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7 Abstract

8 Researchers, academicians, social scientists, policy makers, executives, and state leaders realize

⁹ that classical economics, profit-maximizing corporations and traditional businesses are

¹⁰ unwilling or unable to altruistically strive for public wellbeing in fulfilling the needs of society.

¹¹ Profitmaximizing capitalism destroys humanity and the harmony of society. Corporations are

harmful to the environment; it has created poverty, unemployment, malnutrition, inequality,

¹³ injustice and abnormality in the community. Hence many economists, policy makers,

¹⁴ executives, academicians and state leaders comprehend that business policies should be

¹⁵ adapted to enhance public wellbeing. They think that the sociology of economics and of

¹⁶ business as well as political economy are missing in profit-maximizing business capitalism.

¹⁷ Therefore, many thinkers believe it is necessary to include social objectives alongside

¹⁸ profit-maximization to establish more altruistic businesses with practices that promote rather

¹⁹ than hinder public wellbeing.

income in the society. Today's world, 85 individuals own more wealth than all those in the bottom half. Top 24 25 half population of the world own 99% the wealth of the world, leaving only 1% for the bottom half. Out of 7.3 26 billion world population, the numbers of young population are around 1.8 billion who are job seekers (Grameen Dialogue 93, 2014, pp. 3). It may get worse because technology will remain under the control of the people at 27 28 the top (Yunus, 2014). In capitalism, maximizing personal profit is the core of economic rationality. Therefore, 29 government and the non-profit sector are necessary, but insufficient to address society's greatest challenges. The social economic missions blend businesses are necessary to address the private sector monopoly profit maximizing 30 exploitative market oppressions. As the public sector funding is limited and this sector is inefficient to serve the 31 community, hence social economy activities and services are crucial for public wellbeing services. Hence M. 32 Yunus (2013) provokes for social business that must create value for society, not just shareholders. Now the 33 world needs, for example, systemic challenges require systemic solutions and the beneficial corporation (B Corp) 34 movement, CIC, Grameen Social Business, Community Economic Development agencies and social enterprises 35 36 that offer a concrete, market-based and scalable solution. The emergence of social enterprises, and the range of 37 goods and services social entrepreneurial businesses produce, has evolved against the milieu of capitalist states 38 reforms towards a mixed economy of private, public and third sector provider. BASF Grameen manufactures malaria nets is working to address the issue of mosquito bites and protect people from malaria disease. Social 39 entrepreneurs are influencing the regulatory and investment environments to hold businesses more accountable to 40 their social and environmental performance and to support social enterprises. These social entrepreneurs reflect 41 enlightened human values (Jack, Mook, & Armastrong 2009; ??nd Yunus, 2014). 42

43 In the revenue generated socioeconomic twisted business framework, social enterprises have emerged as an 44 effective tool to deliver policy objectives in two key areas of social and economic policy: Service delivery and social

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Index terms— Community economic development, Grameen social business design lab, Nabin Udyokta,
 social business, social entrepreneurship, social enterprise, social
 Professor Dr. Kazi Abdur Rouf he profit-maximizing capitalism can never deliver equitable distribution of

inclusion. Hence, many scholars think social enterprises pioneer in leading to social cohesion and social inclusion. 45 Its dominant feature is civil society development. Social enterprises can support the financial and regulatory 46 sustainability of civil society initiatives aimed at supporting disadvantaged groups and develop partnerships for 47 48 social innovation. A social enterprise has two goals: (1) to achieve social, cultural, community economic and environmental outcomes; and (2) to earn revenue. Social enterprises are businesses whose primary purpose is 49 the common good. The social entrepreneurs use methods and disciplines and the power of the marketplace to 50 advance their social, environmental and human justice agendas. However, social enterprises are revenuegenerating 51 businesses with entwined -social and economic objectives following capitalism. 52

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⁵⁴ 2 Different Names of the Revenue Generated Social and Econ ⁵⁵ omy Missions Twisted Businesses

Social enterprises, social businesses, social economy, social entrepreneurships, Social Capital Partners, social 56 clubs, social financing, social housing, social investment organizations, and social purpose businesses are revenue 57 generated social entrepreneurial businesses. The Community Investment Corporations (CIC) UK based, L3C-58 USA based, Beneficial Corporations (B-Corporation) USA, social entrepreneurships, Social Capital Partners, 59 Venture Philanthropy, Farmers Cooperatives, Commercial Cooperatives and Financial Cooperatives (credit 60 unions) are latest models social economic organizations. Other forms of social entrepreneurial organizations are 61 members based organizations (workers cooperatives, trade unions), non-profit mutual associations, professional 62 associations, business association, housing cooperatives, networking organizations and revenue earned cultural 63 associations. 64

Moreover, the Chamber of Commerce, mutual insurance, not-for profit organizations, nongovernmental organizations, community enterprises, community economic development projects, micro-finance institutions (MFIs), commercial non-profits are also termed social enterprises. The civil society organizations, community

68 foundations, enterprising nonprofit programs, non-profit organizations (NPOs), selfhelp groups, Solidarity

69 Economy belongs to social economy agencies. All theses social enterprises perform social and economic objectives

⁷⁰ under different framework, different strategies and different funding models.

