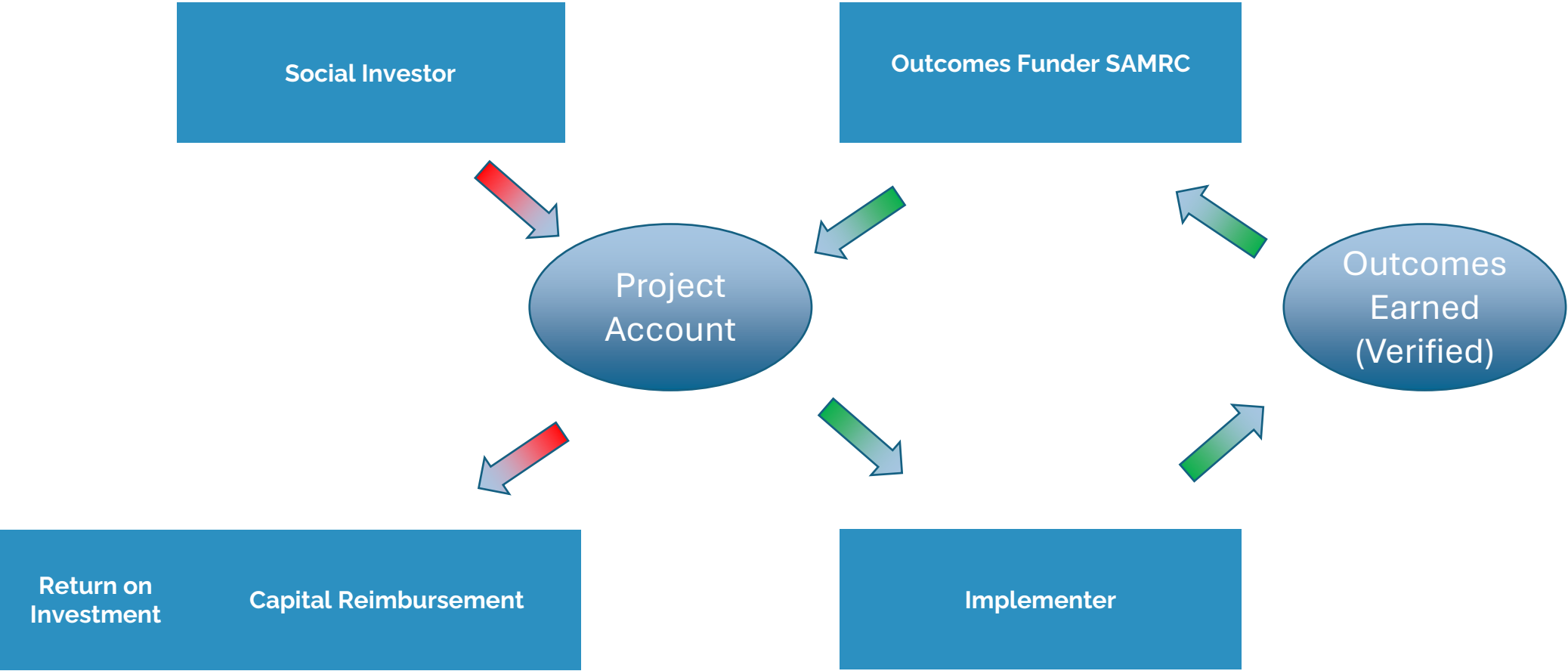
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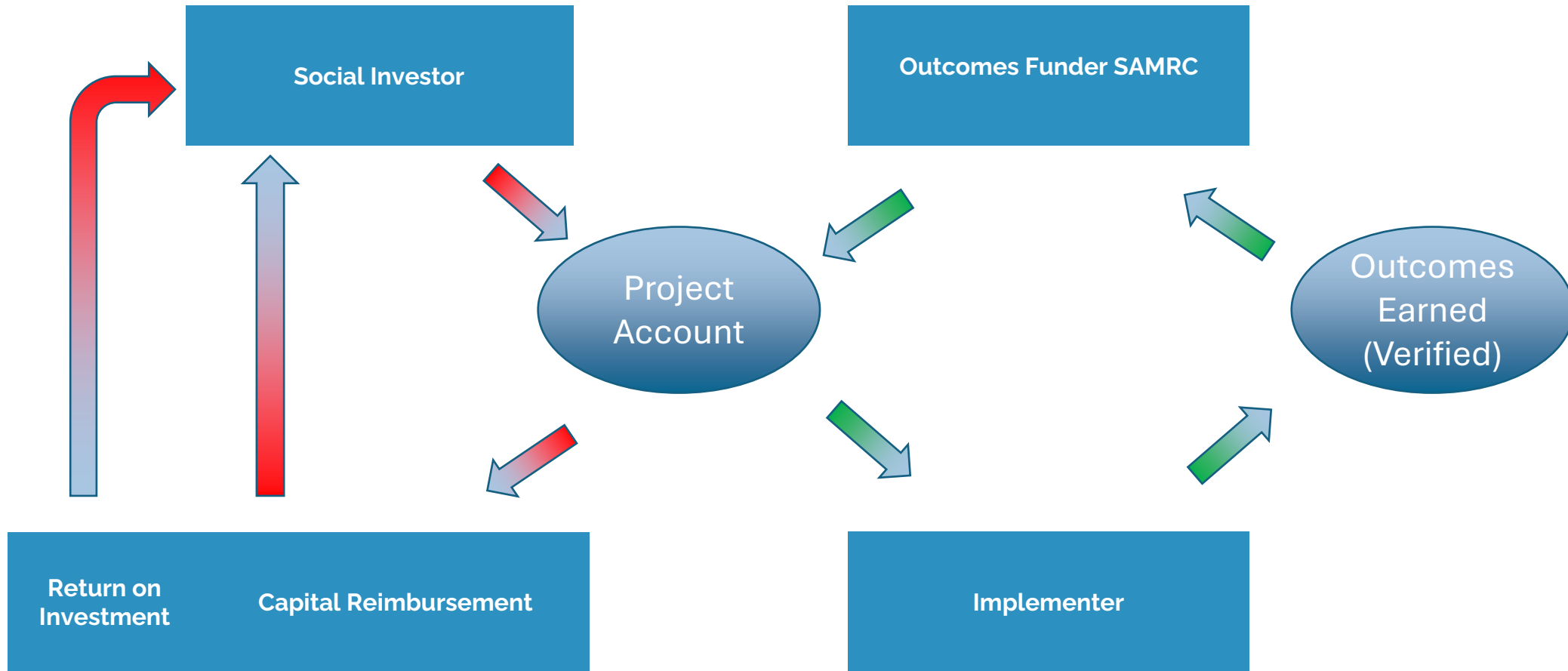
OUTCOMES EARNED QUARTERLY



