

Creating Shared Value: Redefining Capitalism and the Role of the Corporation in Society

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The Role of Business in Prosperity

- Only business can **create prosperity**

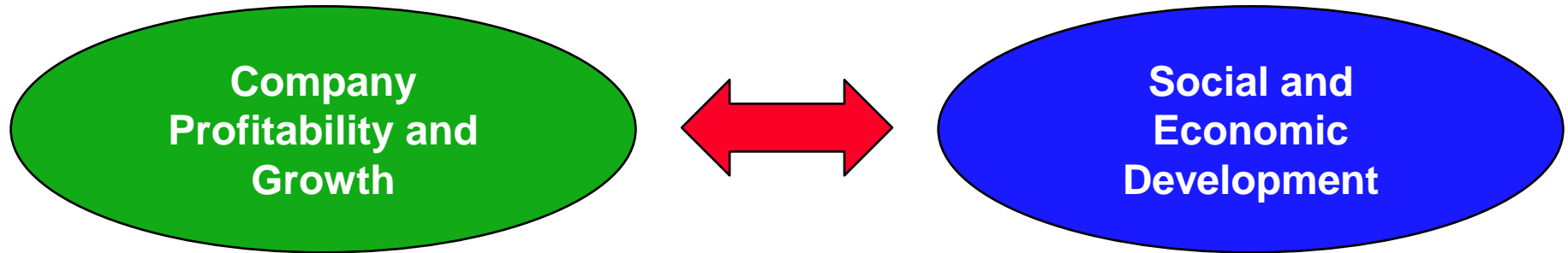
BUT

- Companies are increasingly perceived to be prospering **at the expense of the broader community**
- Business increasingly is seen as **a major cause of social, environmental, and economic problems**
- Government and civil society often attempt to address societal issues **at the expense of business**



- Despite growing corporate social responsibility (CSR) activities, the **legitimacy of business** has fallen

Business and Society: Why the Disconnect?

