Prof. Yunus, Grameen and Social Business
Grameen Creative Lab Overview
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Prof. Yunus and the Grameen Success Story

Social Business

Grameen Creative Lab: Accelerating the Social Business Movement
"Poverty is a Threat to Peace"
Nobel Peace Laureate 2006 Professor Muhammad Yunus

Nobel Peace Prize Laureate 2006 for his efforts to create social and economic development

Recipient of the Presidential Medal of Freedom in 2009 and many other awards including 48 honorary doctorate degrees

Founder of Grameen Bank that has loaned more than $10 billion to 8.3 million poor people

Nobel Peace Prize Committee about Prof Yunus: “Muhammad Yunus has shown himself to be a leader who has managed to translate visions into practical action for the benefit of millions of people.”

Initiator of social business and co-founder of the Grameen Creative Lab

“I am proposing to create another kind of business, based on selflessness that is in all of us. I am calling it social business.”

Prof. Muhammad Yunus
Grameen Bank Impacts ~40M Lives in Bangladesh
Success Story of the Grameen Bank

... brings microcredit to poor people who would otherwise be unable to obtain a loan

... since its founding in 1983 it has loaned over USD 10 billion — some in amounts as little as USD 5

... has 8.3 million clients, 97% women who are also owners of the bank

... operates 2,565 branches in over 81,000 villages

... 97% loan recovery rate

... 99% literacy in second generation

Grameen Bank was the first social business providing the seed and structure for the creation of many businesses across all industries
Grameen Developed in Several Waves
The Evolvement of the Grameen Family of Businesses

- **Microfinance in Bangladesh**
  - 1983: Grameen Bank (8.3m borrowers in Bangladesh)

- **Internationalization**
  - 1989: Grameen Trust (147 partners in 39 countries, 6.9m borrowers worldwide)

- **Diversification**

- **Partnering**

- **Further Expansion**
  - 2009: Grameen Employment, Grameen Creative Lab, Cooperations with Academia
## Grameen is Not Just a Bank
### Examples of Grameen Activities in Different Sectors

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<td>Grameenphone has &gt;23m subscribers in Bangladesh and its Village Phone Program is an income-earning opportunity to &gt;210,000 mostly women Village Phone operators living in rural areas</td>
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*Note: The table contains examples of Grameen activities in different sectors.*
Grameen is Active in over 60 Countries Worldwide

Grameen Worldwide Activity Map

Legend:
- Grameen Bank
- Grameen Trust
- Grameen Foundation USA
- Grameen Foundation Australia
- Fundación Grameen Argentina
- Grameen Jameel (MENA)
- Fundación Latino Grameen (Spain)
- The Grameen Creative Lab

Americas:
- Argentina
- Bolivia
- Brazil
- Canada
- Colombia
- Costa Rica
- Dominican Rep.
- Ecuador
- El Salvador
- Guatemala
- Haiti
- Honduras
- Mexico
- Peru
- USA

Africa & Middle East:
- C. African Republic
- Cameroon
- Egypt
- Ethiopia
- Ghana
- Jordan
- Kenya
- Lebanon
- Lesotho
- Malawi
- Mali
- Mauritania
- Morocco
- Nigeria
- Palestine
- Rwanda
- Senegal
- South Africa
- Tanzania
- Togo
- Turkey
- Uganda
- Yemen
- Zambia
- Zimbabwe

Asia & Pacific:
- Afghanistan
- Australia
- Bangladesh
- Cambodia
- China
- India
- Indonesia
- Japan
- Kyrgyzstan
- Malaysia
- Myanmar
- Nepal
- Pakistan
- Philippines
- Samoa
- South Korea
- Thailand
- Vietnam

Europe:
- Albania
- Bosnia
- Germany
- Italy
- Kosovo
- Russia
- Spain
- UK

The Grameen Creative Lab
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Grameen Creative Lab: Accelerating the Social Business Movement
Non-Loss, Non-Dividend Company Solving a Social Problem
Definition of a Social Business

