

INTRO

- Communication Strategy informed by key stakeholders
- Research method/s include interviews & questionnaires
- Info gathered from 23 participants, including: policy makers, innovators, community leaders, researchers, funders, international agencies & nongovernmental organizations

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This strategy review aims to:

- 1. Explore the effect of the communication tools developed
- 2. Critically evaluate the significant investment made
- 3. Make recommendations regarding the future activities



GENERAL OVERVIEW

- Established in Oct 2014 by 4 x partners
- o 4 new academic partners joined in 2017
- o Grew to 8 partners in 2018
- o Communication portfolio hosted by 3 x different institutions

GENERAL OVERVIEW

Work to date can be divided into 3 x stages:

o Launch Oct 2014 - Dec 2016

o **Expand** Jan 2017 - Dec 2017

o **Refine** Jan 2017 - Sep 2018

AUDIENCE

- Exceptionally broad and diverse
- o Based in different continents & countries
- Fulfilling different roles

EVOLUTION & MESSAGING

As SIHI evolved, the communication function adapted accordingly:

Communication work started at a global level	but became more locally appropriate at country level
The main focus shifted from social innovation in general	to a more research focused agenda
A shift from innovators as the main target audience	to a broader current audience (researchers)

"IT HAS MORPHED OVER THE YEARS, IT KEEPS CHANGING. THE BACKBONE OR THE PILLARS ARE THE SAME, BUT THE STRUCTURE KEPT ON CHANGING."

"WE'RE STILL WORKING TO INSTITUTIONALIZE IT AT THE DIFFERENT LEVELS, AND IDENTIFY CHAMPIONS."

CRITICAL REVIEW

- 1. Communication material look & feel
- 2. Brand identity
- 3. Photos and imagery
- 4. Website
- 5. SIHI booklet (Case Compendium)
- 6. SIHI Partner Brochure do we have anything on this?
- 7. Posters & pull up banners
- 8. Films
- 9. Operating procedures

1. COMS MATERIAL, LOOK & FEEL

Described as:

- Fresh, colourful, human-centered, professional, beautiful, powerful, interesting, engaging
- o Appropriate to the audiences we are reaching out to
- Brought colour, vibrancy and a human-centeredness to an otherwise very academic landscape



LOGO

"I REALISED THE IMPORTANCE OF HOW WE FRAME & COMMUNICATE THINGS. PEOPLE NEED TO GET ATTRACTED THROUGH THEIR EMOTIONS FIRST, THE BEAUTY OPENS A DOORWAY TO THEIR HEADS."

"IT GIVES HOPE SOMEHOW. THE SOLUTIONS ARE PRESENTED, NOT THE PROBLEMS."

2. BRAND IDENTITY & CO-BRANDING

Positive

- Positioned as a shared initiative amongst several partners
- Designed to be inclusive, global and innovative, fresh
- Provided a coherent and appealing identity across all SIHI activities & outputs by multiple partners

Negative

 Challenges on partner level to stay culturally & locally appropriate www.socialinnovationinhealth.org





INNOVATION IN HEALTH INITIATIVE

A PROUD PARTNER OF

"THE BRANDING IS HELPFUL. IF A STAKEHOLDER ENCOUNTERS THE COLLATERAL INDEPENDENTLY, THE BRANDING HELPS TO TIE IT TOGETHER. IT SPEAKS THE SIHI LANGUAGE ACROSS ALL MATERIAL."

"BUT SOMETIMES IT'S A BIT OF A DOUBLE-EDGED SWORD. WE APPRECIATE THE SIHI BRANDING, BUT MIGHT NEED TO ADD LOCALIZED BRANDING." "WE HAVE A LOT OF RESEARCH BEING DONE IN OUR COUNTRY.

NEW THINGS HAPPENING WITH MONEY THROWN AT IT, ALWAYS

ATTACHED TO THE BIGGER NAMES, LIKE W.H.O. PEOPLE

BECOME SKEPTICAL - ARE YOU ONLY DOING THIS BECAUSE

THEY ARE PUSHING IT AND IT COMES WITH MONEY, OR IS THIS

REALLY RELEVANT TO OUR COUNTRY?"

"WHAT IMMEDIATELY CAPTURED MY ATTENTION WAS THE INSTITUTIONS INVOLVED. IT LOOKED LIKE A GOOD INITIATIVE, AND THE PARTNERS ADDED CREDIBILITY."

