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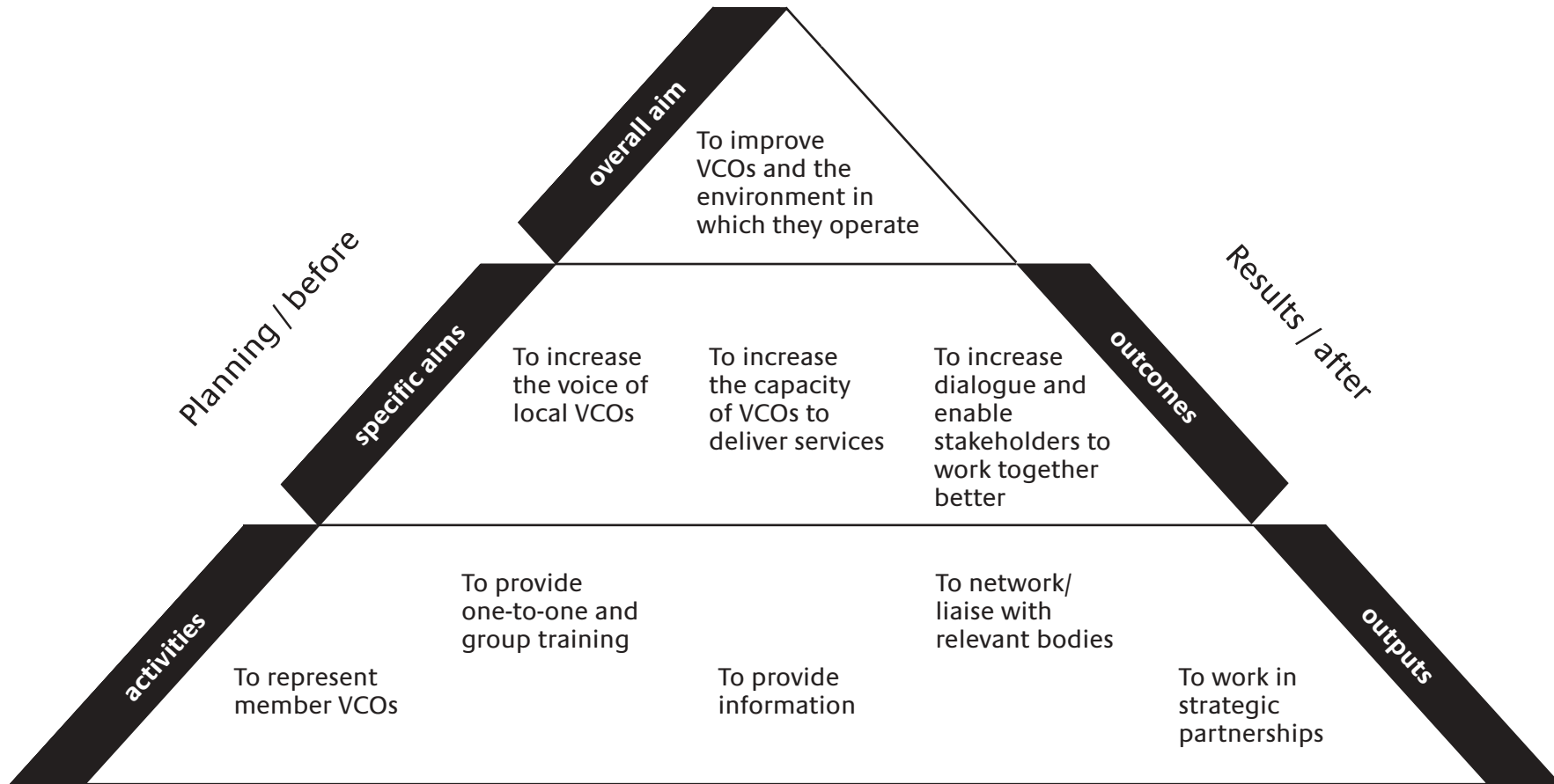
Tumby Woodside is a thriving CVS in South West England that has managed to expand the range of services offered to the local voluntary and community sectors despite an increasingly difficult funding climate. Taking an outcomes approach to planning has enabled it to focus its resources where they can be most effective and has also supported its dialogue with key funders.

Two dedicated capacity building officers work with up to sixteen VCOs between them at any one time. They start by helping the VCOs to identify their needs and strengths and by drawing up an action plan for ways to increase capacity. They also run a rolling programme of training courses and are about to begin providing outcomes training to meet the level of demand for information around outcomes.

A core function is to provide VCOs with a range of information on changes to policies and legislation that could affect them, as well as aspects of good practice.

However, Tumby Woodside CVS is aware that there is a limit to what can be achieved by supporting individual organisations to operate effectively within an increasingly difficult environment. They also seek to represent their members and to increase dialogue and understanding with funders and statutory providers, to enable the key stakeholders to work together better. They constantly strive to increase opportunities for the VCO voice to be heard where it matters, through VCO representation on appropriate committees and partnerships and also through meetings and liaison on their behalf.

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Outcomes

Specific aims	Outcomes
To increase the voice of local VCOs	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• VCOs represented on the key strategic partnerships, and on planning and consultation forums• The needs of the sector are reflected in local plans
To increase the capacity of VCOs to deliver services	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• VCOs using the capacity building service have:<ul style="list-style-type: none">• more secure funding• more effective management committees• new or improved services
To increase dialogue and enable stakeholders to work together better	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• VCO and statutory sectors work together better• Increased funder and VCO dialogue and understanding

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Outcomes and indicators

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VCOs represented on the key strategic partnerships, and on planning and consultation forums	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Extent of VCO representation on LSP and NRF • Extent of VCO representation within local authority consultation
VCOs have more secure funding	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Diversity of sources of funding • Ratio of grant funding to earned income
VCOs have more effective management committees	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Number of management committees with fully functioning officers • Number of management committees with effective sub-groups • Amount of regular financial reporting
Increased funder and VCO dialogue and understanding	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Extent of funder consultation with the VCO sector • Type of consultation between funders and VCO sector • Suitability of funder monitoring requirements