⁷¹ 3 a) Entrepreneurship

The word "entrepreneur" originates from the French entreprendre and the German unternehmen, both of which 72 mean literally "to undertake," as in accepting a challenging task. They refer to the groundbreaking development 73 of the concept by Cantillon (1680-1734) and Say (1767-1832) (see, e.g., ??ees, 1998: 2f). An entrepreneur is 74 a risk taker person driven by the burning desire to put his business idea into action. He is ready to tackle 75 difficulties, to experiment boldly, to work long hours, and to experience personal setbacks and disappointments 76 without becoming discoursed. He is not satisfied until his project is implemented successfully, producing the 77 desired results-either financial reward or social improvement. Entrepreneurship is an integral part of human 78 nature. Social business offers a new and exciting way of expressing it. Social business also provides an outlet for 79 the creativity that millions of people harbour within themselves. 80

⁸¹ 4 b) Social Entrepreneurship

⁸² 'Social entrepreneurship' describes an initiative of social consequences created by an entrepreneur with a social ⁸³ vision because it is exercised by individuals. Entrepreneurship is best thought of as an extended activity which ⁸⁴ may well be carried out by a team or a group of people (Stewart, 1989). To be an entrepreneur may therefore mean ⁸⁵ being an individual, a member of a group, or an organization who/which carries out the work of identifying and ⁸⁶ creatively pursuing a social goal. In fact, some scholars even refer to organizations that pursue both commercial ⁸⁷ and social objectives as hybrids (Davis, 1997). In a sense, these hybrids pursue two bottom lines, one of which ⁸⁸ deals with profit while the other deals with social value.

According to Bornstein and Davis (2010) social entrepreneurs is a process, a way to organize problemsolving efforts. Social entrepreneurs carry risks. They have relationship between the individual and society. Social Entrepreneurship to be understood with appropriate flexibility-its aims at creating social value, either exclusively or at least in some prominent way; (2) its shows a capacity to recognize and take advantage of opportunities to

93 create that value ("envision"); (3) it employ(s) innovation in creating and/or distributing social value; (4) It is

 $\,$ 94 $\,$ willing to accept an above-average degree of risk in creating and disseminating social Year 2015 (E) $\,$

95 value. According to Peredo & McLean (2006) the social entrepreneurship allows the entrepreneur to balance 96 the interests of many people and remain true to the mission in the face of moral intricacy. Social entrepreneurs

⁹⁷ are excel at recognizing and taking advantage of opportunities to deliver the social value that they aim to provide.

Social entrepreneurs show risk-tolerance, innovativeness, and pro-activeness are not showed by commercial entrepreneurs. Social entrepreneurs have "social value" i.e. contribute well being in a given human community.

However, this definition allows not wealth creation.

¹⁰¹ In contrast with social entrepreneurs, social business is a very specific type of business-a non-loss, non-dividend ¹⁰² Company with a social objective. A social business may pursue goals similar to those sought by some social 103 entrepreneurs, but the specific business structure of social business makes it distinctive and unique. Hence social

entrepreneurship and social business should be similar concept. Social business is not a non-profit organization. The foundation, for example, would get its money back and be able to use it for some other worthy purpose.

However, it is not possible in the traditional NGOs who could own a social business. By contrast, a social business

¹⁰⁷ is designed to be sustainable. This allows its owners to focus not on asking for donations, but for investment.

108 However, it would need to be separated from the NGOs for legal, tax and accounting purposes.

Social Entrepreneurship has many benefits like systematically identify people with innovative ideas and practical models for achieving major societal impact and to develop support systems to help them achieve significant social impact. Social entrepreneurship shifted to organizational excellence. It is contagious (Bouchard, Ferraton, & Michaud (2006) Below the paper describes different concepts of social entrepreneurial organizations,

113 their different financial and legal models, and their contributions to different societies.

¹¹⁴ 5 c) Social Economy

According to ??uarter et al. (2009) the social economy is a bridging concept for organizations that have social objectives central to their missions and their practice, and either have explicit economic objectives or generate some economic value through the services they provide and purchases that they undertake. The majority social organizations are charities in Canada ??Lasby, Hall, & et al., 2010;and Salamon (1999) termed it a form of mobilizing economic resources towards the satisfaction of human needs. The SEOs have democratic principles of one member/one vote with very high participation rates. It is serving the public as well as mutual associations, cooperatives making connection to people and the communities ??Quarter et al., 2009

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Employment Summit in Quebec in 1996 define social economy objectives are serves to members and community. 123 Here SEOs managements are independent (Chantier de l'economic sociale, 2005). The Human Resources and 124 Social Development Canada (HRSDC, 2005) defined the social economy is a grass roots entrepreneurial, not-for-125 profit sector, based on democratic values that seek to enhance the social, economic conditions of communities and 126 focus on their disadvantaged members. The Walton Council, Belgium, termed it 'social market economy'. These 127 social entrepreneurships have "double bottom line" means placing equal emphasis on profit and social benefit. 128 However, there are challenges found in CBEs like maintaining a balance between individual and collective needs, 129 and among economic and social, goods. 130

According to Mendell & Neamtan (2010) social economy is a process of re-engaging government in new ways and 131 working across boundaries to participate in new policy design. The figure below diagrammatically describes the 132 intersection between the private sector, public sector and social-economic organizations three areas. The common 133 characteristics of the social economy organizations include social and economic missions, social ownership, 134 volunteer/social participation, and civic engagement. These social economic missions blend organizations are 135 very important to address multinational corporations, private sectors monopoly profit maximizing exploitative 136 market and limited public sector funding and public sector inefficiency to serve the community social economy. 137 They are working for the well-being of the disadvantaged people in the society. These organizations created huge 138 employment in the different countries. 139

Schugurensky & McCollum (2010) mention that in Canada and internationally, the social economy makes 140 a significant contribution to the social, economic, cultural and environmental well-being of communities. The 141 Human Resources and Social Development (HRSD) in Canada (2005) acknowledges that 'the Government of 142 Canada is just beginning to understand the power and potential of social economy enterprises and organizations. 143 In Bangladesh, MFIs are intensively working for the poor and they are popular to them; on other pole Canadian 144 Charitable organizations, civil society organizations, credit unions are providing service, meet needs of the 145 citizens. However, there are fewer interactions among public sectors and social economic organizations. Many 146 social organizations, community economic programs gets funding from public sectors in Canada, which are less 147 in Bangladesh. Currently many private sectors opened their foundations and funds to work with social and 148 economic missions. 149

¹⁵⁰ 7 d) Social Business

Social businesses are social-purpose businesses. They have blended social and economic values. Social entrepreneurship represents fundamental reorganizations of the problem solving work of society-a shift from control-oriented top down policy implementation to responsive, decentralized institution building. They provide services and do businesses with the bottom of the pyramid (Prahalad 2003). They are dogooders, many made self-sacrifice. For example, the Bangladesh Ashraon Housing Project has funded by public sector and this project is intensively monitored by the project gross root workers.