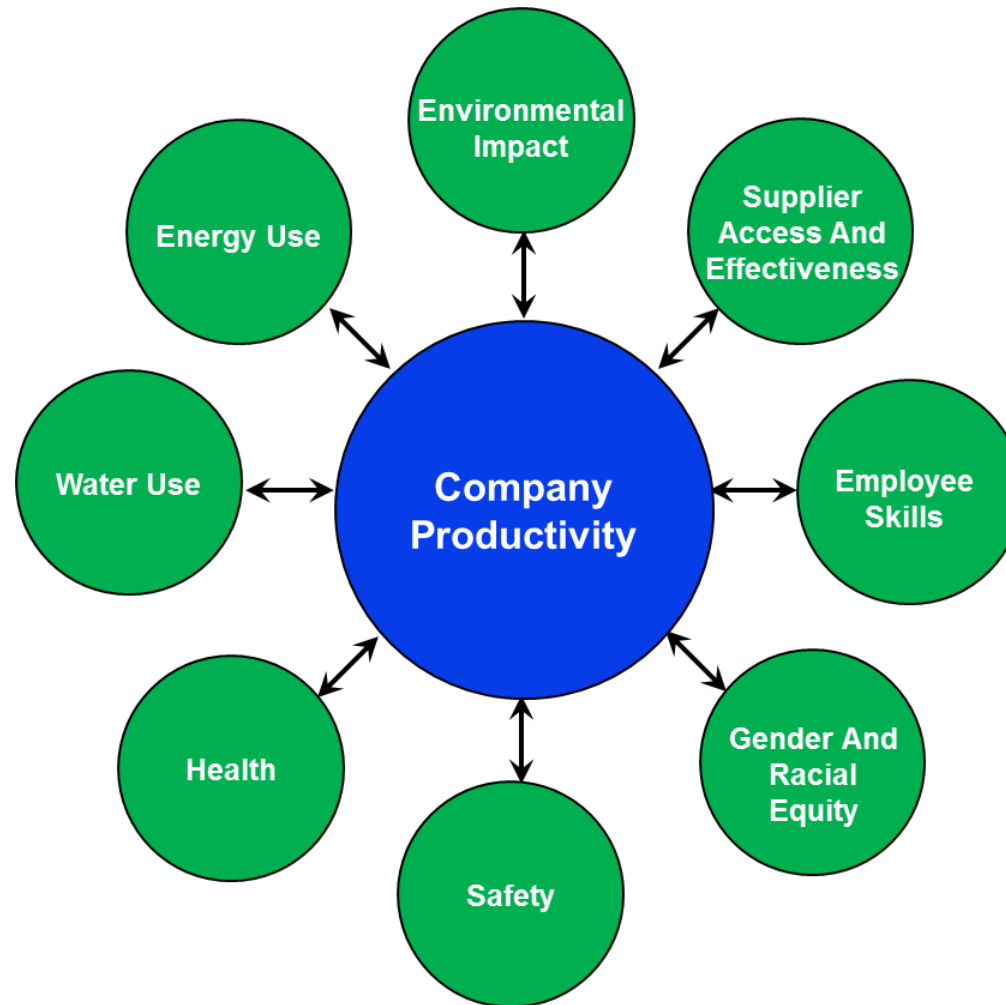


- Many companies have adopted a **narrow model** of economic value creation
 - Maximizing shareholder value with shortening **time horizons**
 - Meeting **conventional** and sometimes **artificial** needs of **conventional** customers
 - **De-skilling** jobs to reduce wages
 - **Downsizing, outsourcing, relocating,** and **offshoring**
 - Enforcing **price cuts** on suppliers
 - Societal issues are treated as **outside** the scope of business



- Huge **societal needs** go unmet
- **Growth** and **innovation** in business have suffered

Creating Economic Value and Societal Needs



- **Social** deficits create **economic** cost
- Social needs represent the largest **market opportunities**
- **External** conditions shape **internal** company productivity
- There is a growing **congruence** between economic value creation and societal objectives

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- The pursuit of shared value represents the next evolution of **capitalism**
- Concern with **societal issues** will be a defining characteristic of the post-crisis era
- Incorporating societal issues into strategy and operations is **the next major transformation** in management thinking

Misconceptions About Creating Shared Value

Creating Shared Value is **NOT**:

- **Sharing created value**
- **Philanthropy**
- **Giving back**
- **Ethics**
- **Personal values**
- **Harm reduction**
- **Triple bottom line**
- **Balancing stakeholder interests**
- **(Just) sustainability**

Levels of Shared Value

- Reconceiving customer **needs, products, and markets**
- **Redefining productivity** in the value chain
- Enabling **local cluster development**

Reconceiving Products and Markets

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 - E.g., environmental impact, safety, health, education, nutrition, living with disability, housing, financial security
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- Businesses have the potential to be more effective than governments and NGOs in **marketing** solutions to social problems
 - Shared value offers new opportunities for **differentiation, innovation, and growth**
 - A new generation of **social entrepreneurs** is capturing these opportunities, often faster than mainstream businesses

Creating Shared Value in Products

Intuit

- **Intuit Health Debit Card** allows small employers who cannot afford health insurance to provide pre-tax healthcare support to their employees
 - Card automatically recognizes healthcare expenditures vs. other kinds of spending
 - Unspent funds roll over year to year
- **SnapTax** provides low-income consumers with access to tax preparation services over the phone and enables rapid refunds
 - **15 minutes for \$15**, electronic filing included
 - Data extracted from **mobile phone photos** of W-2s via optical character recognition
 - **Debit card** option for direct deposit of refunds for unbanked households
 - **Simple IRA option** to enable use of refund for retirement savings

Creating Shared Value in Products

Dow Chemical: Insect Control

- The Spinetoram™ 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 toxicological profile
- Carries lowest human hazard label
- Organic version available

