Table 3: Social innovation concepts

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| **Author** | **Social Innovation concept** | **Concept’s emphasis** |
| **Taylor (1970)** | Social innovation as the search of responses to social needs through the introduction of a social invention, i.e., a "new way of doing things," a new social organization | Seminal concept addressing a new form of social organization.  |
| **Cloutier (2003)** | Social Innovation as a new response to an unfavourable social situation that seeks the well-being of individuals and / or communities through action and sustainable change. | Innovative answers to create sustainable changes. |
| **Rodrigues (2006)** | Social innovations can occur intentionally or emerge from a process of social change without prior planning;and they can occur at three levels: social actors; organizations and institutions. | Process of social change with different stakeholders. |
| **Mulgan et al. (2007, p. 8)** | Innovative activities and services that are motivated by the goal of meeting a social need and that are predominantly developed and diffused through organisations whose primary purposes are social. | Confirm actions taken by social organisations. |
| **Bignetti (2011)** | Social innovation is the result of knowledge applied to social needs through participation and cooperation of all stakeholders, creating new and lasting solutions to social groups, communities or society in general. | New durable solution for a wide range of stakeholders. |
| **Crises (2015)** | Social innovation is a process initiated by social actors to respond to an aspiration, fulfil a need, a solution or seize an opportunity of action to change social relations, to transform a frame or propose new cultural orientations to improve the quality and community living conditions. | Wider concept that highlights innovation as a process of change of social relations.  |
| **Transit** (2015) | Transformative Social Innovation, as “change in social relations, involving new ways of doing, organizing, framing and/or knowing, which challenges, alters and/or replaces dominant institutions/structures in a specific social context”. | Concept that evokes the concept of transformative social innovation. |

Source: Elaborated by the authors, research data (2016)

(Bignetti, 2011; Centre for Social Innovation, 2014; Cloutier, 2003; CRISES, 2014; Haxeltine et al., 2015; Mulgan, Tucker, Ali, & Sanders, 2007; Rodrigues, 2006; Taylor, 1970)