The New Competitive Advantage: Creating Shared Value

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The Role of Business in Society

• Only business can **create economic prosperity**, through meeting needs at a profit

• Societies everywhere are facing significant **social, environmental and economic development** challenges

• Government and NGO’s **lack sufficient resources and capabilities** to fully meet these challenges alone

• Corporate social responsibility efforts are greater than ever, but the **legitimacy of business has fallen**

**We need a new approach**
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- Shifting from philanthropy to investment in long-term social and environmental benefits
- Developing sustainable business models
- Aligning corporate strategies with societal needs
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  - Addressing societal needs and challenges with a **business model**
Moving to Shared Value in Pharmaceuticals
Novartis in Rural India

- **Donating drugs** to lower-income populations

- Implementing a new *drug business model for low-income populations* (Arogya Parivar)

- Understanding non-traditional customer behavior and new business models

- New quantity, packaging, patient education, and distribution

- Improvement in local healthcare delivery infrastructure
The Opportunity for Shared Value

- Social deficits and environmental impact create economic costs for companies
- Community weaknesses affect company productivity
- Social needs represent the largest unserved market opportunities
Levels of Shared Value

I. Reconceiving needs, products, and customers
  – Meeting societal needs through products and services
  – Serving unserved or underserved customers

II. Redefining productivity in the value chain
  – Utilizing resources, energy, suppliers, logistics, and employees differently and better

III. Improving the local and regional business environment
  – Improving skills, the supplier base, the regulatory environment, and the supporting institutions that affect the business
  – Strengthening the cluster on which the company depends

• Strengthens the link between company success and community success
Jain Irrigation Systems

- **Drip irrigation equipment** for small farmers in India and Africa
- Serves more than **4 million farmers** worldwide as of 2012

- Reduces **water use** by over 40%
- Enables **higher crop yields** that improve food security while raising farmers’ income
- Jain is now a **$820 million** company that is rapidly growing
Shared Value in Products and Markets
Safaricom, Kenya

• Developed a **mobile-based banking service** called **M-PESA** aimed at the unbanked
  – While over 75% of Kenyans have been **unbanked**, 80% can access mobile phones

• Convenient and accessible **everyday financial services at low fees** accessed through a mobile phone including:
  – ATM cash withdrawals
  – Savings accounts that pay interest
  – Retail payments
  – Loyalty rewards
  – Corporate accounts with higher transaction limits

• With over 15 million users, M-PESA extends banking services to about **35% of the population**

• An estimated **43% of Kenya’s GDP** flows through M-PESA

• M-PESA contributes **18% of Safaricom revenue** or $US 146 million for the first half of fiscal 2014
Shared Value in Products and Markets
Discovery Health Insurance, South Africa

• Discovery is a health insurance company focused on health for its subscribers

• Health insurance clients can sign up for the Vitality Wellness Program which rewards healthy behavior by offering its members:
  – Health assessments using online tools
  – Health club membership conditional on going twice a week
  – Coverage of 25% of fresh vegetable purchases at major grocery stores

• Discovery recently launched the Vitality Research Institute in the US to discover more about wellness behaviors and advance debate on wellness and health promotion

• Employees of Discovery are also encouraged to follow a more physically active lifestyle (i.e. offices have a track on the roof and every Friday half the elevators are shut down so employees take the stairs)

• Vitality is now the largest wellness program of its kind, with 5.5 million members globally

• Clinical studies show that Vitality members are healthier, live longer and have lower healthcare costs

• Discovery is one of the world’s fastest growing and most profitable insurance companies
Discovering the Shared Value in Products

• Rethink the business around **unsolved customer and societal problems or needs**, not traditional product definitions

• Identify customer groups that have been **poorly served or overlooked** by the industry

• Think in terms of **improving lives**, not just meeting customer “needs”

• Start with **no preconceived constraints** about product attributes, channel configuration, or the economic model of the business (e.g., small loans are unprofitable)
Shared Value in the Value Chain

- Procurement that **enhances supplier capabilities and efficiency**
- Improving **energy, water and resource efficiency** across the value chain
- Minimizing **logistical intensity**
- Improving employee **health and safety**

- Enhancing the productivity (and through this wages) of **lower income** employees
- Recruiting to reflect the **diversity of customers** and the **communities** where a company operates
- Others…
Shared Value in the Value Chain
Intercontinental Hotels Group

- **Energy** represents the second highest cost in a hotel, with *water use* and *waste* also significant

- IHG introduced the **GreenEngage program** in 2009 to address its environmental footprint as an efficiency improvement opportunity

- Over 1,900 IHG hotels are using the Green Engage **tools** to enhance environmental and economic performance

- IHG hotels have achieved energy savings of **up to 25%** to date, and other improvements are following

- Environmental performance also **differentiates** IHG hotels with consumers and corporate clients
Shared Value in the Value Chain

**Fibria, Brazil**

- Fibria, the world’s leading manufacturer of chemical pulp, utilizes planted eucalyptus trees and integration of native habitat to **dramatically reduce the land required** and sustainability in wood fiber cultivation.