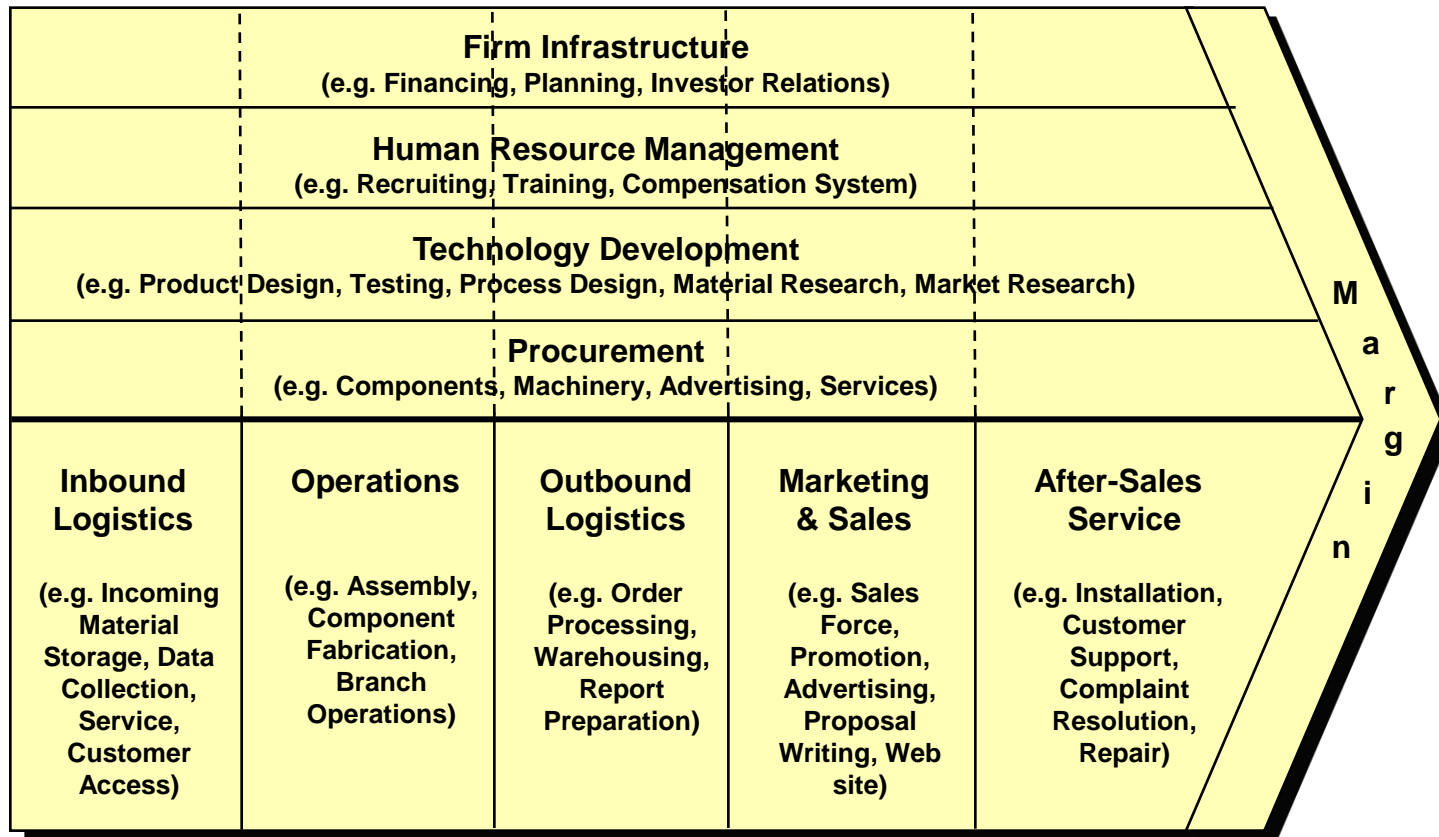


- Ability to be applied at **lower rates** than conventional insecticides
- **Low impact** on beneficial insects
- Substantial growth product since launch, recording **double-digit** growth in 2010

Finding Product and Market Opportunities to Create Shared Value

- Redefine the business around **unsolved customer problems or concerns**, not traditional product definitions
- Think in terms of **improving lives**, not just meeting consumer needs
- Identify customer groups that have been **poorly served** or **overlooked** by the industry's products
- Start with **no preconceived constraints** about product attributes, channel configuration, or the economic model of the business (e.g., small loans are unprofitable)

Redefining Productivity in the Value Chain



- Procurement
- Resource use
- Energy use
- Logistical efficiency
- Employee productivity
- Location of facilities and the supply chain

Creating Shared Value

Unilever

Project Shakti in India provides microcredit and training to empower underprivileged women to become direct-to-home distributors of Unilever products in Indian villages of less than 2,000 people

- Reconfiguring the value chain
 - Reconceiving distribution
- Partnering with stakeholders
 - Microcredit
 - Training

Shared Value

Shakti entrepreneurs

- Earnings for women
- Business skills training

Community

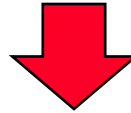
- Needed hygiene products
- Economic development

Unilever

- Expanded customer reach
- Brand communication

Local Cluster Development

- A strong local cluster with capable local suppliers and institutions **improves company productivity**
 - e.g., greater supply chain efficiency, lower environmental impact, and better access to skills
- **Companies**, working collaboratively, can catalyze major improvements in the local cluster and business environment
- Local cluster development **strengthens the link** between a company's success and community success



- What suppliers are **inefficient** or **missing locally**?
- What **institutional weaknesses** or **community deficits** create internal costs for the firm?

