Since 2014, Brookings has developed and maintained a comprehensive database on the global impact bonds market. The data here represent a snapshot from that database, and are updated each month.

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Impact Bonds Contracted Globally

214 Impact Bonds

201 Social Impact Bonds (SIBs)

13 Development Impact Bonds (DIBs)

35 Countries

Citation: Brookings Institution Global Impact Bond Database, August 1, 2021
Impact Bonds Contracted by Sector

- Social Welfare*: 75
- Employment: 65
- Education: 26
- Health: 31
- Criminal Justice: 13
- Environment & Ag.: 4

* Social Welfare includes impact bonds addressing homelessness, poverty reduction, and child & family welfare.

Citation: Brookings Institution Global Impact Bond Database, August 1, 2021
Key Impact Bond Statistics

Average Contract Duration: 52 Months
Average Upfront Capital: $3.12 Million
Sum of Upfront Capital: $437.27 Million
Average Beneficiaries: 12,457 (half serve 500 beneficiaries or fewer)

Calculations based on available data

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There are 12 DIBs and 7 SIBs in LMICs. There is an additional DIB in Chile, a high-income country. Argentina was reclassified as a middle-income country in 2019.

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