Plan Overview

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Title: RECAPES-B : RENFORCEMENT DES CAPACITÉS POUR LA RECHERCHE EN ENTREPRENEURIAT SOCIAL AU BÉNIN

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Project abstract:

The project aims to build research capacity in the field of social entrepreneurship (SE) in Benin by creating a network of Beninese students and academics, and equipping them with the skills to conduct qualitative and quantitative analysis. The research method is in multiple phases and builds on a globally tested methodology developed by the EMES research network to identify the typology of social enterprise organisations. This research was conducted by over 200 scholars in 60 countries between 2013 and 2020. More on that project here: https://emes.net/research-projects/social-enterprise/icsem-project-home/

The research question is: What types of social enterprises can be identified in Benin, and how do organisational characteristics and contextual conditions combine to shape these models?

The methodological approach is multi-phased and includes qualitative and quantitative methods:

· A literature review and secondary data study, accumulating data on social enterprises in Benin.

· Leveraging local networks to collect case-study narratives of social enterprises. This informs the adaptation of the ICSEM questionnaire.

· In person interviews using the structured questionnaire with social enterprises in Benin.

The goal of the research project is to identify, connect and support Beninese academics (faculty, post PhD, PhD[KK1] and Masters students) to research. In this way the project contributes to bridging the north-south divide, but also a south-south divide in that Beninese academics are under-represented in African academic research.

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Overview

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Is this research funded?

- Yes

Please name the funder below:

ARES – Académie de Recherche et d'Enseignement Supérieur (Wallonia–Brussels Federation)

Does this project involve any arrangement or activities with:

- A foreign government or government-controlled entity?

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An output of the project is policy engagement with African Union / Government structures in Benin

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Has any foreign entity (including those above) provided any of the following for this project (formally or informally)?

- Funding or resources

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Is any part of this project intended to influence UK government policy, legislation, or public opinion on behalf of a foreign entity?

- No

Cyber Security Awareness

Before you fill in the plan, please confirm you have completed the cyber security awareness course within the last 12 months.

- Yes

Project Details

Project Title:

Project Title: RECAPES-B – Capacity Building for Social Entrepreneurship Research in Benin

Please summarise your research question:

The project seeks to identify and develop a contextually grounded typology of social enterprise models in Benin, examining how organisational characteristics and socio-economic and institutional conditions combine to shape these models.

Data Collection

Please could you outline the secondary data you will use to support your research question.

Research Step 1: Secondary data will include peer-reviewed academic literature, policy documents, as part of a systemic literature review

Will you require access to any secure data for this project? Secure data refers to data that has restrictions placed on access, such as the requirement to sign a special license or data sharing agreement.

- No

Will you require access to any internal LSE datasets for this project?

- No

Will you be collecting data from research participants?

- Yes

The project adopts a mixed-methods research design adapted from the ICSEM methodology developed by the EMES research network. This includes a literature review, qualitative case-based research informed by local networks, and structured questionnaire interviews with social enterprise leaders and relevant stakeholders.

Please outline your methodology below:

The research methodology is adapted from the ICSEM Project, a global study to identify the characteristics and typologies of social enterprises. This work is widely published in a book series, and academic papers - see Defourny, Nyssens and Brolis (2020) for more.

Step 1: Secondary data collection – literature review and secondary data analysis, to establish gaps and opportunities in existing research.

Step 2: Using networks developed through the project, the research team identify social enterprises, and conduct case-led qualitative research. For each organisation interviews will take place with the leaders of the enterprise or business. In some cases, interviews could take place with a selection of broader stakeholders: other staff; local community stakeholders; users etc. The structured questionnaire used during the ICSEM project is adapted based on this data.

Step 3: the structured questionnaire is delivered through face to interviews with possible online / telephone data collection.

Research Ethics

Please outline how you will collect informed consent from research participants:

Informed consent will be obtained using an LSE-adapted informed consent form. The consent process will be explained verbally prior to interviews. Written consent will be obtained where feasible; where literacy barriers exist, consent will be recorded verbally and audio-documented.

Once collected, proof of consent will be stored securely on LSE-approved encrypted storage systems, with access limited to the research team.

The Informed consent document is translated and submitted with the ethics application.

Once you have collected proof of consent, you will need to store it safely. Please can you outline below how you plan to do this.