NGOs/Public Sector

Social Business

Traditional Business

Ends

Social / ecological use maximization

Social / ecological use maximization

Profit maximization

Means

Donation financed

Self sustainable

Self sustainable

"Social business unites the dynamism of traditional business with the social conscience of charity" - Prof. Yunus
Social Businesses Follow Seven Principles
The Principles of Social Business Defined by Prof. Yunus

1. Business objective will be to overcome poverty, or one or more problems (such as education, health, technology access, and environment) which threaten people and society; not profit maximization.

2. Financial and economic sustainability.

3. Investors get back their investment amount only. No dividend is given beyond investment money.

4. When investment amount is paid back, company profit stays with the company for expansion and improvement.

5. Environmentally conscious.

6. Workforce gets market wage with better working conditions.

7. ...do it with joy.
Numerous Institutions Already Engaged in the Movement
Example of Institutions Involved in the SBM

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Grameen Creative Lab: Accelerating the Social Business Movement
We Want to Serve Society’s Most Pressing Needs
Vision and Mission of the Grameen Creative Lab

Vision: To serve society’s most pressing needs

Mission: Leading by example, we accelerate and spread the social business movement worldwide

Picture Source: Roger Richter
GCL Supports Prof. Yunus in Accelerating the Movement

The Unique Role of the GCL

Why were we created?

Social business is a new and spreading concept. Companies, entrepreneurs, academia and governments are approaching Professor Yunus at a faster rate than he can respond to alone. Furthermore, much of this demand stems from Europe and North America, far from Professor Yunus’ base in Bangladesh.

How do we contribute?

We share Professor Yunus’ vision of a world without poverty. With his support, our unique network, and our consulting and communication skills, we help to spread the concept of social business throughout Europe and the world, and actively support those individuals and organizations looking to develop social businesses worldwide.

What is our relationship with Prof. Yunus?

We regularly (2-3 times/month) accompany Prof. Yunus on work trips throughout Asia, Africa, the Americas and Europe. We follow-up on his meetings and bring ideas into performance. We also represent Prof. Yunus at formal meetings (e.g. Africa Progress Panel). Hans Reitz is additionally the creative advisor to Prof. Yunus and creative director of the Yunus Centre.

Why are we a social business ourselves?

Most importantly, we want to live what we preach. We generate revenue through our activities and services that we provide. Investors receive their investment back, with no dividends. Our aim is to be financially self-sustainable. We are very proud to be the first social business GmbH (Ltd.) in Germany.
Key Activities
Three Pillars of the GCL Activities

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3. Create
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   - Establish social business public private partnerships
   - Support creation of social business funds
Grameen Danone Produces Fortified Yoghurt
Grameen Social Business JV: Grameen Danone Foods Ltd

Why was it created?
For Bangladesh:
- >30% of population undernourished
- Malnutrition a major cause of economic underdevelopment

For Danone:
- Develop local production know how
- Source of innovation and motivation
- Fit with founder's vision

What is it?
The product
- Yoghurt fortified with micronutrients
- Produced with solar and bio gas energy

The price
- 6 Taka (€0.06) per package of 60g

The place
- Bogra, 230 km north of Dhaka
- Distribution by Grameen Ladies and local stores

How is it organized?
Grameen Social Business JV
- Four Grameen companies – social know how
- Danone and Danone.communities1 – product and technical know how

What is the outlook?
Late 2006
- 1st plant started producing and will break even in 2011
- Second plant planned

Within 10 years time
- Establishment of 50+ plants
- Several hundred distribution jobs
- Creation of partnerships (e.g. for better additives)

What do people say?
Professor M. Yunus
Peac Nobel Laureate
"It is a small project to begin with, but contains the seed of a new breed of business that can change the economic world fundamentally"

Franck Riboud
CEO, Group Danone
"... a business model of proximity which will daily bring healthy nutrition to people with no resources."