- The company also encourages **small-scale producers** near its mills to plant eucalyptus in conjunction with other crops, assisting them with technical training and inputs.

- Fibria achieves far greater **land and water efficiency** versus traditional plantation methods.

- Small scale producers currently contribute **27% of the raw material volume** utilized in Fibria mills, improving efficiency.

- Over **4000 households** have significantly increased employment and incomes.
Companies, working individually and collaboratively, can catalyze major improvements in the efficiency and productivity of the local business environment in the regions where they have major operations – E.g., skills availability, supplier availability, supporting institutions, infrastructure, and the regulatory framework

Company efforts to build a strong local cluster in their field improves company productivity while raising regional competitiveness – This strengthens the link between a company’s success and community success
Shared Value in the Local Business Environment
Cisco Networking Academy

- Cisco established the Networking Academy to train network operators

- The company has trained 4 million young people from 165 countries in ICT skills

- 70% of graduates have attained a new job, or a better job at their existing employer

- The Networking Academy has alleviated a key workforce constraint for not only the company but for Cisco customers, increasing industry growth

- The program strengthens Cisco’s relationships with suppliers, customers and government
What is a Cluster?
Kenya’s Cut Flower Cluster

Plantstock
Greenhouse; Shading Structures
Irrigation Technology
Pre-Cooling Technology
Fertilizers, Pesticides, Herbicides

Horticultural Agencies, NGOs & Industry
Horticultural Crops Development Authority (HCDA)
Government Export Policies Targeting Horticulture
Non-Government Organizations
(e.g., The Rural Enterprise Agri-Business Promotion Project)
Trade & Industry Associations
(e.g., Kenya Flower Council)

Post-Harvest Cooling Technology
Grading / Packaging Sheds
Packaging & Labeling Materials
Refrigerated Trucks
Freight Forwarders
Clearing and Forwarding Agents
Air Carriers
(Commercial / Charters)

Education, Research & Quality Standards
Research Institutions
(e.g., Kenya Agricultural Research Institute)
Public Universities with Post Graduate Degrees in Horticulture
(e.g., University of Nairobi)
Quality & Standards
(e.g., EUREGAP Standard, Kenya Plant Health Inspectorate Services)

Flower Farming
Post-Harvest Handling; Transport to Market

Agricultural Cluster
Horticultural Cluster
Tourism Cluster

Sources: MOC student team research by Kusi Hornberger, Nick Ndiritu, Lalo Ponce-Brito, Melesse Tashu, Tijan Watt, Harvard Business School, 2007
Shared Value Through Cluster Development  
ITO EN, Japanese Tea Cluster

- ITO EN is the world's leading producer and marketer of loose leaf and bottled green tea. The company sources 100% locally-grown green tea leaves.

- ITO EN partners with farmers, government and other stakeholders to establish small and large scale plantations using abandoned agricultural land.

- The company purchases entire crops produced through this program, lowering sales costs.

- The company provides assistance in modern farm management practices and technology, working with growers to raise tea quality to meet ITO EN standards.

- The program motivates and trains young people to take over tea growing when older farmers retire.

- Farmer incomes have risen due to increased quality and efficiency.

- Land abandoned by retiring farmers has been restored to production, creating jobs and assuring cluster sustainability by attracting young people.

- Tea volume has expanded by 13% to date, providing ITO EN with adequate volume, consistent quality, and reduced production costs.
Leveraging Shared Value Across Levels
Pharmaceuticals and Medical Devices

Reconceiving Products and Markets
• R&D for drugs, vaccines, and devices that fill unmet health needs
• Modifying existing products to reduce complexity and cost for lower income consumers and emerging markets
• Tailored product offerings to meet local market conditions

Redefining Productivity in Value Chain
• New, local supply chains and manufacturing approaches to bring down product costs
• Locally-adapted sales and distribution models to reduce cost, access new customers, and better meet patient needs

Enabling Local Cluster Development
• Behavior-change campaigns to create more educated consumer demand for health care
• Strengthening local health systems to enable the delivery of needed products and services
• Advocacy and capacity building to improve the regulatory environment

• Leading firms are beginning to design multi-level approaches to shared value that are mutually reinforcing
Partnering for Shared Value

**NGOs**
- Hold business accountable
- Seek donations
- Partner with business to **implement** and **scale** shared value solutions