Quantitative datasets will be anonymised through the allocation of unique respondent identifiers. Identifying information will be stored separately from research data. Data will be stored using MS Teams - to which collaborators have guest access profiles.

Have you submitted a research ethics review for this project?

- Yes

If you are collecting primary data from human research participants, you are required to anonymise the dataset so that individuals are not identifiable. How do you plan to do this?

Quantitative datasets will be anonymised through the allocation of unique respondent identifiers. Identifying information will be stored separately from research data.

Are there any circumstances where you will not anonymise research participants?

- Yes

Yes, qualitative case study and network-building phases (Step 1 of the project) may not be fully anonymised.
In these cases, participants may consent to being identified as part of the network building output of the project. This is voluntary and clearly explained in the informed consent process.

Please outline the reasons for disclosing an individual's identity for this research project.

Question not answered.

Data Protection

Do you believe your research will require you to fill in a data protection impact assessment?

- No

A separate DPIA is not currently anticipated, as the project is considered low risk and appropriate mitigation measures are in place.

Travel & Risk

Will you be required to travel outside of the UK/EU/EEA at any point during this project?

- Yes

Travel to Benin for workshops and research support is expected and budgeted for

When you travel outside of the UK/EU/EEA will you carry any personal data collected as part of your research project with you?

- Not sure

Minimal personal data may be carried temporarily on encrypted devices.

What plans do you have in place to protect your data when you travel outside of the UK/EU/ EEA? Please outline below:

All devices will be encrypted and password-protected, and data will be transferred to secure institutional storage as soon as practicable.

Do you believe that you'll be required to work with consultants external to the LSE at any point during this project?

- No

Data Storage & Security

Will you require any additional software to complete your research i.e. survey tools, transcription software etc.

- No

Secure transcription and translation software may be used, in line with LSE guidance (for example, approved providers like Konch AI)

What hardware will you require to complete this project?

LSE-issued encrypted laptop.

Do all devices used on this project meet the LSEs minimum standards for device level security? Please note that DTS issued laptops meet the standard by default unless alterations have been made to them by the user.

- Yes

Are all devices used on this project secured with passwords that meet the standard of the LSE password policy?

- Yes

Where will you store the research data during the lifetime of the research study:

- Other

A collaborative file sharing channel has been created in Teams

You have indicated that you will not use standard LSE storage. Please could you explain below where you plan to store research data:

Storage is through Teams - LSE approved.

How do you plan to ensure that all data collected for the project is backed up regularly?

Data will be backed up automatically through institutional storage systems.

Data Ownership

Please clarify the copyright and intellectual property ownership of any data you have collected as part of this project. You may find it helpful to refer to the LSE IP Policy in your reply.

opyright and intellectual property in the data will be managed in accordance with the LSE Intellectual Property Policy and relevant collaboration agreements. Data ownership is shared between LSE, the University of Parakou, and ICHEC Brussels

Data Sharing Restrictions

Do you know of any issues surrounding intellectual property or data ownership which would prevent you from disseminating or sharing your research:

- No

Do you have the necessary permissions to reuse any data you collect for future projects?

- Not applicable

FAIR Data

Do you currently plan on sharing your dataset or any aspect of your data collection process in a recognised data archive?

Where ethically appropriate, anonymised datasets or metadata may be shared.

Could you outline the reasons why you have decided not to archive your dataset?

Some qualitative data will not be archived due to contextual sensitivity and the risk of indirect identification.

How will you ensure that any data shared is discoverable by other researchers? For example, you could outline plans to share

the data in an indexed, searchable resource like a data repository.

Through data access statements in publications and associated metadata records.

How will you make the data accessible? For example, you could link to it from a data access statement from your published work, share it on an open access license etc.

Access conditions will be proportionate to data sensitivity and ethical considerations.

How will you ensure any data shared is interoperable? This can include common sense practices like uses recommended file formats that are readable to computers.

Data will be stored in common, non-proprietary formats such as CSV and PDF.

How will you ensure the data is reusable by other researchers? Consider how you can describe and document your data at the point of deposit to ensure others can easily understand it and how you can assign a clear usage license so they know how it can be cited and reused.

Documentation, contextual information, and clear usage conditions will be provided to support appropriate reuse.