# The New Competitive Advantage: Creating Shared Value

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### The Role of Business in Society

- Only business can create prosperity
- Healthy businesses need a healthy community



- There is an ever growing awareness of major societal challenges
- Government and NGO's lack sufficient resources and capabilities to fully meet these challenges
- More of the public sees business as prospering at the expense of the society
- Despite growing corporate citizenship activities, the legitimacy of business has fallen

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 Integrating societal improvement into economic value creation itself

## Moving to Shared Value Novartis

**CSR** 



- Donate drugs to lower-income populations
- Same products, but free or at a discounted price
- Reach patients through existing health systems



Reduced revenue at the same cost

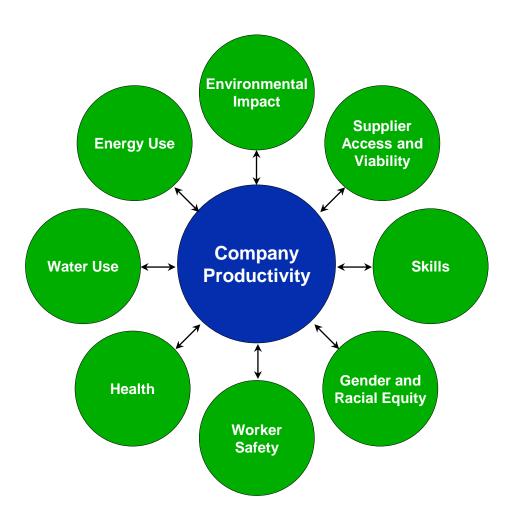


- Implementing a new drug distribution model for low-income populations (Arogya Parivar)
- New quantity, packaging, patient education, and distribution
- Improvement in local healthcare delivery infrastructure
- Learning about non-traditional customer behavior and new business models



 Expanded revenue and a profitable business model

### **Societal Needs and Economic Value Creation**



- Social deficits create economic cost
- External conditions shape internal company productivity
- Social needs represent the largest market opportunities

#### **Levels of Shared Value**

#### I: Reconceiving products, needs, and customers

Meeting societal needs and reaching unserved or underserved customers

#### II: Redefining productivity in the value chain

 How the organization better uses resources across the value chain, including employees, to improve fundamental productivity

### III: Enabling local cluster development

 Improving available skills, suppliers, and supporting institutions in the region

### **Reconceiving Products and Markets**

- Design products and services to address societal needs
  - E.g., environmental impact, safety, health, education, nutrition, living with disability, housing, financial security
- Open new markets by serving unmet needs in underserved communities
  - Often requires redesigned products or different distribution methods
- Businesses have the potential to be more effective than governments and NGOs in creating and marketing solutions to community problems



- New needs and new markets open up opportunities to differentiate, innovate, and grow
- A new generation of social entrepreneurs is capturing these opportunities, often faster than mainstream businesses

### Creating Shared Value in Products <u>Dow Chemical Insect Control</u>

The Spinetoram<sup>™</sup> Family of insect control products are derived from a **biological organism** that provides control of a broad spectrum of insect pests in a variety of crops

- Natural degradation through UV light and soil microbes
- Low solubility in water
- Favorable toxological profile
- Carries lowest human hazard label



- Applied in lower quantities than conventional insecticides
- Low impact on beneficial insects
- Double-digit revenue growth since launch in 2010

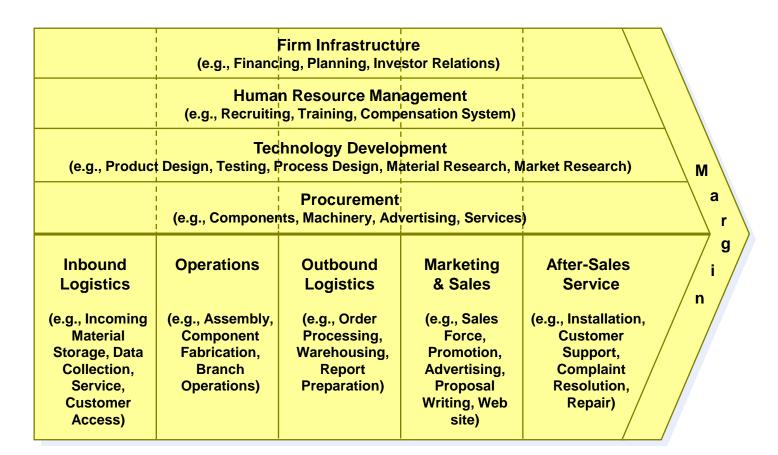
## Creating Shared Value in Products and Markets Novo Nordisk in China