Local Cluster Development

Anglo-American

- 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

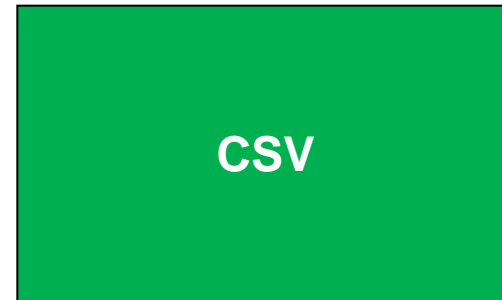
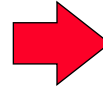
Community value

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

Economic value

- Anglo-American has created reliable, high-quality local suppliers
- A deeper pool of local suppliers reduces transaction costs and improves service levels and quality

Moving to Shared Value



- **Values:** “doing good”
- Good citizenship, philanthropy, and sustainability
- **Discretionary**
- **Separate** from profit maximization
- Agenda **externally determined**
- Impact is **limited** by the corporate footprint and CSR budget

• Example: Fair trade purchasing

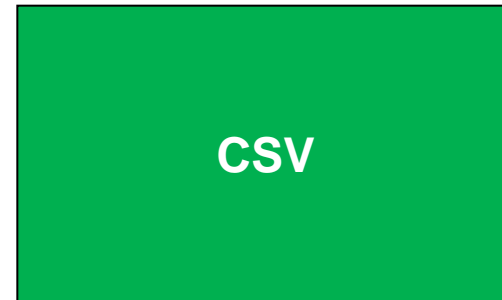
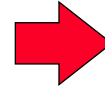
- **Value:** economic and societal benefits relative to cost
- **Joint** company and community value creation
- Integral to **competing**
- **Essential** to profit maximization
- Agenda is **business specific**
- Mobilizes the **entire company** budget

• Example: Transforming procurement to increase quality and yield

In both cases, **compliance** with laws and ethical standards and reducing harm for corporate activities are **assumed**

Moving to Shared Value

Novartis



- Donate drugs to lower-income populations
- Same products, but free or at a discounted price
- Provides product access for affected individuals



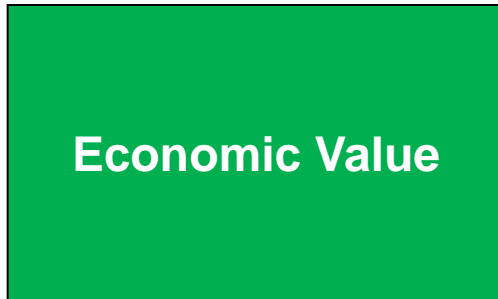
- Business as usual
- Limited reach
- Reduced revenue at the same cost

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



- Innovation
- Reach many more individuals
- Expanded revenue and profitable business model

