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Child and Youth Finance International (CYFI) is set to ensure financial education and financial inclusion for 100 million children and youths in 100 countries by 2015, by working with international stakeholders and experts around the world, including financial institutions, the regulatory authorities of over 65 countries and NGOs. Its work includes forming partnerships to widen the concept of Child Finance and its integration into national and international policies. Child Finance was recently set for adoption into the G20's financial inclusion indicators. Personal: Social entrepreneur; founded six organizations, the latest being ChildFinance International, a global movement that seeks to promote financial literacy and access to safe financial services for children, based on Aflatoun, launched in 2008; also founded ChildLine India and ChildHelpline International, currently operating in 120 countries and having responded to over 100 million calls; featured in David Bornstein's book, How to Change the World. Speaker on and advocate of children's rights with work affecting the lives of millions of children. Recipient of awards: Skoll Foundation; Schwab Foundation for Social Entrepreneurship; Ashoka.



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Set up in 2000, Sunlabob is a renewable energy provider offering energy services for remote areas not reached by the public electricity grid. Since 2008, it also covers urban areas, conducting energy audits, energy efficiency consultancy for buildings and factories, and supplying and installing energy-efficient materials. It is a leader in international competitive bidding for rural electrification in South-East Asia, the Pacific and Africa. It is based in Vientiane, Laos, with offices in Singapore and Hong Kong. Personal: BSc in International Business Management, Southern New Hampshire University, US. With Sunlabob: six years at headquarters in Laos; two years as Managing Director, Sunlabob International, Singapore; focus on management, business development and international expansion strategies. Alumni Member: Global Institute for Tomorrow; Social Entrepreneurship Programme, INSEAD. Founding Member, Lao Institute for Renewable Energy. Interests: innovative social and business concepts in providing energy to rural and urban areas of the developed and developing world, growth strategies, energy and environmental policy, sustainability management.



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South Pole, a social enterprise, supports its customers in gaining value from activities that preserve the environment and enhance the community. It offers solutions in renewable energy, waste management, agriculture and forestry. Its carbon credits allow sustainable companies to compensate for unavoidable emissions and to protect the climate. With Gold Power, it runs the only global renewable energy brand. Headquartered in Zurich, it has over 200 renewable energy and energy efficiency projects under management and operates offices in 15 countries. Personal: MSc, ETH Zurich; INSEAD ISEP programme. Formerly, Co-Founder and CEO, myclimate foundation. Currently, Co-Founder and CEO, South Pole Carbon, one of the largest global companies for market-based solutions to address climate change and to promote renewable energies. Member of the Board: VNEEC, Vietnam; Climate Friendly, Australia; Perenia, Australia; Respect Climate, Sweden. Adviser to Impact HUB Zurich, a centre for social entrepreneurship.



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B-fit is Turkey's first and largest franchise of sports and healthy living centres, with a 30- minute circuit training programme for women only. Selected as "Endeavor Entrepreneur" in 2009, the company comprises 225 female-owned franchises across the country, staffed by only female employees. More than just a place to work out, the company provides a community for health, wellness and personal development, and has more than 200,000 women members in 49 cities in Turkey. Personal: Undergraduate and graduate studies in Business; Master's in Psychology. Founder, b-fit, Turkey's first chain of women-only gyms, which has reached 200,000 women and has 225 branches. Endeavor Entrepreneur; Ashoka Fellow; Social Entrepreneur, Schwab Foundation (2013).



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INCLUDED works to ensure migrants are integrated into cities by promoting partnerships across sectors, brokering access to better services, and providing opportunities for advancement. It began in China and is expanding to 10 strategic cities across Asia, Africa and Latin America. It works on architecting a web of thought and practice globally on the migrant slum issue. INCLUDED and its affiliate partners build community centres that provide better access to education, employment, social services and information for the migrants. Personal: 2006, founded INCLUDED in Beijing; drives the overall strategy, oversees its global operations and is its chief connector. INCLUDED has field operations in Beijing, Shanghai, Kathmandu and Dhaka and is on path to build out a linked network of 10 strategic cities and 100 community centres across the world to advance the cause of migrant slums. Advisory Board Member, Urban Development Initiative, World Economic Forum. Quoted on the BBC, Wall Street Journal and CNN. Speaker at TEDx and universities. Schwab Foundation Social Entrepreneur of the Year (2013). Recently recognized on the Global 100 Public Interest Design list.



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An organization that aims to create social innovations by using entrepreneurial skills and to reinvest outcomes straight into concept development. It focuses on regional development, start-up support for special target groups, empowerment and European collaboration in those fields. It has received multiple awards. By means of its initiatives, Impakt Berlin and Entersocial, it aims to contribute to the spread of social entrepreneurship and broaden public attention. Personal: Studies in Economics, Politics and Education Science, Freie Universität Berlin; Master's in Vocational Studies and Economics. Social entrepreneur. Over 20 years' experience advising entrepreneurs, companies and non-profit organizations. 1992-2009, Chief Executive Officer, small television production company that produced around 150 documentaries, primarily with socio-critical, political and cultural themes; since 2006, National Expert, Community of Practice on Inclusive Entrepreneurship, Federal Ministry of Labour and Social Affairs. Member of the Board: Verband Deutscher Gründungsinitiativen; Hilfe für Menschen in Not. Recipient of awards including: Ashoka; Schwab Foundation.



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Bridge International Academies is the world's largest chain of nursery and primary schools offering high-quality education at an affordable price to families living on less than \$2 a day per person in emerging markets. It operates more than 400 academies, employing 5,500 people and educating 125,000 children for just \$6 a month. With a mission of Knowledge for All, Bridge is the leader in this market and expects to reach 10,000,000 pupils in over a dozen countries by 2025. Personal: BA (Hons) in Social Studies and Modern Chinese, Harvard University; PhD in Anthropology, UC Berkeley. Data-driven designer, focused on solving opportunity problems for low-income families. Published widely on ecological and economic development. Taught at the primary, secondary and tertiary levels in China and the US. Co-Founder and Chief Development Officer, Bridge International Academies.



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JITA, a joint venture social business of CARE International and Danone Communities, empowers women and creates consumer impact on health, hygiene and energy through an innovative network of enterprises of women entrepreneurs selling door-to-door in communities not reached by the traditional supply chain and bridged with private sector company products and services. JITA originated in 2004 as Rural Sales Program (RSP), a CARE Bangladesh pilot project to generate income opportunities for rural destitute women. Personal: Formerly, with CARE: initiated and led the Rural Sales Program for five years; transformed it as a separate social business; led the private sector engagement and developed more than 10 innovative partnerships with MNCs such as Unilever, Telenor, Danone, GlaxoSmithKline, Shiseido and Accenture, and academic institutions such as Saïd Business School, Oxford. Founding Director and CEO, JITA Bangladesh, leading a team of more than 100 people in Bangladesh. Founder and Director, Good Little Enterprise. Global consultant working in diverse parts of the world such as Japan, Indonesia, India and Ethiopia. Expertise: social business development and BoP enterprise.



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