- Product design that reflects Chinese patient demographics and culture
- Diabetes training programs for physicians in partnership with government, NGOs, and opinion leaders to promote the latest thinking on diabetes prevention, screening, treatment, and patient communication
  - The program has trained 55,000 physicians to date, each treating approximately 230 patients
- New types of diabetes education programs for patients focusing on prevention, lifestyle changes, and effective use of insulin products



- Market share in China increased from 0% to 63%, and China became Novo's third largest market with revenues of \$935 million in 2011
- Company efforts saved 140,000 life years in China by 2010, and \$2,317 of total lifetime costs per patient

### Redefining Productivity in the Value Chain

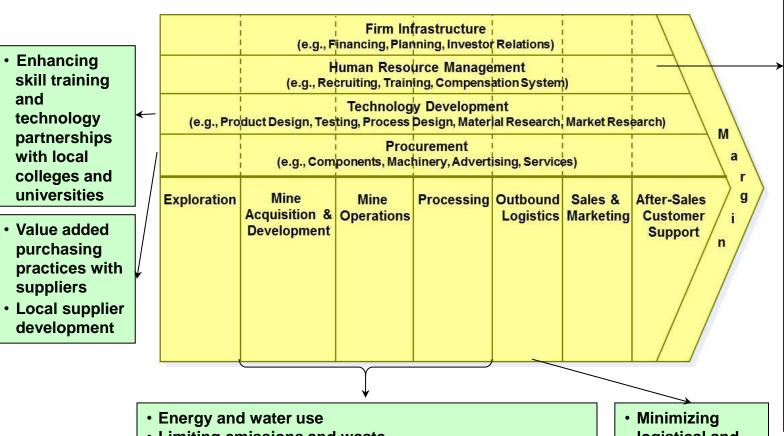


- Shared value purchasing
- Energy use
- Resource use

- Location of facilities / supply chain
- Logistical efficiency
- Productivity of employees, especially lower skill, lower income employees

Identifying Opportunities for Shared Value in the Value Chain

Mining



- Recruiting from disadvantaged surrounding communities
- Diversity in the workforce
- Employee education and job training
- Onsite housing
- Employee health initiatives
- Compensation and benefit models to support a living wage
- Staff retraining and rehabilitation after mine closures

- Limiting emissions and waste
- Low ecological and biodiversity impacts
- Minimizing use and effects of hazardous materials
- · Recovering additional materials from "exhausted" mines
- Worker safety practices

 Minimizing logistical and handling impacts

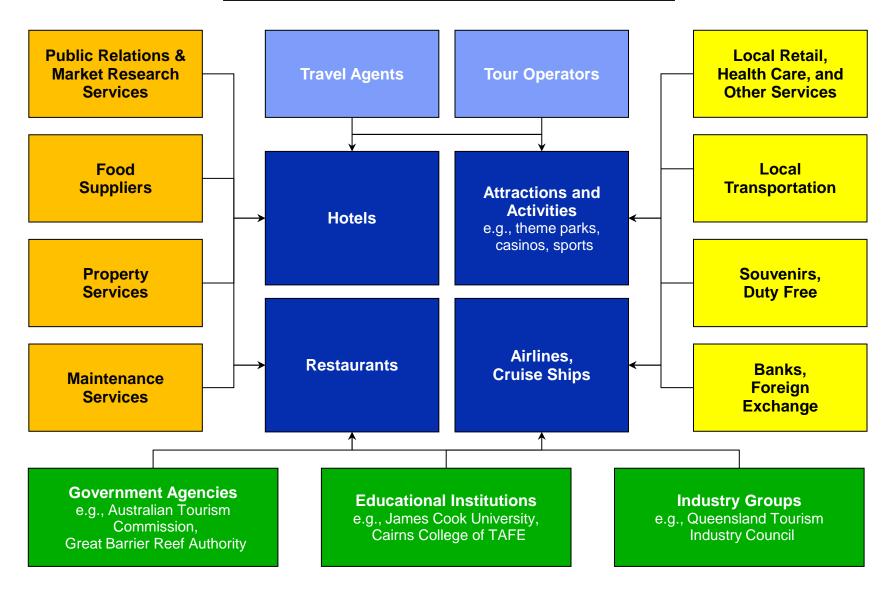
## Enabling Cluster Development in a Company's Major Locations

- A strong local cluster improves company productivity and growth
  - Local suppliers
  - Supporting institutions and infrastructure
  - Related businesses
- Companies, working collaboratively, can catalyze major improvements in the cluster and the local business environment



 Local cluster development strengthens the link between a company's success and community success

