

Grameen Gazette #38

News from Grameen Australia:

1. **AUSTRALIA** - Highlights from the inaugural Australasian Social Business Forum focused on how positive disruption can solve social disadvantage.
2. **WORLD**: The 7th Social Business Day brings together the most innovative thinkers and action-takers from around the World - watch our Twitter feed and Facebook page for updates as the event takes place.



POSITIVE DISRUPTION CAN SOLVE SOCIAL DISADVANTAGE

The Inaugural AUSTRALASIAN SOCIAL BUSINESS FORUM showcased the social business innovation underway ... and ... called on Australians to get involved to turn this nascent movement into a revolution

The Forum brought together the best disruptive thinking from across the social sector, business world, academia and government to address the causes of social and environmental inequality and degradation. The event demonstrated that action can take place immediately to drive change.



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Watch highlights from the thought-provoking and inspiring keynote speakers: <https://goo.gl/HZc3ii>

- Professor Muhammad Yunus, Nobel Peace Laureate and founder of Grameen Bank
 - Peter Hunt AM, Chair Grameen Australia and Greenhill
 - Tania de Jong AM, Founder Creative Universe Creativity Aust & Creative Innovation Global
 - Lindley Edwards, CEO AFG Group and Social Entrepreneur
 - Patrycja Slawuta, Eminent Psychologist and Founder of SelfHackathon
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Grameen Australia's key projects were highlighted at the Forum as leading examples of how Social Business is overcoming intergenerational poverty

At our Livestock Training Centre in Cambodia and Social Business Hub in Manila access to training, mentoring and business support is doubling and even tripling incomes - families are now able to fund the education of their children, access medical care and repair their dilapidated homes.

Can you help us support more families to eradicate poverty, not just in the current generation but for generations to come?

How your donation will help:

Social Business Hub, Manila

- \$50 funds business training for a microfinance borrower
- \$150 will provide a loan to establish or grow a small business
- \$5,000 funds a third of the establishment of a new microfinance centre with 40 borrowers
- \$15,000 to establish a new cooperative community based social business

Livestock Training Centre, Siem Reap

- \$100 will fund the purchase of new roosters to increase productivity at the farm
- \$500 pays the monthly salary of 2-3 farm apprentices
- \$10,000 will fund establishment of community chicken rearing cooperatives to increase the reach and impact of the Centre
- \$15,000 will support the construction of new chickens pens to house the Centre's growing flock



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2. SOCIAL BUSINESS ON THE WORLD STAGE



SOCIAL BUSINESS DAY 2017

THE THEME

Can Wealth Concentration on Be Stopped?

More than 2,000 guests will attend this two-day event focused on the how wealth inequality has become wealth monopoly.

'The present capitalist system is a ticking time bomb that must be redesigned ... nobody should be left behind'

Professor Yunus

Watch Grameen Australia's Twitter feed and Facebook page for updates during the event - and we will wrap it up with a summary of the key insights provided by some of the world's leading social business activists.

Click the link for more information on Social Business Day and the impressive line-up of speakers:

<http://socialbusinesspedia.com/events/sbd2017/pages/speakers>



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Grameen Australia is leading the change – support our work now



Grameen Australia's MISSION is to eliminate poverty in some of Asia's most neglected communities by applying our Social Business Model to create new sources of income for poverty stricken families. Our dynamic approach combines compulsory training, ongoing mentoring, microfinance and leading technology to empower beneficiaries to change their own lives permanently. Social Business uses the tools of business – efficiency, economic viability and innovation – to drive scalable and sustainable social outcomes.

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