**Government**
- Regulate how businesses operate
- Tax businesses to pay for social services
- Operate social programs
- Regulate to **encourage** market solutions
- **Jumpstart market solutions** through purchase commitments or incentives
- **Partner** on shared value solutions to delivering social services
- Invest in **infrastructure** to enable shared value approaches (e.g. roads, skills)
- **Partner** on shared value solutions to delivering social services

**Foundations**
- Donate to charitable causes
- Invest with companies, NGOs and government to enable shared value solutions

**Competitors**
- “Brand” solo CSR initiatives
- **Partner** on business environment improvements
Connecting the Company’s Social Roles

- **Foundational investments** to create the potential for shared value:
  - Education
  - Basic research
  - Investments in enabling assets and infrastructure

- **Engaging stakeholders** to collaborate on shared value solutions

- **Address societal needs and challenges with a business model**

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Philanthropy

Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR)

Creating Shared Value (CSV)
Creating Shared Value: Where is the Opportunity?

Nestlé

- Opportunities to create shared value are inevitably tied closely to a company’s particular businesses
Shared Value Opportunities in Banking: Regions Financial

I: Reconceiving needs, products, and markets
   - Serve unbanked and under-banked consumers
   - Financial literacy education embedded in products
   - SME lending and business services
   - Real estate lending with a focus on community projects with broader effects
   - Financing affordable housing
   - Offering financial instruments that advance environmental and social progress (e.g., loans repaid with energy savings)

II: Redefining productivity in the value chain
   - Local procurement
   - Hiring and training
   - Energy and resource efficiency

III: Improving the local and regional business environment
   - Leveraging facility locations as community anchors
   - Skill development programs in partnership with universities, technical schools or community colleges to improve the pipeline of prospective employees in shortage areas
   - Specialized business banking groups to support regional clusters
   - Leadership in regional competitiveness improvement
Shared Value and Company Strategy
Whole Foods Markets

Value Proposition

• Natural, fresh, organic, and freshly prepared foods and health items with excellent service at premium prices
• Cater to specialized nutritional requirements (gluten allergies, vegan, etc.)
• Serve educated customers who are passionate about food and a healthy lifestyle

Distinctive Activities

• Well-lit, inviting supermarket store formats with appealing displays and extensive prepared foods sections
• Produce section as “theater”
• Café-style seating areas with wireless internet for meals and meetings
• Each store carries local produce and has the authority to contract with the local farmers. Company provides low-interest loans if needed
• Nutrition information and education provided to shoppers along with products
• High touch in-store customer service via knowledgeable, flexible, and highly motivated personnel
• Flat compensation structure
• Own seafood procurement and processing facilities to control quality, sustainability and price from the boat to the counter
• Heavy emphasis on environmental sustainability in all activities
• Emphasis on supporting community development

• Whole Foods is the most economically successful food retailer in North America
• Successful strategies in the future will embody a significant shared value dimension
# Purpose Based Strategic Positioning

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- Defining the **clear social purpose** underlying a company’s products and activities opens **new opportunities** for growth and profitability, while **motivating and attracting** consumers, business partners, employees, shareholders, and the public
Redefining Corporate Purpose
Danone

• In the late 1990’s, Danone realized that it had drifted away from its origins as a manufacturer of **healthy foods**

• **Sold off** its beer, meat and cheese units

• Refocused the company on **dairy** and **water**

• Acquired **medical nutrition** and **baby foods** businesses

• Created **Innovation Committees in business units** to provide “healthy food for as many people as possible”

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**Vision**

The ‘dual economic and social’ project, creating economic value by creating social value

**Mission**

Bringing health through food to as many people as possible by refocusing on four complementary business lines and expanding into fast-growing new regions
Redefining Corporate Purpose  
CVS Caremark  

- Drugstore retailer CVS has defined itself as a pharmacy innovation company with the goal of “helping people on their path to better health”  
- The company expanded its role, using its pharmacists and nurse practitioners to work more closely with patients, clients and health care providers to improve health outcomes while controlling costs and positioning the company for continued growth  

- In order to become more consistent with its mission, CVS became first pharmacy to stop selling all tobacco products, forgoing $2 billion in annual revenue, while launching a national smoking cessation program

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The Purpose of Business

• The purpose in business is to create economic value while creating **shared value for society**

• Businesses **acting as businesses**, not as charitable givers, are arguably the most powerful force for addressing many of the pressing issues facing our society

• Shared value will give rise to **far broader opportunities** for strategy and economic value creation and will drive the next wave of **innovation**, **productivity**, and **economic growth**

• A transformation of business practice around shared value will give **purpose** to the corporation