Revenue-Generating Social and Economic Mission-Entwined Praxis of Organizations Quarter, Mook & Armstorng (2009) also included social economy organizations that are incorporate or non-incorporate cooperatives, social enterprises, community development initiatives, public sector nonprofits, non-profit member associations and civil society organizations. Non-profit and nongovernmental organizations refers them to social, social purpose and citizen-sector organizations. and social entrepreneur refers to founders of organizations even it s not legally
 structured as a profit seeking entity (Bornstein & Davis (2010).

According to Muhammad Yunus (2013) a social business is a Non-loss, Non-dividend Company designed 163 to address a socioeconomic objectives. These organizations' profits are used to expand the company and to 164 improve the product/service. This model has grown from the work of Grameen sister organizations and others 165 following social principles. Social business is a cause-driven business. In a social business, the investors/owners 166 can gradually recoup the money invested, but cannot take any dividend beyond that point. Purpose of the 167 investment is purely to achieve one or more social objectives through the operation of the company, there is no 168 personal gain is desired by the investors. The social business organization must cover all costs and make revenue, 169 at the same time achieve the social objective, such as, healthcare for the poor, housing for the poor, financial 170 services for the poor, nutrition for malnourished children, providing safe drinking water, introducing renewable 171 energy, etc. in a business way. The impact of the social business on people or environment is worthy, rather 172 than maximizing profit solely. The objective of the social business organization is to achieve social and economic 173 goals. 174

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It is not for maximizing profit, but for maximizing social benefit. It is not a charity. It is not part of corporate social responsibility. It does not fall within the category of NGO or Cooperatives. It is distinct from social entrepreneurship in strict sense of the term. It is a sustainable business proposition and it is a market based solution for poverty reduction. It is about combining business principles with social objectives. It is not social objectives versus profit objectives rather it has combination of the two. It is designed and operated as business enterprise with products, services, customers, markets expenses and revenues, but with the profit maximizing principle replaced by social benefit principles.

¹⁸⁵ 10 e) Features and Goals of Social Business

A social business is generating enough surpluses to pay back the invested capital to the investors as early as possible. It generates surplus for expanding the business, for improving the quality of business, to increase efficiency of the business through introducing new technology, to innovative marketing to reach the deeper layers of low-income people and disadvantaged communities. There are eleven features of Social Business Organizations:

¹⁹⁰ 11 h) Community Based Enterprises (CBEs)

Community Based Enterprises (CBEs) often constitute a culturally appropriate way of addressing problems such 191 as poverty-alleviation. According to Peredo & Chrisman (2006) the community based enterprises are typically 192 rooted in community culture, natural and social capital is integral and inseparable from economic considerations, 193 transforming the community into an entrepreneur and an enterprise. The CBEs are important when public sectors 194 and private sectors development efforts have been largely unsuccessful. In such situation, social economy scientists 195 encourage the creation of small businesses owned by the community. The CBEs are alternative socioeconomic 196 model where the community acts as an entrepreneur when its members acting as owners, managers and employees, 197 create or identify a market opportunity and organize themselves in order to respond to it. CBEs are managed 198 and governed by the people, rather than by the government. CBEs structures are designed to be participatory, 199 not only representative. 200

Here community may come together to solve its problems. However, CBEs success depends on Social Capital: there people depend on social relations to fulfill their needs.

Bourdieu (1997), ??utnam (1973) say that community networks allow resources to be pooled, actions to be coordinated, and safety nets to be created that reduce risks for individual community members. They are based on available community skills, multiplicity of goals-economic, social and environmental benefit and will be directed by profits, but dependent on community participation (Peredo & Chrisman, 2006). However, there are challenges found in CBEs like maintaining a balance between individual and collective needs and among economic, social, environmental and cultural goods.

²⁰⁹ 12 i) Civil Society Organizations

Civil Society Organizations are primarily associations and organizations representing the mutual needs of a membership in the society. They work for professional interests, labour rights, recreation, sports, religion and environment. For example, Bangladesh Medical Association, Bangladesh Agriculturalist Association etc. are associations lobbying for medical doctors and agriculturalists interest. In Canada Farmers Cooperatives organized for to lobby for their products, rights and to link their products to the local and the international markets. The Canadian Chamber of Commerce and the Dhaka Chamber of Commerce in Bangladesh work for promoting trade and commerce of the respective countries although performance is different of each of them. Desjardins, a credit union in Canada, is successful financial credit unions are working across Canada. Such a model is absent in
Bangladesh. Milk producers' cooperatives are smoothly functioning in Bangladesh. These organizations have
social objectives, social ownership, the assets belong to members, social participation and have civic engagement.