CAPITAL REPAID



RETURN ON INVESTMENT



Building the Ecosystem for SIBs

- South Africa now has the most SIBs in Africa
- Job creation, early childhood education, water, rhino, spekboom bonds
- NDOH has two infrastructure instruments with the BFI
- SAMRC Imagine Social Impact Bond
- MDR TB, Cataract Surgery, Zero Day Surge Funding
- Pool of Investor for Health Bonds (RMB, ABSA Foundation, DBSA)
- Delivery Partners willing to take on risk
- National Treasury Funding and Regulatory Function
- Operational Handbook (Krutham)
- NDOH and provinces

UPLIFT MDR TB Social Impact Bond

- Pilot Phase Imminent (Contracts Signed)
- Buffalo City Municipality
- Psychosocial and Economic Support to Patients on BPAL/L
- Outcomes
 - Decrease Mortality (Case Fatality Rate)
 - Decrease LTFU
 - TB Preventive Therapy (Household Contacts)
 - Clinical Composite Score at 1, 2 or 3 months (including BMI)
 - Treatment Success or Cure (goal is 85 or 90%)
- Social Investor TBD
- Outcomes Funder (SAMRC)
- Implementer AQUITY Innovations
- Design Partners Instiglio and RMB
- National Scale TBD at the end of pilot phase

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