Salma
Sales woman, Grameen Danone
"...I can make a living from selling healthy yoghurt to my community – with Grameen Danone taking the commercial risk."

1. Danone-communities: mutual fund initiated by Danone to support and finance social businesses in the area of Danone's expertise
Grameen Veolia Supplies People with Clean Water
Grameen Social Business JV: Grameen Veolia

Why was it created?

For Bangladesh:
- In Bangladesh, 35-80m people suffer from water contamination
- In 1993 discovery of natural arsenic in groundwater causing cancer and skin lesions
- Especially rural areas are affected

For Veolia:
- Develop market know-how
- Test new business model

What is it?

The product
- Cleaned surface water
- 1 plant supplies 20K people

The price
- 2.5 Taka (€0.025) per 10L depending on distance from plant

The place
- Goalmari, 100km east of Dhaka
- 5 villages supplied

How is it organized?

Grameen Social Business JV
- Grameen Healthcare – social know how
- Veolia Water – technical know how

What is the outlook?

Jan 2009
- 1st plant started production
- 18 months from idea to implementation

Until 2012
- 3 more plants
- 100K people will be supplied

What do people say?

Professor M. Yunus
Peace Nobel Laureate
"Economy must adapt itself to the needs of the poor...Grameen Veolia is dedicated to this aim."

Antoine Frérot
CEO, Veolia Water
"...the social business is what we need to implement effective solutions for the supply of drinking water to the poor."
For Bangladesh:
- Danger of catching Malaria (58K newly infected in 2007)
- >30% of population undernourished

For BASF:
- Develop affordable products for the poor
- Capture new market segments
- Boost reputation
- Motivate employees

The product:
- Mosquito net against Malaria effective for 2-5yrs
- 0.5M nets already produced
- Micronutrient sachets to sprinkle on food

The price:
- Mosquito net, at 475 Tk, leasable
- Nutrition sachet 2T/package

The place:
- East Bangladesh (malaria regions)

Grameen Social Business JV:
- Grameen Health Care Trust – social know how
- BASF SE – technical know how

3 Board members
- One from each and one additional chairman

JV signed on 3 March 2009
First bed nets sold in October 2009
Goal to provide nets for population of ~3M people
The product portfolio may be extended
- Floating roofs made of Styropor

Professor M. Yunus
Peace Nobel Laureate
"...it fascinates me, how fast we were able to put an idea into place and create a social business with such a great social benefit..."

Dr. Jürgen Hambrecht
CEO, BASF SE
"...Sustainable development is key for BASF – that's why we engage in social businesses ..."
### Why was it created?

**For Bangladesh:**
- Textile is the biggest industry in Bangladesh
- Highly abusive working conditions

**For Otto:**
- Take on responsibility for upstream market
- Find a model factory that works socially and ecologically while achieving its economic sustainability

### What is it?

**The project**
- Profits of textile production plant benefit workers through social services, health care, etc.

**The goals**
- Provide employment to poor people
- Improve living conditions of workers and their families
- Protect the environment
- Achieve product excellence to ensure sustainable economic activity

**Grameen Otto Trust**
- In charge of social services
- Owns Grameen Otto Textile Company
- Representative of workers

**Grameen Otto Textile Company**
- Produces clothing to export
- Provide profits into Grameen Otto Trust

### How is it organized?

**JV agreement signed between Prof. M. Yunus & Dr. Michael Otto**
- November 2009 during Prof. Yunus visit

**Construction to be started by end of 2010**

**Goal to start production by 2011**
GCL is Developing a Joint Venture with Reebok
Grameen Social Business JV: Grameen Reebok