13 III. Difference between Social Entrepreneurs and Business Entrepreneurs

Social entrepreneurs, the bottom line is to maximize some form of social impact, usually by addressing an urgent 222 need that is being mishandled, over looked or ignored by other institutions. For business entrepreneurs, the 223 224 bottom line is to maximize profits or shareholders wealth, or to build an ongoing, respected entity that provides 225 value to customers and meaningful work to employees. Social entrepreneurs earn profit through social enterprises and business people are concerned about social responsibility. Social entrepreneurs involve elements of newness 226 and dynamisms. They are clean-tech, green-tech (Greg Dees, 2002). According to Dees (2001) social entrepreneurs 227 are one species in the "genus entrepreneur", meaning social entrepreneurs are a subgroup of entrepreneurs. Peredo 228 and McLean (2006) assert that 'business methods' social economic entrepreneurs approach applying principles 229 from forprofit business without neglecting the core mission. The private sectors are maximising profit making, 230 tax evasion, loan defaults and share scandals indicates poor ethical performance of private businesses. They Year 231 2015232

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234 provide sub-standard poor quality goods to market that create health hazards to people.

To better understand social entrepreneurship, Austin et al. (2006) distinguished between two types of entrepreneurship. In their framework, commercial entrepreneurship represents the identification, evaluation, and exploitation of opportunities that result in profit. In contrast, social entrepreneurship refers to the identification, evaluation, and exploitation of opportunities that resulting social value. Organizations can pursue commercial entrepreneurship, social entrepreneurship, or some combination of both.

240 IV. What's a Social Enterprise?

According to Organization for Economic Cooperation Development (OECD) Social enterprises have developed 241 from and within the social economy sector, which lies between the market and the State and is often associated 242 with concepts such as 'third sector' and 'non-profit sector'. The social enterprise concept does not seek to replace 243 concepts of the non-profit sector or social economy. Rather, it is intended to bridge these two concepts, by 244 245 focusing on new entrepreneurial dynamics of civic initiatives that pursue social aims. Social enterprises produce these benefits while reducing the draw on public and philanthropic funds. They earned income or replace grants 246 247 and donations to produce a dramatically higher return on investment (ROI). For example, a non-profit that 248 earns 50% of its budget through its social enterprise is effectively matching every dollar of "public income" with a 249 dollar of "marketplace income", doubling the social return on investment (ROI) of those public dollars. Canadian government sometimes offer such benefits to community economic development programs. 250

Social enterprise is emerging as sector between the traditional worlds of government, nonprofits and business. It addresses social concerns. However, it is more efficient than government to solve every social problem (Hall, 1998) As social needs continue to spike in light of shrinking government budgets, employment rolls, and social safety nets, social enterprise is emerging as a self-sustaining, market-based, businesslike and highly effective method of meeting social needs.

Social enterprise also known as social entrepreneurship, broadly encompasses ventures of nonprofits, civic-256 minded individuals, and for-profit businesses that can yield both financial and social returns. According to 257 258 Social Enterprise Canada "Social enterprises are businesses owned by non-profit organizations, that are directly involved in the production and/or selling of goods and services for the blended purpose of generating income and 259 achieving social, cultural, and/or environmental aims. Social enterprises are one more tool for non-profits to use 260 to meet their missions to contribute to healthy communities" (Social Enterprise Council of Canada, 2015). From 261 the above discussion, it is found that social enterprise should have a clear social and/or environmental missions 262 set out in their governing documents. It generates the majority of their income through trade and reinvests the 263 majority of their profits. It is to be autonomous of state and it has interests of the social mission. 264

Social enterprises are also emerging in the provision of community services, including in the educational, 265 cultural and environmental fields. The key economic and social elements are as follows: a) Economic Criteria 1) 266 Unlike traditional non-profit organisations, social enterprises are directly engaged in the production and/or sale 267 268 of goods and services 2) The financial viability of social enterprises depends on the efforts of their members, who 269 are responsible for ensuring adequate financial resources, unlike most public institutions 3) Activities carried out 270 by social enterprises require a minimum number of paid workers, even if they may combine voluntary and paid 271 workers. Social criteria 4) Social enterprises are the result of an initiative by citizens involving people belonging to 272 a community or to a group that shares a certain need or aim 5) Decision making rights are shared by stakeholders, generally through the principle of 'one member, one vote'. Although capital owners in social enterprises play an 273 important role, decision-making power is not based on capital ownership 6) Social enterprises are participatory 274 in nature in the management of activities 7) Social enterprises include organisations that totally prohibit the 275 distribution of profits and organisations such as co-operatives, which may distribute their profit only to a limited 276

18 D) SOCIAL BUSINESS COOPERATIVES

degree. Social enterprises therefore avoid profit maximising behaviour, as they involve a limited distribution of profit 8) Social enterprises pursue and promote social responsibility at local level.

²⁷⁹ 15 b) Social Enterprise Leverage (Weight)

280 Social enterprises produce higher social returns on investment than other models. A classic employment-focused 281 social enterprise, for example, might serve at least four public aims: fiscal responsibility-it reduces the myriad costs of public supports by providing a pathway to economic selfsufficiency; it provides public safety-by disrupting 282 cycles of poverty, crime, incarceration, chemical dependency and homelessness. Moreover social enterprises 283 generate economic opportunity and create jobs in communities and ensure social justice-it they give a chance to 284 those most in need. Social economic organizations could address the above mentioned issues in an accountable 285 and transparent manner because here philanthropic mission is the first place in addition to revenue generation 286 commitment. However, in Canada cooperatives and nonprofits have millions of members and manage millions 287 of dollars every day (Schugurrensky & McCollum, 2010). Therefore, Yunus (2013), ??uarter, et al. (2009), ??all 288 (2000), ??olany, and Putnam (1996) idea of social business is not an utopian dreams, but viable alternatives to 289 organizing economic enterprises. According to Yunus (2013) social business will not replace traditional business 290 rather it co-exist with traditional business and expand social businesses in the world. 291

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There are three characteristics distinguish a social enterprise from other types of businesses, nonprofits and government agencies:

- ? It directly addresses an intractable social need and serves the common good, either through its products
 and services or through the number of disadvantaged people it employs.
- 297 Source: BC Centre for Social Enterprise Newsletter April 2015.
- 298 ? Its commercial activity is a strong revenue driver, whether a significant earned income stream within a 299 non-profit's mixed revenue portfolio, or a for profit enterprise.
- 300 ? The common good is its primary purpose.

