ASHOKA
HOW DO YOU KNOW WHEN YOU'VE REVOLUTIONIZED AN INDUSTRY? ASHOKAS APPROACH TO ASSESSING IVPACT

## World's largest community of leading social entrepreneurs (over 3000) across 70 countries

## ASHOKA

Supports people not projects
Sector and issue agnostic
Builds an eco-system by connecting social and business sectors

# EACH ASHOKA FELLOW MEETS 5 CRITERIA: 



# "Social entrepreneurs are not content just to give a fish, or teach how to fish. They will not rest until they have revolutionized the fishing  



# How do you know when you have revolutionized an industry? How do you know when a system is changed? 



# A system" is an interconnected set of elements that is coherently organized in a way that achieves something." Donella Meadows 

A system consists of 3 major components:

1. Elements
2. Interconnections
3. Purpose


# We define impact as the system changes that result from the fellows, ideas, and networks we support. 

# FROM NOW ON, THERE WILL BE CHILD CARE IN BANGLADESHI GARMEN FACTORIES. 

Suraiya Haque developed a self-sustaining model for child care services in Bangladeshi factories.
How do we measure the impact of her work? The numbers of children currently in child care? The children served 5 years from now? The women who are able to earn better incomes? All the women and children served by those who COPIED Suraiya Haque's model?


# WE SURVEEED Ouratiows  veasacto. 

From 42 countries (Lithuania to Palestine to Namibia).

Completed the survey in 13 languages.

## OF THE FELLOWS WE SURVEYED...

Over $30 \%$ of Fellows work on education.


Over $30 \%$ of Fellows work on economic development.
$1 / 3$ of Fellows work on environment engagement.
$1 / 3$ of Fellows work on the civic engagement.

$70 \%$ work with urban populations.

$60 \%$ of Fellows work with youth.

$24 \%$ of Fellows are working with the elderly, $19 \%$ with conflict or disaster victims.
$10 \%$ work with people discriminated due to sexual orientation.


1. MARKET DYNAMICS AND VALUE CHAINS
2. PUBLIC POLICY AND INDUSTRY NORMS
3. FULL INCLUSION AND EMPATHY
4. BUSINESS-SOCIAL CONGRUENCE
5. CULTURE OF CHANGEMAKING

## 1. MARKET DYNAMICS AND VALUE CHAINS

$54 \%$ of Fellows havechanged market dynamics at a national level within 5 years of election. This means that they have:
Increased access to goods and services
Created new markets
Created value where a value didn't exist
Generated income for the poor
Changed the flow of market information


# CHANGING MARKET SYSTEMS: EXAMPLE 

THE POOREST OF THE POOR CAN HAVE HEALTH INSURANCE AND QUALITY HEALTH CARE.
Mukteshwari Bosco has provided insurance coverage to over 75,000 very poor families in 5 states and over 60 hospitals in India.


## CHANGING MARKET SYSTEMS: EXAMPLE

## AGRICULTURAL EXTENSION SYSTEMS WILL BE AMPLIFIED TO GIVE FARMERS THE LATEST TECHNOLOGY AND PRACTICES.

Through Rikin Gandhi's Digital Green, farmers have produced over 2400 videos viewed by over 120,000 farmers in India with $48 \%$ of farmers adopting the new practice.


## CHANGING MARKET SYSTEMS: ExAMPLE

## 2. PUBLIC POLICY AND INDUSTRY NORMS

$57 \%$ of Fellows have contributed to changed national policy within 5 years of election.
This number has remained consistent since tracking began in 1998. They do this by:

- Drafting legislation $35 \%$ of Fellows
- Providing testimony or research 48\% of Fellows Organizing citizen action 46\% of Fellows
$52 \%$ of Fellows have achieved changes in the code of conduct, mission statement, or official policy of a large organization or industry at a national level within 5 years of election



## CHANGING INDUSTRY NORMS: EXAMPLE

RATS WILL SAVE LIVES BY DETECTING LAND MINES.
Bart Weetjens and Apopo have trained rats to find over 2,063 landmines and create over 3.1 million square meters of mine-free land.

# CHANGING PUBLIC POLCY: <br>  

THE AMAZON REGION CAN BE MANAGED SUSTAINABLY AND PROFITABLY AND MONITORED BY SATELLITE.
Adalberto Verissimo led the passing of the first ever 2006 Law of National Forest Preserves and designation of 25 million hectares of National Forest Reserve.

# CHANGING INDUSTRY NORMS AND PUBLIC POLICY: EXAMPLE <br> THERE WILL BE AN IMPARTIAL ONLINE PLATFORM THAT ENABLES DIRECT, PUBLIC DIALOGUE BETWEEN INDIVIDUAL CITIZENS AND THEIR ELECTED REPRESENTATIVES. 