3. PHOTOS & IMAGERY

Positive

 Images play a vital role, and can alienate an audience if it's not representative

Negative

 Diversity is not always represented (gender, age, ethnicity)









VISUAL IMAGERY

"THE IMAGERY MOSTLY FOCUSSES ON WOMEN, CHILDREN AND HEALTH WORKERS, WHICH DENOTES INCLUSIVENESS. THE GLIMPSES INTO THE CULTURAL & ENVIRONMENTAL SITUATIONS HELPED ME UNDERSTAND WHY HEALTHCARE DELIVERY IS HARD, IT HELPS TO PLEAD THE SIHI CASE."

"I DON'T IDENTIFY WITH THE PICTURES. I AM FROM LATIN AMERICA, AND THE PICTURES HAVE MOSTLY AFRICAN REPRESENTATIVES."

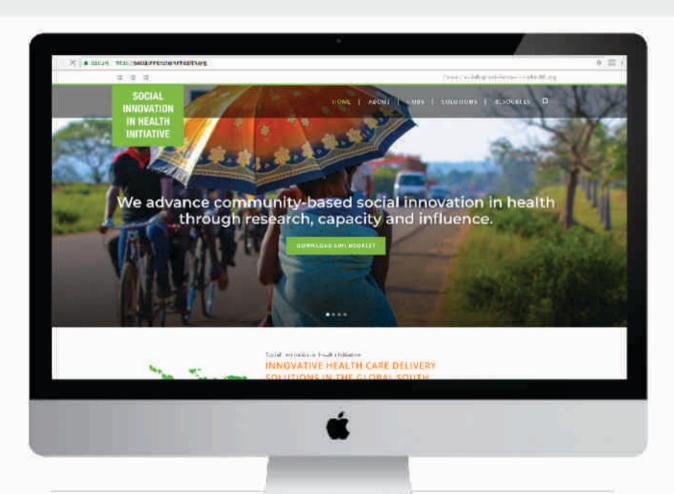
4.WEBSITE

Positive

- A crucial tool to help spread the word, inform colleagues & link to content
- o Mostly used to access the films

Negative

- A little hard to find and to navigate
- The amount of info shared becomes overwhelming



"IT IS SO IMPORTANT TO HAVE A CLEAR AND EASYTO-USE WEBSITE, AS THAT IS WHERE MOST PEOPLE GO FIRST TO GET INFORMATION ABOUT AN ORGANISATION."

"A BIGGER WEBSITE IS GREAT, IT SHOWS THE WHOLE PICTURE, YOU CAN SEE THE DETAIL, FIND SPECIFIC INFORMATION FROM DIFFERENT REGIONS AND IDENTIFY PEOPLE. YOU CAN ALSO LEARN FROM OTHERS AND HOW THEY DO THINGS."

5.SIHI BOOKLET

The booklets are not really being used/referred to anymore, but have been replaced by the Case Compendiums as preferred tool

Positive

- Seen as a good overview of SIHI work to date
- o Helpful, especially the content division into continent & country
- o The scale shown is helpful, ads credibility
- Good marketing tool







6.PARTNER BROCHURE

Negative

 Mainly used at global level, but less effective for country level communication





1. NETWORK OF PASSIONATE INDIVIDUALS AND INSTITUTIONS















"SHOWING THE COMPENDIUM, INCLUDING OUR WORK ADDS A LOT OF WEIGHT, TO BE RECOGNISED UNDER THE SIHI & WHO-TDR NAMES."

"IT'S A GREAT TOOL TO REFER TO AT MEETINGS. I ALWAYS HAVE IT ON MY DESK, IT GIVES SUCH A PROFESSIONAL IMPRESSION."

7. PULLUP BANNERS & CASE OVERVIEW POSTERS

Positive

- Important marketing tools
- o Sets the scene, creates the right mood to engage & gather
- o Creates an openness to doing things differently







POSTERS

"AT THE CONFERENCE PEOPLE WANTED TO TAKE
PICTURES WITH THE BANNERS, AS A TIME STAMP
OF WHERE THEY WERE, AND WHY. I AM SURE
THOSE IMAGES WERE SHARED ON FACEBOOK AND
INSTAGRAM — EXTENDING THEIR IMPACT."