The top five missions of social enterprises are workforce development, housing, community and economic development, education, and heath. Social enterprise business models are equally diverse, including: retail, service and manufacturing businesses; contracted providers of social and human services; feebased consulting and research services; community development and financing operations; food service and catering operations; arts organizations; and even technology enterprises.

³⁰⁶ 17 c) Benefits of Social Business

Social businesses have many advantages. It is lasting. It does not only create employment opportunities, but also create an enabling environment for unleashing the creative capacity and entrepreneurial skill of the youth. However, the financial institutions are designed for the rich in the capitalist society. Institutions designed for the rich will not do any good to the poor. Yunus (2014) hopes if people want creating a world without unemployment, micro credit and social business services to poor are essential. Jack, Mook, and Armstrong (2009) think social

312 economy can address social problems in the capitalistic society.

313 18 d) Social Business Cooperatives

Many people are confused with a social business is a cooperative. A cooperative is owned by its members. It is run for profit to benefit the membershareholders. D. et al. Owen (2000) had made clear cooperative social objectives: to empower the poor, to encourage self-sufficiency, and to promote economic development. Today, many co-ops still create social benefits. For example, in Canada, there are housing coops that make affordable homes available to workingclass people, food co-ops that bring healthy nutrition within the reach of city dwellers, and banking co-ops that provide financial services to consumers who might otherwise be underserved.

In Canada Farmers Cooperatives organized for to lobby for their products, rights and to link their products to the local and the international markets. They co-operate each other. Mondragon is Spain's largest workers cooperative with a number of integrated functions including manufacturing, banking, and education. It is interesting to note that the evolution of Mondragon includes the formation of an educational institution, which is closely linked to the human resources needs of both manufacturing and service cooperatives within Mondragon ??Greg McLeod (2012).

326 Cooperatives are organizations that are owned by the members who use their services or purchase their 327 products ?? services, arts, and culture, retail sales and in agricultural goods and services. There were 5,753 328 non-financial cooperatives, with 5.6 million members, 85,073 employees, \$27.5 billion revenues and \$17.5 billion 329 assets (Cooperative Secretariat 2007). 12 million Canadians are associated with cooperatives; there are 1,140 credit unions with 3,400 service locations, 10.5 million members, 64,600 employees and 248.8 billion in assets. 330 Financial co-operatives transact 12.7% of the Canadian financial GDP for the financial sector (Mook, Quarter & 331 Ryan, 2010). The co-operatives have tremendous contribution to the well-being and economic growth of Quebec. 332 Desjardins, a credit union in Canada, is successful financial credit unions are working across Canada, which is 333

334 absent in Bangladesh.

However, Comilla Cooperatives in Bangladesh were famous in the world in 1960s. Its model rapidly replicated in Bangladesh in 1970s and in early 1980s by the government become mission drift. In Bangladesh there are no private daycare centers, private sports centers, or public shelters. However, Arang, Karu Palli, Nari Prabatana Shops collect embroidery products, handmade toys, souvenirs from the rural poor women that create many employment in the rural poor, but they are running under the shadow of BRAC and BRDB and Nari Pakka respectively, but they are earning money selling their products in a market place.

Co-op by definition is a socially beneficial activity. An example is the Self-Employed Women Organization's (SEWA), a trade union that helps selfemployed Indian women pursue the goals of 'full employment': work security, income security, food security, health care, child care and shelter. SEWA has now over 900,000 members throughout India. These women select their own leaders, and effectively run the organization for the benefit of the rank-and-file.

³⁴⁶ 19 e) Grameen Social Businesses

Grameen social businesses have clear focus on eradicating extreme poverty combined with the condition of economic sustainability has created numerous models with incredible growth potential. The framework of the Grameen social business is based on 7 principles. Grameen Social Businesses seven principles are as follows:

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.

³⁵³ 20 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.

Grameen social business targets business opportunities neglected by traditional profit maximizing companies in 357 Bangladesh. The present economic system is not designed to have any moral responsibility. Discussion on moral 358 responsibilities is an after-thought. According to Yunus (2014) moral issues were never included in the present 359 economic system. He said that social business is a new kind of business which is based on selflessness, replacing 360 selfishness, of human being. Conventional business is personal-profit seeking business (Grameen Dialogue 93, 361 2014). The social business is a non-dividend company to solve human problems. Owner can take back his 362 investment money, but nothing beyond that. After getting the investment money back all profit is ploughed back 363 into the business to make it better and bigger. It stands between charity and conventional business and carried 364 out with the methodology of business, but delinked from personal profit-taking (Yunus, 2013). 365

Grameen Bank is inspiring the second generation of Grameen Bank borrowers' families to believe that they 366 are not job seekers, they are job givers. Poor can be a business person by using loans. According to Yunus, 367 there are two types of business (1) Traditional business-profit making and dividend distribute to business 368 owners/shareholders; (2) Social business -everything for the benefit of others and nothing is for the owners-369 except the pleasure of serving humanity. The second kind of business built on the selfless part of human nature. 370 The social business might be described as a 'non-loss, non-dividend company' dedicated entirely to achieving 371 a social goal. According to Yunus (2013) a social business is a selfless business whose purpose is to bring an end 372 to a social problem. In this kind of business, the company makes a profit-but no one takes the profit. 373