## What is a Cluster? <u>Tourism Cluster in Cairns, Australia</u>



## Local Cluster Development <u>Anglo-American</u>

- Anglo American has established Anglo Zimele, a South African enterprise investment fund, for mining-related small and medium-sized businesses in South Africa
- As of 2010, the fund had invested in 509 businesses, which collectively employed 9,514 people with annual revenues of \$215 million

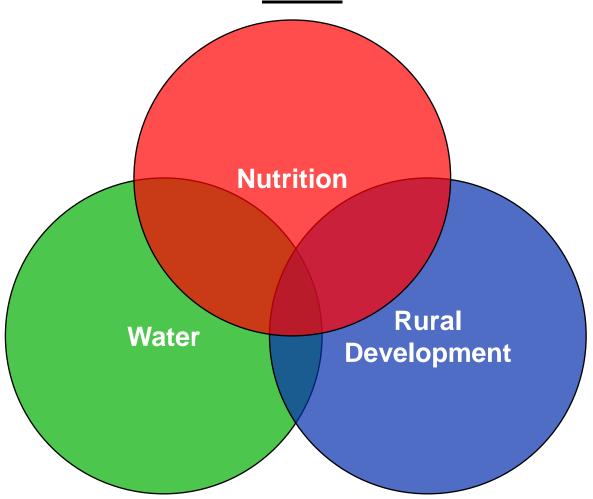
#### **Economic value**

- Anglo-American has created reliable, high-quality local suppliers
- Local suppliers reduce costs and can improve service levels and product tailoring

#### **Community value**

- 10,000 new jobs created
- Significant increase in income for SME employees and owners
- Spillover effects of these new businesses on their communities

### Creating Shared Value: Deciding Where to Concentrate Nestlé



 Opportunities to create shared value are inevitably tied closely to a company's particular businesses

## Creating Shared Value Opportunities for Professional Sports Organizations

- Reconceiving customer needs, products, and markets
  - Wider participation in the sport
  - Fitness, health, wellness, and personal development
- Redefining productivity in the value chain
  - Energy efficiency and waste reduction
  - Workforce development and recruiting
    - Teams and vendors
  - Value-added local procurement
- Enabling local cluster development
  - Spur economic development in the areas surrounding stadiums and other team facilities
  - Create a local supplier base for concessions, souvenirs, etc.
  - Anchor other entertainment and real estate developments

## Creating Shared Value Implications for Government and Civil Society

- Government and NGOs often assume that social programs must come by taxing, regulating, and restraining business
- Government and NGOs will be most effective if they enable shared value by business

#### **Implications for NGOs**

NGOs bring unique domain expertise, execution capacity, and trust by communities

#### A New Type of NGO

• **TechnoServe** Promotes the development of agricultural clusters in more than 30 countries

Root Capital Provides financing to more than 400,000 farmers and businesses

• Gates Foundation Forms partnerships with global corporations to foster agricultural clusters

#### **Implications for Governments**

- Governments can make platform investments or co-investments in public assets and infrastructure to enable shared value by business
- Governments should regulate in a way that reinforces and rewards shared value in business, rather than working against it
  - Focus on outcomes
  - Enabling private sector innovation

### Adding a Social Dimension to Strategy

- Shared value opens up new needs, new markets, new value chain configurations, and new ways of thinking about the business
- This creates new opportunities for strategic positioning and new competitive advantages



- Companies can incorporate a social dimension in their value proposition
- Shared value can reinforce and even anchor a company's strategy
- Adding social dimensions makes strategy more sustainable vs. competitors than conventional cost and quality advantages

### Shared Value and Strategic Positioning Whole Foods Markets

#### **Value Proposition**

- Natural, fresh, organic, and prepared foods and health items with excellent service at premium prices
- Cater to specialized nutritional requirements (gluten allergies, vegan, etc.)
- Educated, middle class, and affluent 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

### **Transforming Strategic Positioning**

	Traditional Positioning	New Positioning
Nestlé	• Food	• Nutrition
Nike	• Shoes	Health and Wellness
IBM	Computing / Technology	Smarter Cities
Thermo Fisher	Leader in Serving Science	Making the World Healthier, Cleaner, and Safer

• A broader sense of purpose motivates and attracts employees, consumers, business partners, shareholders, and the public

### The Purpose of Business

- There is an opportunity to transform thinking and practice about the role of the corporation in society
- Shared value gives rise to far broader opportunities for economic value creation
- Shared value thinking will drive the next wave of innovation, productivity growth, and economic growth
- Shared value will reignite a whole new generation of management thinking
- Businesses acting as businesses, not as charitable givers, are arguably the most powerful force for addressing many of the pressing issues facing our society
- A transformation of business practice around shared value will give **purpose** to the corporation and represents our best chance to **legitimize business again**