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<td>“(...) to produce affordable shoes for the poor in Bangladesh, to decrease the incidence of hookworm and other parasitic illnesses in Bangladesh (...) The idea behind the project is that no person anywhere in the world should go without shoes“ (Prof. Yunus 2009)</td>
<td>Affordable, durable and appealing multi-purpose footwear product suitable for the impoverished market in Bangladesh</td>
<td>Production facilities may not be with Reebok, but subcontracted</td>
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<td><strong>Design, development and material selection through Reebok</strong></td>
<td><strong>Pilot phase successfully completed in October 2010</strong></td>
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<td>Develop affordable products for the poor</td>
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GCL Initiates Social Businesses in Haiti and a Fund
Grameen Creative Lab Initiative: YY Haiti

Why was it created?
For Haiti:
Haiti significantly hit by recent earthquake on 12 January 2010:
- 250,000 dead, additional 300,000 badly injured
- 2 million left homeless
- 50% of business destroyed after earthquake

For Grameen:
- Develop YY Haiti Social Business Fund as role model for future social business fund structures

What is it?
The project
- YY Haiti-an initiative of the Grameen Creative Lab, the Yunus Centre, and SAP AG-intends to create the infrastructure and provide the skills needed for social businesses in Haiti

The goals
- Establish long-term and self-sustainable social businesses for Haiti’s development (in contrast to short-term emergency relief and general charity)

Set up the infrastructure for social business
- YY Haiti is a social business fund investing in social businesses
- YY Haiti is run by Haitian professionals of the Grameen Creative Lab (GCL) in Haiti
- GCL Haiti to initiate, support and monitor social businesses in Haiti

Our milestones for 2011
- Set up of the Grameen Creative Lab office in Haiti
- Raise funds for YY Haiti Social Business Fund
- Set up approx. 4 social businesses in 2011
- Spread the social business movement in Haiti
For the State of Caldas:
- More than 70% of population living below poverty line
- Declining population due to migration abroad
- Lack of job opportunities
- Sharp drop in coffee output (the single most important agricultural crop)

For Grameen:
- Prove social business as a powerful tool to fight poverty in a whole region
- Develop a new kind of public private partnership

Holistic Social Business Movement
Three different organizations will be created:
- Microcredit organization
- Venture capital fund
- Joint ventures with international and national companies

The place
- State of Caldas located in the coffee triangle of Colombia (heart of coffee production region in the country)

Grameen Social Business JV
- Government of Caldas: social and local know-how and investment
- Yunus Centre/ GCL: technical and social business know-how and network

Operational Management
- Young Colombians aged between 25 and 30 years (“ability generation”)
- Supported by Grameen and government in order to build up a social business movement to fight poverty

Memorandum of Understanding signed
- Signed 7 November 2009 during the Global Grameen Meeting

GCL on the ground in Caldas since March 2010
- Team of GCL started to advise the government of Caldas in setting up the social business fund and the microcredit organisation

Microcredit organisation and social business fund to be set up in 2011
GCL is Developing a Holistic SB Movement in Albania
Government Co-operations

**For the State of Albania:**
- More than 18% of population living below poverty line
- Declining population due to migration abroad
- Lack of job opportunities

**For Grameen:**
- Prove social business as a powerful tool to fight poverty in a whole country
- Develop a new kind of public private partnership

**Holistic Social Business Movement**
- Several organizations will be created
- Agency for the Promotion of Social Business (government-owned)
- Microfinance Institution (MFI)
- Social Business Fund (SB Fund) for the financing of new ventures
- Joint ventures with international and national companies

**Social Business JVs**
- Private-sector partners lead the projects
- GCL and Grameen supply technical and social business know-how and network
- Local facilitation & investment to be provided by government of Albania through a new Agency for the Promotion of Social Business

**MFI and SB Fund**
- Ownership and decision-making structure of the microfinance institution and of the social business fund is being discussed

**The place**
- Projects can be sited anywhere in Albania

**Groundwork is being laid**
- Initial screening and research study took place in December 2009 and in January 2010
- Currently in discussion with the Government of Albania concerning setting up of the Agency for the Promotion of Social Business as well as the MFI and SB Fund
- Also discussing potential SB JVs with well-known international companies
GCL leads the Social Business City Network Wiesbaden
Holistic Movement in Developed Nations

Why was it created?