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The Yunus Center Social Business Design Lab (YCSBDL) is promoting and supporting grameen social businesses. 376 It facilitated many workshops on Grameen type social businesses. Currently Nabin Uddug social business projects 377 are operated and invested through Grameen sister organizations-Grameen Shakti Samajik Babsha, Grameen 378 Trust, Gramen telecom Trust, Grameen Shikka, Grameen Kallayan, Gramen Motsha Foundation, Gramee 379 Krishi Foundation. Kazi A. Rouf, the author of the paper, visited many Nabin Uddug social businesses in 380 Bangladesh. Moreover, Mr. Rouf has received many feedbacks from the Nabin Uddugktta entrepreneurs, local 381 young entrepreneurs and university/college students. The Nabin Uddug social business campaigns by Professor 382 Muhammed Yunus have revolutionized in Bangladesh. 383

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³⁸⁶ 23 Types of Grameen Social Businesses

There are two kinds of social business. (1) One is a non-loss; Non-dividend Company devoted to solving a social problem and it is owned by investors who reinvest all profits in expanding and improving the business. The Grameen social businesses include Grameen Danone, Grameen Veolia Water, BASF, Grameen, and Grameen

³⁹⁰ Intel has been of this type 1 social businesses. First Grameen Social Businesses Grameen Danone, a joint venture

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yogurt company is created in Bangladesh that produces, markets and distributes its products much the same as any for-pro yogurt company. Yogurt container is biodegradable-no plastic is allowed. Grameen Veolia, another joint venture type-1 Grameen social business, water treats surface water for contaminants and then pipes it to where it is needed. The examples mentioned above fit into this category. Yunus calls all these businesses as 'Type 1 social businesses'(Yunus, 2013).

The second kind is a profit-making company owned by poor people, either directly or through a trust that 396 is dedicated to a predefined social cause. A social business owned by the poor benefits the poor by generating 397 income for them directly. Yunus call it Type 11 social business. Grameen Bank, which is owned by the poor 398 people who are depositors and customers, is an example of this kind of social business. The Otto Grameen 399 textile factory owned by Otto Trust use the proceeds to benefit the people of the community where the factory 400 is located. Unlike a non-profit organization, a social business has investors and owners. Moreover, in a Type 1 401 social business, the investors and owners don't earn a profit, a dividend or any other form of financial benefit. 402 The investors in a social business can take back their original investment amount over a period of time they 403 define. Personal financial benefit has no place in social business. They serve as a touchstone that is at the heart 404 of social business idea. 405

Muhammad Yunus (2013) uses the term 'Impact investing', means for an investment strategy whereby an 406 407 investor proactively seeks to place capital in businesses that can generate financial returns as well as an intentional 408 social and/or environmental goal. This concept of combined financial and other benefits is known as Triple-bottom 409 line or blended value. Impact investing is differentiated from socially responsible investing in that an investor will proactively seek investments that generate both financial as well as specific social and/or environmental returns. 410 Grameen social business aims to create economic opportunities for the Children of Grameen Bank's members 411 through the Nabin Udyokta (NU) program. Grameen Babsha Bikas (GBB), is a key partner of implementing 412 Grameen social businesses in Bangladesh. GBB (Grameen Byabosa Bikash), establish in 2001, provides technical 413 assistance and training support along with monetary support to the new entrepreneurs in Bangladesh. GBB 414 is working towards poverty eradication by creating New Entrepreneurs. GBB has started implementing social 415 business such as fishing farm, duck farm, nursery, toy factory, bamboo mat works in Bangladesh since 2001. 416

⁴¹⁷ 24 a) Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR)

Companies became more involved in charitable activities and started reporting on their efforts to improve 418 conditions for their employees and other stakeholders. The idea of sustainable business practices broadened this 419 concept with a stronger focus on environmental impact and specific metrics, such as an organization's carbon 420 footprint. However, the suspicion persisted that there were some companies who treated CSR and sustainability 421 primarily as a marketing tool that was not well integrated with the operations of the company. This often 422 resulted in accusations of "green washing" and impacts on society were questioned. At the same time, executives 423 in many companies struggled to justify investments in CSR and sustainability when the link to increased profits 424 was difficult to establish. 425

426 25 b) Community Interest Corporation (CIC), an emerging 427 Alternative Social Enterprises Structure

A CIC is a new type of company introduced by the United Kingdom government in 2005 under the Companies (Audit, Investigations and Community Enterprise) Act 2004, designed for social enterprises that want to use their profits and assets for the public good. CICs are working for the benefit of the community. The CICs businesses surpluses are principally reinvested for that purpose in the business or in the community, rather than being driven by the need to maximise profit for shareholders and owners. CICs tackle a wide range of social and environmental issues and operate in all parts of the economy. By using business solutions to achieve public good, it is believed that social enterprises have a distinct and valuable role

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The concept of Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) was an earlier and still quite prevalent approach to 437 438 generating societal benefits through business. CSR arose when companies began to notice that an increasing number of customers cared about more than just price and quality; they cared about a company's demonstrated 439 440 commitment to social and environmental issues as well. However CSR is a concept that is working in capitalism. 441 One of the alternative legal structures now emerging is the community interest company (CIC) in UK. This is a new legal vehicle for business available since 2005; the British government refers it as 'social enterprise'. 442 According to UK authorities, 'CIC' will be organizations pursuing social objectives, such as environmental 443 improvement, community transport, fair trade etc. Social enterprises are playing an increasing role in empowering 444 local communities and delivering new, innovative services at local level. 445

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to play in helping create a strong, sustainable and socially inclusive economy. CICs are diverse. They include
 community enterprises, social firms, mutual organisations such as co-operatives, and large-scale organisations
 operating locally, regionally, nationally or internationally.