8. FILMS

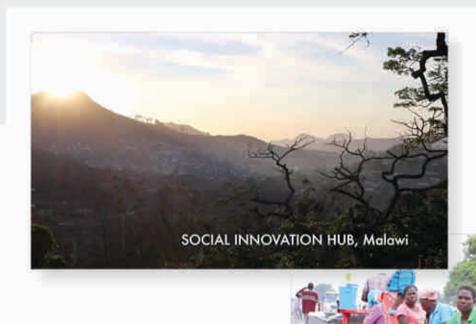
Positive

- Considered as the most useful of all the tools
- Seen as professional, showcasing all the objectives & target groups
- o There is a desire to repurpose the existing film material, disseminate it
- o Certain countries need smaller versions of the films to disseminate

8. FILMS

Positive

- Ministries of health found it especially useful
- YouTube access is helpful
- Films beautifully capture local context in an authentic way
- o Great aids in conveying the harsh realities of in-country context
- o Fantastic tool to bring people into the room who can't be there otherwise
- o Provides a level of affirmation to interviewees



"THE FILMS HAVE BEEN VERY USEFUL FOR US. WE'VE BEEN USING THEM MANY TIMES, PEOPLE ARE VERY RESPONSIVE TO THEM."

"THEY HELPED ME GET AN UNDERSTANDING OF SOCIAL INNOVATION IN HEALTH IN A CONCISE AND EASY TO DIGEST FORMAT."

"ONE OF MY COLLEAGUES, WHO WOULD NEVER HAVE THE TIME TO BROWSE THROUGH THE WEBSITE EVEN, WATCHED ONE AND REPORTED BACK THAT "SHE HAD **NEVER UNDERSTOOD HOW DOWN-TO-EARTH INNOVATION** CAN BE, AND THE CONNECTION TO RESEARCH", THEN SPREAD IT IN A MUCH WIDER NETWORK THAN I WOULD BE ABLE TO."

"FILMS ARE VERY VERY USEFUL. WHEN I MEET PEOPLE I USE THE COMPENDIUM & BROCHURE. WHEN I EMAIL PEOPLE I LINK TO THE SIHI WEBSITE."

9. OPERATING PROCEDURES

The process can roughly be broken down into the following steps:

- 1. Identify the communication need & messaging opportunity
- 2. Determining a deadline and planning backwards
- 3. Receiving content from respective partner/s
- 4. Editing & preparing the content & copy
- 5. Designing a 1st draft
- 6. Receiving feedback (internal team)
- 7. Making changes
- 8. Following drafts and changes (partners)
- 9. Receiving sign-off
- 10. Production / uploading

9. OPERATING PROCEDURES

Negative

- o Partners don't always provided needed info timeously
- Partners don't fully understand all the intricacies of the design-process ("quick-change" requests & its ripple effect to multiple partners)
 Conflicting priorities and messaging of global & country agendas

ADDITIONAL ITEMS

11. Audience understanding of our content

12. Contextual relevance of materials

UNDERSTANDING OF THE TERM: SOCIAL INNOVATION (IN HEALTH)

- Explaining through examples works best, rather than just defining.
- Defining the concept, and explaining Social Innovation In Health always precedes any SIHI messaging
- Meaning-making & showcasing Social Innovation through local examples

"SOCIAL INNOVATION IS STRANGE TO EVERYONE. NO ONE IS AN EXPERT."

"IT'S SO NEW. EVEN THE INNOVATORS DON'T KNOW THAT THEY ARE INNOVATORS. IT'S A WOOLY SUBJECT FOR EVERYONE IN THE ROOM."

"SOCIAL INNOVATION AS A CONCEPT IS FOREIGN. IT'S NOT A BUZZWORD JUST YET. BUT WHEN WE COMPARE IT TO SOMETHING SIMILAR — IT HELPS."

"THE INNOVATION LANDSCAPE IS HARDLY VISIBLE YET, SO IT'S CHALLENGING TO INTRODUCE AND EXPLAIN SOCIAL INNOVATION."

CRITICAL REVIEW/ GREATER UNDERSTANDING OF SIHI, AS REPRESENTED IN COLLATERAL:

The complex, currently evolving shape of SIHI is hard to grasp & follow.

"WE NEED TO MARRY THE VISIONARY ASPECT WITH THE RESULTS AND ACTUALS. THE MORE WE'VE ACTUALLY DONE THE EASIER COMMUNICATION WILL BECOME."

"IT IS HARD FOR PEOPLE TO UNDERSTAND WHAT SIHI IS, SO THE MORE THE COMMUNICATION STAYS SIMPLE AND GETS TO THE HEART OF IT, THE BETTER."

