

## The Game Changers:

How corporate foundations are innovating for social impact



#### About Corporate Citizenship

- Global management consultancy specialising in sustainability and corporate responsibility.
- Established in 1997.
- Teams based in London, Melbourne, New York, San Francisco, Santiago and Singapore.
- We help companies to achieve their commitments to responsible business.
- Worked in more than 45 countries.
- Published more than 40 thought leadership papers.
- Host regular sustainability and CR events, webinars and seminars.





"Corporate Citizenship helped us to understand the issues, anticipate what's next and realize the opportunities for growth."

- Global VP, Sustainable Business



#### Introduction



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#### Research on corporate foundations



Revealing the Foundations, 2006

The Foundations of Business: The Growth of Corporate Foundations in England and Wales, 2013

Corporate Foundations: A Global Perspective, 2014

The Game Changers: Corporate Foundations in a Changing World, 2016

'A corporate foundation is a foundation whose primary income is derived in some way from a corporate source'

Corporate Citizenship, 2006

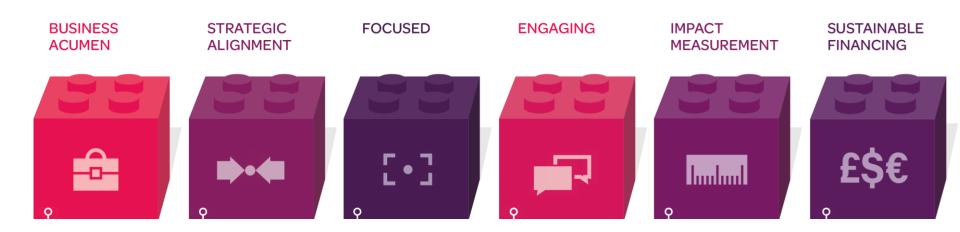


## Research covers perspectives from more than 20 countries





# Corporate foundations are leveraging the relationship with the parent company to deliver benefit to beneficiaries





#### **Business Acumen**



Products and Services

**Networks** 

**Employees** 

65% of corporate foundations worldwide can imagine developing a new product or service that delivers a social benefit to society



#### Strategic Alignment



INDEPENDENT FOUNDATIONS

INTEGRATED FOUNDATIONS

2013

2016

58%

of corporate foundations stated that their giving strategy was linked to the business focus of the parent company 73%

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#### Poll

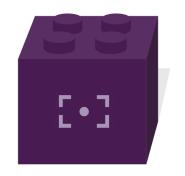
Do you have defined focus areas that all your programs must fall into?

- a) Yes b) No





#### **Focused**







Social issue 1

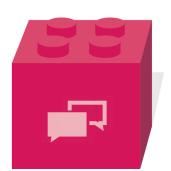
Social issue 2

Social issue 3

Thematic focus



## Engaging



Partnerships



Community Participation

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Events and Thought Leadership

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#### Impact Measurement



Aspiration

VS

Reality

78%

of respondents think that corporate foundations should measure their impacts 54%

of corporate foundations are measuring at least one impact



#### Sustainable Financing



Impact Investing

One in five corporate foundations currently use impact investing

Finance for programmes

One in seven corporate foundations currently invest in finance for programmes



### But they still face challenges

Legal requirements

Reluctance from trustees

Lack of buy-in from the parent company

Lack of funds

Persisting expectations from stakeholders



#### **Actions**

Setting up for success

Bringing strategic focus to programmes

Delivering social impact through innovation

**Measuring impact** 





Q & A

#### Thanks for joining

#### The Game Changers

Corporate Foundations in a Changing World



#### Read more at:

http://corporatecitizenship.com/ourinsights/game-changerscorporate-foundationschanging-world/



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