⁴⁵¹ 28 c) Legal Forms and Social Objectives of CIC

452 CICs must be limited companies of one form or another. A CIC cannot be a charity, an incorporated profit 453 organization (IPO) or an unincorporated organisation. A charity can convert to a CIC with the consent of the 454 Charity Commission. In so doing it will lose its charitable status including tax advantages. A charity may own 455 a CIC, in which case the CIC would be permitted to pass assets to the charity. CICs are more lightly regulated 456 than charities but do not have the benefit of charitable status, even if their objects are entirely charitable in 457 nature.

Those who may want to set up a CIC are expected to be philanthropic entrepreneurs who want to do good in a form other than charity. This may be because CICs are specifically identified with social enterprise. They are looking to work for community benefit with the relative freedom of the non-charitable company form to identify and adapt to circumstances, but with a clear assurance of not-for-profit distribution status. The definition of community interest that applies to CICs is wider than the public interest test for charity.

A Government regulator is responsible for examining each proposed CIC to make sure it passes what's called 463 the Community Interest Test (CIT). This means satisfying the regular that the purposes of the CIC 'could be 464 regarded by a reasonable person as being in the community or wider public interest.' The community interest 465 test (CIT) that a CIC must pass is less strict than the rules a charity must meet in the UK. However, the CIC 466 also does not enjoy the tax benefits that a charity gets. A CIC pays taxes on its revenues in much the same way 467 as any ordinary business gets. A CIC pays taxes on its revenues in much the same way as any ordinary business. 468 Also, the assets held or generated by the CIC, including any surplus of revenues over expenses, are subject to 469 what is called an asset lock. This is a legal requirement that the assets of the CIC be used solely for community 470 benefits. Like a profitmaximizing company, a CIC has one or more owners. A charity can own a CIC; so an 471 individual, a group, or another company. A political party, however; is not permitted to own a CIC. 472

473 A CIC can solicit funds from investors and it can even issue shares of stock, just like a traditional corporation. 474 In this respect, a CIC is similar to Yunus concept of a social business. Grameen Danone and Grameen Veolia Water, for example, are both owned jointly by the Grameen companies and their parent corporations-Danone 475 and Velia Water, respectively. However, unlike a social business, a CIC may pay dividends to shareholders (this 476 is the exception to the asset lock rule), through these dividends are limited by law. Currently, the maximum 477 dividend per share is 5 percent above the Bank of England base lending rate, and the total dividend declared in 478 any given year is limited to 35 percent of the company profits. The CIC is a restricted profit company, but it 479 does not qualify to be the kind of social business that Yunus has been promoting. However, a CIC could become 480 a social business; CIC owners and shareholders explicitly and clearly renounced the acceptance of dividends or 481 any other form of profit distribution beyond the amount of investment. As of end of 2009, there were over 3000 482 CICs registered in the UK. Some have become quite successful and well-known-for example, Firely Solar, which 483 uses sustainable technologies in producing events for organizations ranging from the Glastonbury Music Festival 484 to Greenpeace etc. There is also considerable discuss about creating a similar legal structure in Canada. Paul 485 Martin, ex-Prime Minister described the potential for good of businesses organized for social purposes (Yunus, 486 2014). 487

488 29 d) Low-Profit Limited Liability Company (L3C)

L3C is another type of social enterprise concept developed in USA. The first law establishing the L3C structure was enacted by the state of Vermont in 2008. As of end of 2009, the concept had also been recognized by Michigan, Utah, Wyoming, and Illinois, and considered in North Carolina, Georgia Oregon, South Dakota, Tennessee, and Montana. The crow Indian Nation and Oglala Sioux Tribe also recognize the L3C structure. CIC has been enacted in eight other states-Illinois, Michigan, North Carolina, Maine, Utah, Wyoming, Louisiana, Rhode Island-and two Native American nations-the Crow and the Oglala Sioux since 2009 (Americans for Community Development 2011).

An L3C is a business entity formed to finance socially minded projects and organizations, and may include funds from non-profit or for-profit entities (Witkin 2009). Its purpose is to attract a range of investment sources for socially beneficial, limited-profit ventures, and thereby improve the viability of such ventures. As L3C structures are very new, there are no known examples of an L3C structure to support the financing of the renewable energy (RE project).

The L3C is a variant form of the limited liability Company (LLC), but specifically enables a divergent mix of corporations, individuals, non-profits, and government agencies to organize under one "umbrella" for a charitable or socially beneficial purpose. Like all LLCs, the L3C is essentially a partnership with corporate protection. An L3C can include for-profit or non-profit entities, but has no definitive structure or required participation of any entity type. The L3C can also serve to attract the right foundation with a compatible mission to become a member and use this investment vehicle alternative.

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The L3C is a for-profit venture that, under its state charter, must have a primary goal of furthering an exempt purpose. It fits within the definitions in the federal regulations for PRIs (Program Related Investments). Project investments made under an L3C can be used to lower the risk profile or reduce the cost of capital for a particular project. The model essentially turns the venture capital model on its head. L3Cs can develop social and economic purpose missions, making it easier for socially motivated investors to locate the branded L3C that satisfies their needs and investment objectives.