For the City of Wiesbaden:
- 10,000 children live below the poverty line
- Insufficient number of daycare facilities
- High percentage of migrants with low graduation rates
- High level of youth unemployment
- Problematic city districts

For Grameen:
- Prove social business to be a powerful tool to serve society’s needs in a developed country
- Establish Wiesbaden as a best practice approach for social business in cities

What is it?

Social Businesses Incubator
- Social business fund for financial support of social business entrepreneurs
- Physical infrastructure and support for social businesses start ups

The Network
- Join forces of local key players to encourage entrepreneurs and foster social business

How is it organized?

Network Partners
- City of Wiesbaden
- European Business School
- Wiesbaden Foundation
- Social Business Women
- Local Media
- The Grameen Creative Lab

Social Business Fund
- The fund will provide financial means to social businesses

Operational Management
- GCL consults, enables and coordinates the network

What is the outlook?

Milestones
- Official initiation of the Network Social Business City Wiesbaden by the mayor Dr. Müller in November 2010
- Launch of Social business chair at the European Business School in November 2010

Next Steps
- Search for partners and investors
- Social business events in Wiesbaden
- Social business launches
- Set-up infrastructure
Key Activities
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### GCL Collaborates with Universities Worldwide

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Why was it created?

- The EBS is the first university in Germany to incorporate SB in research, teaching and practice
- There is a strong need for socially-responsible leaders
- Unique offering in the academic world

For Grameen:
- Draw upon a university’s expertise to conduct research on social business
- Universities are important for the acceleration of SB
- Tap into pool of talented students to make them part of the social business movement

What is it?

The EBS will integrate social business into three areas:
- Research on key success factors of social business
- Build up social business curriculum
- Practice social business by generating social business pilots

The place
- EBS is located near Wiesbaden, Germany
- It ranks among the best business schools in Germany

How is it organized?

The EBS launched a Social Business Chair in November 2010:
- EBS: Team of one professor, two assistant professors and one assistant will position social business within university and deliver theoretical content
- GCL will support the EBS to develop the three areas, mainly providing practical content

Development of Curriculum
- Piloting first classes on social business

Development of relevant research
- First research study will be released in the first half of 2011

Support through Danone
- Danone agreed to fund the EBS Social Business Chair
**Why was it created?**

For the pupils
- Learn how to discover own talents
- Pride through foundation of social business
- Re-integrate into society

For Grameen Creative Lab
- Seed social business idea at an early age
- Draw upon young talent
- Engage in local community

**What is it?**

The place
- Hauptschule located in a troubled area
- Pupils often from socially disadvantaged families

Hans Reitz as teacher
- Regular classes taught by Hans Reitz

Participation in creative labs
- Pupils participate in social business labs

Performances during events
- Students showcase their talents during Wiesbaden based events (e.g. during Yunus’ public speech in November 2009)

First social business established
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- Sell their own apple sauce at Wiesbaden-based events
- Cater cookies and cakes during Grameen Creative Labs

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   - Support creation of social business funds
Convene partners and supporters of social business to:

- Exchange experiences among existing social businesses
- Foster intensive networking and discussion of new social business ideas with Professor Yunus
- Create a platform for interactions with potential partners from the ‘classical’ world of business, universities, opinion leaders

Participants are CEOs, board members and selected representatives from:

- GCL joint venture corporate partners (e.g. Michael Otto spoke 2009)
- Businesses interested in forming joint partnerships or otherwise becoming actively involved in social business
- Universities developing social business curriculum
- Active supporters of Professor Yunus, the GCL and the social business movement
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Two-day conference hosted by Autostadt in Wolfsburg:

- Annual strategy of social business community
- Expert exchange sessions and focus groups
- Marketplace of Social Business
- Public Speeches (incl. Prof. Yunus and Paulo Coelho in 2010)
- High-level panel discussions (among others with Dr. Hambrecht)

2nd Global Social Business Summit (GSBS) Autumn 2011 (tbd)

- 2nd GSBS will take place in different country this year
- The GSBS is the annual reunion bringing together all leaders of the social business movement
- It is a critical component of the annual November week, which brings Professor Yunus to Europe to highlight social business in Germany and the developed world

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Social Business Tour 2010
Example of GCL-Organized Tour

**Why was it created?**

Introducing the social business concept into Central and Eastern Europe and beginning a long term social business initiative.