Measuring Shared Value



- Profitability
- Revenue
- ROI
- Category growth



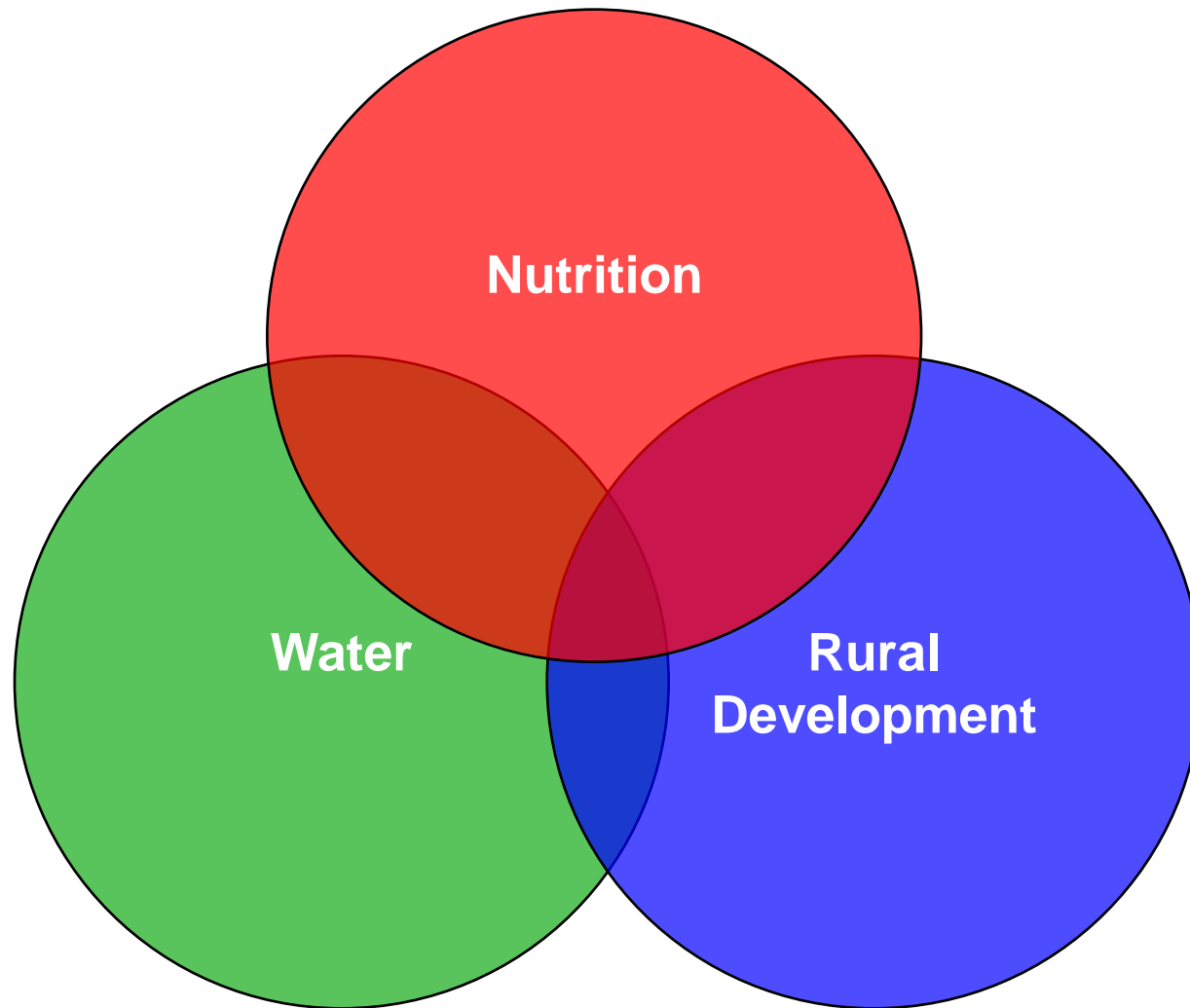
- Specific societal benefits achieved



- Fundamental to shared value is **linking** economic and social measures

Creating Shared Value: Deciding Where to Concentrate

Nestlé



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

Adding a Social Dimension to Strategy

- Shared value opens up new **needs**, new **markets**, and new **value chain configurations**
- This creates **new strategic positions**, and new opportunities for **extending existing positions**



- Companies should incorporate a **social dimension** to their value proposition
- Shared value can **reinforce** and even **anchor** a company's strategy
- The social dimension of strategy can be **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 and microcredit if needed
- 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 (and price) from the boat to the counter
- Heavy emphasis on environmental sustainability in all activities.
- Emphasis on supporting community development



- Successful strategies in the future will embody a significant **shared value dimension**

Shared Value and Strategic Positioning

Intrepid Travel

Value Proposition

- Sustainable small-group travel
- Unique real-life experiences involving significant interaction with the local communities
- Cost-conscious, adventurous, socially aware travellers looking for authentic experiences

Mission

“Intrepid’s core purpose is to enrich people’s lives by creating unique, interactive travel experiences. We provide fun, affordable and sustainable travel that is profitable for Intrepid and beneficial to local communities.”

Distinctive Activities

- Smaller groups allows for frequent use of local public transport, supporting local infrastructure and reducing environmental impact
- Smaller groups allow stays at local hotels and homestay opportunities as well as dining at local restaurants
- Some trips involve community volunteer projects where travellers help build local infrastructure
- Significant training of local tour guides and other local businesses such as hotels to improve quality and efficiency
- Projects such as Kilimanjaro Porters Assistance Project outfits 300+ porters per month with climbing gear and has trained 10,000 porters in first aid, conversational English, money management, and HIV/AIDS awareness since 2004
- Cooperation with Victoria University to study the impact of small group travel on sensitive rural communities



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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 approaches** to economic value creation
- Shared value thinking will drive the next wave of **innovation, productivity enhancement, and economic growth**
- 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**