Through Candidate Watch and Parliament Watch, Gregor Hackmack increases the trust and communication between the public and elected officials by tracking voting records and allowing people to post public questions.


# 3. FULL INCLUSION AND EMPATHY 

- 54\% of Ashoka Fellows achieved national impact to fully include marginalized groups - 54\% of Ashoka Fellows see empathy as a major focus of their work in society within 5 years of election.



## FULL INCLUSION AND EMPATHY: EXAMPLE

## COMPANIES WILL VALUE THE UNIQUE SKILLS OF PEOPLE WITH AUTISM.

Thorkil Sonne is working to create 1 million jobs for people with autism by working with companies who need people with outstanding memories or extreme attention to detail.


## FULI INCLUSION AND EMPATHY:

 EXAMPLENON-LITERATE PEOPLE CAN LEARN TO READ USING SAME LANGUAGE SUB-TITLES ON TV SHOWS.
Brij Kothari sub-titles popular Indian TV shows allowing viewers to connect the written and spoken languages, a method shown in research to be very effective in developing literacy.


## 4. BUSINESS-SOCIAL CONGRUENCE

$56 \%$ of Ashoka Fellows have achieved
business-social congruence at a national level within 5
years of their election. This means that:
$61 \%$ Fellows receive revenue through a for-profit element providing an average of $41 \%$ of their budget. $28 \%$ of Fellows have a joint venture with a business.

## BUSINESS SOCGAL CONGRUUNCEE

BUSINESSES WILL BE CELEBRATED WHEN THEY SEE DISABILITY AND DIVERSITY AS A CORPORATE ASSET AND KEY TO SUCCESS.
Through the Ability Awards, Caroline Casey and Kanchi are focusing on the value of the 1 billion disability demographic as customers, employees, suppliers and members of the community. There are 230 Ability companies In Europe.


## BUSINESS SOCIAL CONGRUENCE: EXAMPLE <br> SLUM DWELLERS WILL USE TOILETS THAT ENABLE DIGNITY, ARE CLEAN AND EVEN PROFITABLE.

David Kuria worked with communities to build pay-per-use toilets and showers, staffed with youth who maintain them and linked them with small businesses to provide private, dignified facilities in a sustainable business model.


## 5. CULTURE OF CHANGEMAKING

66\% of Ashoka Fellows have created cultures of changemaking at a national level within 5 years of their election.


# CULTURE OF CHANGEMAKING: EXAMPLE 

CHILDREN WILL SOLVE SOCIAL PROBLEMS AND RESOLVE CONFLICTS PEACEFULLY.

Eric Dawson and Peace First have trained over 40,000 young people and seen a $60 \%$ average reduction in incidents of violence, and a 70-80\% increase in instances of peacemaking.

## CULTURE OF CHANGEMAKING: EXAMPLE

AFRICAN-AMERICAN WOMEN WILL SUPPORT THEIR "SISTERS" TO DELIVER HEALTHY BABIES.
Kathryn Hall-Trujillo and the Birthing Project help women to understand their own power to create change - shifting the average birth weights from 6.5 lbs to 7.5 lbs .


# VELUE OF ASHOKA \% of Fellows reporting somewhat or critical difference. 

Ashoka helped me to see my work through a new perspectiveThe selection process helped me strengthen and develop my ideaMy involvement with Ashoka helped me gain greater support andrecognition from othersAshoka helped me to increase my impactAshoka connected me with others who were important to my workAshoka gives me unconditional acceptance of my workAshoka helped me to spread my idea

| SOMEWHAT | CRITICAL | TOTAL |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 35\% | 56\% | 91\% |
| 39\% | \% | 89\% |
| 40\% | 49\% | 89\% |
| 38\% | 49\% | 87\% |
| 42\% | 43\% | 85\% |
| 32\% |  | 84\% |
| 40\% | $35 \%$ | 75\% |
| 37\% | 36\% | 73\% |

## HOW DO FELLOWS SCALE THEIR IMPACT


$61 \%$ of Fellows scale their impact through changing policy

$39 \%$ will expand the size of their organization


57\% are creating a grassroots movements


Over 40\% of Fellows plan to use a media campaign


Only 7\% of Fellows have used franchising


## Percent of Fellows saying this type of support is important or critical



85\%
Providing non-restricted funding


Facilitating contacts with other potential funders


Providing grant support to build and strengthen networks that further your mission
"Everyday I give thanks that I am an Ashoka fellow. As a grassroots African American woman living in the US, Ashoka opens doors that I would never have had access to and has connected me to a global community of ideas and allies." Kathyn Hall-Tuillo, US Fellow


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WHAT THE BEST COMPANIES DO