Goal is to solve the burning social problems that are right at our door step in Eastern and Central Europe.

**Who is participating?**

Participants of the events:
- Business and opinion leaders of the region (leadership symposium)
- Entrepreneurs, Students, NGOs, University representatives (social business labs)
- Public (idea contest)

**What is it?**

Partners:
- ERSTE Foundation, Erste Group, good.bee, the Austrian Federal Ministry of Labour, Social Affairs and Consumer Protection

**The tour:**
- Providing information on social business to promote sustainable social business initiatives
- Events taking place in six countries and six cities (Vienna, Bratislava, Prague, Belgrade, Budapest and Bucharest)

The Idea Contest:
- A contest between ideas with the potential to solve a clearly specified problem through social business
- Consists of six national preliminaries and a European final

**What is the outlook?**

Supporting new SB ideas:
- Winners of the preliminary decisions will receive consultation and training
- The winner of the European final will be supported by a range of expert advice and also financial provision for his social business
- Long-term impetus for the Social Business Movement in Central and Eastern Europe
- Continue with regular social business labs
Social Business Labs Build Up Global Network
Example of Networking Event

What is the goal?

What do we offer?

What is the outlook?

Who is participating?

For new participants:
- Provide background on social business
- Offer tools and ideas for greater involvement

Participants:
- Representatives from corporations, academia and NGOs
- Students
- Entrepreneurs
- Artists
- Other individuals interested in social business

Social Business Labs:
- A Social Business Lab aims at introducing the concept of social business and initiating concrete ideas
- We discuss how to get from a relevant social problem (e.g. the hookworm) to a sustainable social business solution!

Participation rates:
- Participation at the courses ranges from 20-100 individuals

For existing participants:
- Provide depth on social business
- Generate new social business ideas
- Network and strengthen ties
- Provide tools and support

Regular Social Business Labs:
- Continue the annual tradition of the ‘class meeting’ and ‘class trip’
- Expand participation in each type of course
- Increase number of courses outside of Germany

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## What is the goal?
- Make Grameen and social business easily accessible
- To change the perception people have of “the poor”
- Show the real faces of successful Grameen stories in Bangladesh
- Show graphically that “the poor” have the potential to raise themselves out of poverty

## What is it?
- A magnificent 221-page book with more than 100 photographs by Roger Richter and an essay written by Peter Spiegel
- Clear documentation of the Grameen family in Bangladesh

## GCL business model
- GCL does not generate significant revenues from this activity
- It serves as a marketing instrument to create awareness for social business

## What is the outlook?
- Power of Dignity first published in December 2008
- GCL also contributes to Prof. Yunus’ third worldwide publication “Building Social Business” which was launched in January 2010
Create awareness for social business
- Professor Yunus and other personalities including Genscher and Gorbatschow gave a speech and a symbolic contribution regarding “Next Wall to Fall” at the Brandenburg Gate, in commemoration of the 20th anniversary of the fall of the Berlin Wall
- Professor Yunus highlighted the next wall to fall: The Wall of Poverty

Participants:
- This was a once-off public event drawing hundreds of thousands of participants

Financing:
- Costs for speaking engagements are borne by event sponsors

Speaking events:
- GCL will continue to represent Professor Yunus in Europe
- All events and speaking engagements in Europe will be sourced by or passed through the GCL
The Grameen Creative Lab

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