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We have taken the conscious decision to author this book collectively. This was part of a deliberate attempt to move beyond research as extraction. While this was inevitably fallible as still located within the uneven political economy of the global knowledge production system, and our own human frailties, we committed to maximizing the ownership of the project by the wider team. We made early career researcher capacity development an explicit project goal while seeking to grow the whole team. A total of 20 team members were involved centrally in the project and form the collective authorship of this book. All 20 participated in design and case discussion workshops. Most visited both case countries, Uganda and South Africa (although COVID limited some planned travel), and about half of the African team visited England to present at conferences and attend workshops. Several of the less experienced members of the team have gone on to write journal articles based on parts of the project in which they were particularly involved, with support from more experienced colleagues.

Inevitably, contributions varied, as some had far more time to commit to the project, another hard to shift inequality. Eleven of the team were centrally involved as (co)leads of chapter writing and/or as editors. Nonetheless, we have written this as a monograph rather than an edited book as all chapters were extensively worked on by multiple members of the team and edited to cohere. Due to performativity pressures, however, we have named authors for each chapter. These are the team members who were most involved in drafting the chapters, although all have been read and edited collectively. We will return to a reflection on our process in an afterword.

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