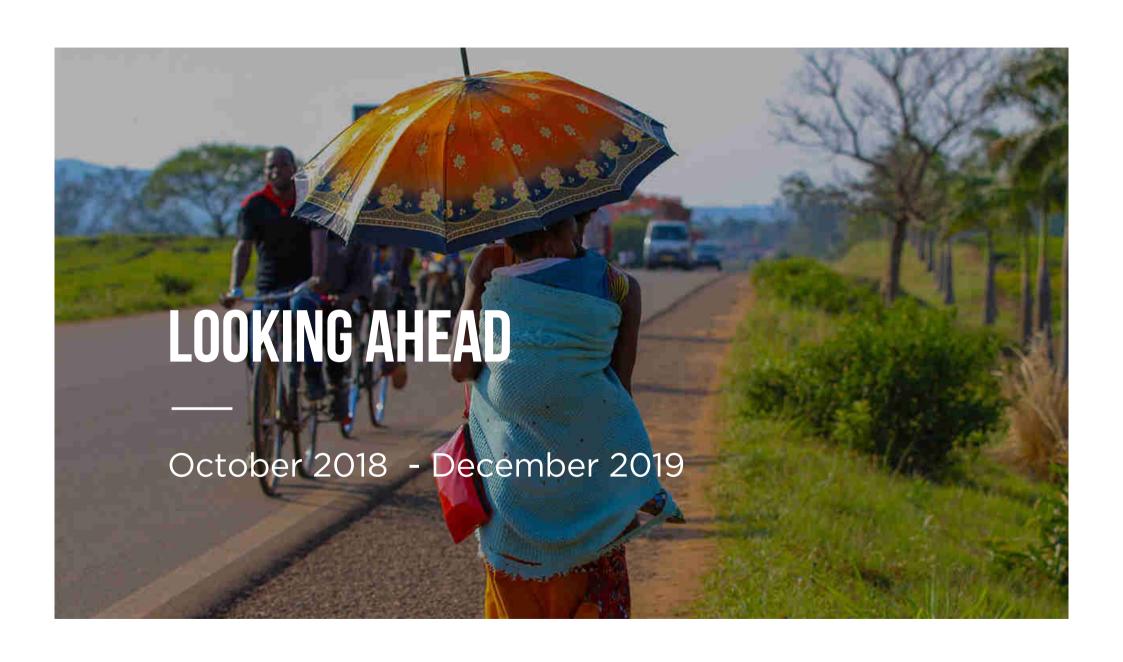
"THE MORE THINGS THAT ARE LISTED UNDER THE SIHI UMBRELLA, THE MORE CONFUSING IT BECOMES."

"IT WAS CLEAR TO ME IN THE BEGINNING — BUT IT'S NOT SO CLEAR NOW. IT HAS BECOME SO BIG, SO COMPLEX."

"IT'S NOT SO MUCH THE COMPLEXITY OF WHAT THE GLOBAL INITIATIVE DOES, BUT EXPLAINING IT IN VERY CLEAR TERMS TO MAKE A READER GO: "OH! IT'S LIKE THIS!" WE DESPERATELY NEED LOCAL EXAMPLES."

THE IMPORTANCE OF CULTURAL CONTEXT

- Needs and structures of the respective partner vary drastically
- Communication material are best received when accurately representing the local context on various levels: visual representation, language, culture & local context, preferred communication method



FUTURE COMMUNICATION PRINCIPLES/ AUDIENCE & MESSAGING:

- Respect the diversity & differences by developing unique content specifically aimed at the respective audiences.
- Develop unique tailor-made tools, with bespoke messaging on network & partner level that accurately represents the respective in-country realities.

FUTURE COMMUNICATION PRINCIPALS / LOOK & FEEL, BRANDING:

Continue

- Following a non-traditional, non-academic approach by applying a fresh look & feel to communication collateral.
- Building brand equity & following the brand guidelines

Change

- Consider & accommodate the possible challenges of partner branding with the WHO branding in select in-country contexts
- Evolve branding to align to partner's specific context

FUTURE COMMUNICATION PRINCIPLES/ MESSAGING:

On network level:

Explain that SIHI is all the partners together, but within that - respective partners does their own activities.

FUTURE COMMUNICATION PRINCIPLES/ MESSAGING:

On partner level:

Develop contextually appropriate messages, and descriptor names (i.e Hubs) modified to fit local context

Develop material that is as culturally accurate & appropriate as possible for maximum impact.

FUTURE COMMUNICATION PRINCIPLES/ MESSAGING:

Content to include when developing partner collateral:

- Be seen to add local value to local causes, rather than just pushing global agendas
- Align with the direction & objectives of country initiatives on government level
- o Be deliberate, always coming back to the local picture & long-term goals
- o This is a locally-driven initiative

FUTURE COMMUNICATION ITEMS / PHOTOS & IMAGERY

Continue & Expand

- o Developing ground rules re representation to be followed in all collateral
- Always personalise material with culturally appropriate visuals
- Avoid stock-imagery as far as possible
- Invest in professional documentary-style photographic shoots for Latin-America & Asia for a unified visual approach

FUTURE COMMUNICATION ITEMS / WEBSITE

Change

- Restructure & de-clutter
- Consider the importance of focusing on the NOW vs accurately reflecting how we got to the now
- Start macro & zoom in to country level & projects
- Create stand-alone pages/sections for the respective hubs within the greater website with linking to unique content (newsletters etc.)
- Make resources & research easy to find

FUTURE COMMUNICATION ITEMS/ SIHI BOOKLETS

Change

- Partner specific booklets to be developed:
- Showcasing their work as local-driven initiatives ultimately further local agendas & causes
- o Include brief overview pages providing the greater context & partnership wherein they operate.

FUTURE COMMUNICATION ITEMS / CASE COMPENDIUM

Continue

- o Update with new cases
- o Re-print & continue using as storytelling tool

FUTURE COMMUNICATION ITEMS / BANNERS & POSTERS

Continue

o These should continue to be used during all events.

FUTURE COMMUNICATION ITEMS / FILMS

Continue & adapt

- Invest in more innovation case films
- o Prepare smaller versions of select films for easier dissemination
- Pre-prepare USB's with entire film compliment
- o Re-purpose existing video content by producing shorter social media snippets
- Youtube channel re-organising & optimising
- Continue investing in more films

FUTURE COMMUNICATION PROCESS / PRODUCTION & SIGN-OFF PROCESS

Approach

- Clear roles of SIHI communication team with strategic oversight
 Develop a rollout plan at both Partner & Network level
- o Continue compiling quarterly action plans, lead by SIHI comms team
- Improve insight & respect of SIHI partners for production timelines & when changes can be accommodated
- o Differentiate: quick turnaround projects vs bigger projects
- In person planning & strategy sessions with design team
 2 x annually

"HOW THINGS ARE FRAMED SOMETIMES CAUSES DISAGREEMENT AND DISCUSSION DURING THE SIGN-OFF PROCESS."

FUTURE COMMUNICATION CONTENT / UNDERSTANDING "SOCIAL INNOVATION IN HEALTH"

- Continue to define & explain
 More investment needed in select countries, based on the maturity of the country innovation ecosystem
- Use working examples in meaning-making process
- o Film remains an efficient medium to explain the concept
- o Show & tell

FUTURE COMMUNICATION CONTENT / UNDERSTANDING "SIHI"

- When introducing someone to SIHI, explain the big picture and avoid giving too much detail of the initiative over time
- Develop more customized materials based on partner needs rather than one-size fits all communication materials

FUTURE COMMUNICATION / ADDITIONAL TOOLS TO BE DEVELOPED

- Mini marketing strategies for partners
- Brand evolution/s for chosen partners
- Powerpoint presentation template
- Optimise Social Media for each partner to give a consistent and high-quality look and feel.

Q4 2018

- SIHI Website Revision
- SIHI Partner preparation for next activities
- Onboard new SIHI Comms Co-Ordinator in Malawi
- Planning meeting with design team following assessment of each partners needs
- Partner individual quarterly communications workplan including social media
- o Bi-annual workshop- education sessions

Q1 2019

- o SIHI Website launch
- Partner mini-communication strategies (TDR, Malawi, Uganda, Philippines & Colombia)
- o SIHI Films Country 1
- Partner individual quarterly communications workplan including social media

Q2 2019:

- o SIHI Country films country 2 & 2
- o Partner SIHI Booklets x 5
- Partner individual quarterly communications workplan including social media

Q3 2019:

- o SIHI Films Country 4
- o Update case compendium
- Partner individual quarterly communications workplan including social media

IN CONCLUSION

- The communication tools provided have greatly assisted in the advancement of SIHI
- The investment made to produce the communication tools to date justifies the benefit that the tools brought
- o Communication tools produced in future should continue to adapt to meet the needs of the respective audience, and life-cycle of SIHI