⁵¹⁴ 31 e) The L3C and Alternative Energy Funding

As per internal revenue service (IRS) regulations, foundations are required to spend 5% of their net assets on 515 charitable giving every year (Lakamp et al., 2010). The strategy, using primary rate interfaces (PRIs), allows 516 517 private foundations to make equity investments in for-profit entities. The renewable energy projects rely heavily 518 on various tax benefits to improve the cost of the associated power and induce investment. However, renewable energy projects and the developers utilize the tax benefits to their full value. Accordingly, a separate "tax equity 519 520 investor" is sought to invest in the project. Because non-profits have no use for tax credits or depreciation, 521 they cannot take direct advantage of the tax benefits. With the L3C structure in place, the tax benefits can be concentrated and absorbed by a tax equity investor that has the "tax appetite" from other businesses to utilize. 522 The ideal project will be able to take advantage of both tax benefits and the low cost of capital provided by 523 the foundation participation. The L3C allows the tax benefits to be fully utilized and thus lowering the cost of 524 energy to the end user by accessing a wider base through foundations and non-profits (Ibid, 2010). 525

The L3C like the CIC is fundamentally a forprofit company that pursues a social business. Iike other business. An L3C has one or more owners, which can include individuals, charities, or for-profit companies. And like a CIC, an L3C can pay dividends on any financial surplus it generates. However, there are no written guidelines limiting the size of profits and no public regulator is designed to pass judgement on whether a particular L3C is paying profits that are 'excessive'.

Like other limited liability companies, the L3C has a pass-through status in regard to U.S. federal income taxes. That is, the corporation itself pays no income tax. Instead, all items of income, expense, gain, and losses are 'passed through' to the members (owners) of the L3C in proportion to their ownership shares. However, the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) rules defining PRIs are complicated and difficult to follow (Yunus, 2013).

The legal and financial structure of the L3C makes it possible for an organization like a foundation to invest money in a business with social purposes and recover its initial investment. However, the difference between the L3C and the social business is the same as with the CIC-the creation of profits to benefit owners and the payment of dividends from those profits are part of the agenda of the L3C, while they are deliberately excluded from the concept of the social business.

L3Cs have been established for a wide array of economic sectors including (Capriccioso et al, 2010): 540 Farming and agriculture, real estate/housing, socially responsible consulting, environmental services, education, 541 healthcare, low-income assistance, construction services, journalism and publishing, financial and legal services 542 and entertainment industry. The L3C structure allows the L3C Missouri Mission Center to provide a wide range 543 of services and incentivize employees to reduce costs. The Mission Center L3C serves a wide range of non-profit 544 and L3C customers. The services offered include accounting and human resources. The Mission Center started 545 with a loan from wealthy supporters and is doing business while securing equity from foundations and individuals. 546 The 'L3C' is a legal form intended to bridge the gap between for-profit and non-profit functions...[it] combines 547 the financial advantages and governance flexibility of the traditional limited liability company with the social 548 advantages of a non-profit entity. The primary focus of the L3C is not on earning revenue or capital appreciation, 549 but on achieving socially beneficial goals and objectives, with profit as a secondary goal ?? Capriccioso et al, 2010, 550 551 p. 33).

⁵⁵² 32 f) B Corporation

⁵⁵³ There is another new concept in structuring a social business is the so-called B Corporation.

In the United States, a benefit corporation or Bcorporation is a type of for-profit corporate entity, legislated in 28 U.S. states, that includes positive impact on society and the environment in addition to profit as its legally defined goals. B corps differs from traditional corporations in purpose, accountability, and transparency, but not in taxation.

The purpose of a benefit corporation includes creating general public benefit, which is defined as a material positive impact on society and the environment. A benefit corporation's directors and officers operate the business with the same authority as in a traditional corporation but are required to consider the impact of their decisions not only on shareholders but also on society and the environment. In a traditional corporation shareholders judge

the company's financial performance; however, with a B-corporation shareholders judge performance based on how a Year 2015

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corporation's goals benefit society and the environment. Shareholders determine whether the corporation 565 has made a material positive impact. Transparency provisions require benefit corporations to publish annual 566 benefit reports of their social and environmental performance using a comprehensive, credible, independent, and 567 transparent third-party standard. In some states the corporation must also submit the reports to the Secretary 568 of State, although the Secretary of State has no governance over the report's content. Shareholders have a private 569 right of action, called a benefit enforcement proceeding, to enforce the company's mission when the business has 570 failed to pursue or create general public benefit. Disputes about the material positive impact are decided by the 571 courts. 572

There are around 12 third-party standards that meet the requirements of the legislation. Benefit corporations 573 need not be certified or audited by the third-party standard. Instead, they use third-party standards similarly 574 to how the Generally Accepted Accounting Principles (GAAP) are applied during financial reporting, solely as 575 a rubric a company uses to measure its own performance. In April 2010, Maryland became the first U.S. state 576 to pass benefit corporation legislation. As of October 2014, 28 states have passed legislation allowing for the 577 creation of benefit corporations. 578

VI. Differences of Social Business from Traditional Corpo-34 579

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Historically, United States corporate law has not been structured or tailored to address the situation of for-profit 581 companies who wish to pursue a social or environmental mission. While corporations generally have the ability 582 to pursue a broad range of activities, corporate decision-making is usually justified in terms of creating long-term 583 shareholder value. A commitment to pursuing a goal other than profit as an end for itself may be viewed in 584 many states as inconsistent with the traditional perspective that a corporation's purpose is to maximize profits 585 586 for the benefit of its shareholders.

The idea that a corporation has its purpose to maximize financial gain for its shareholders was first articulated 587 in Dodge v. Ford Motor Company in 1919. Over time, through both law and custom, the concept of "shareholder 588 589 primacy" has come to be widely accepted. This point was recently reaffirmed by the case eBay Domestic Holdings, Inc. v. Newmark, in which the Delaware Chancery Court stated that a non-financial mission that "seeks not to 590 maximize the economic value of a for-profit Delaware corporation for the benefit of its stockholders" is inconsistent 591 with directors' fiduciary duties. 592

593 In the ordinary course of business, decisions made by a corporation's directors are generally protected by the business judgment rule, under which courts are reluctant to second-guess operating decisions made by directors. 594 595 In a takeover or change of control situation; however, courts give less deference to directors' decisions and 596 require that directors obtain the highest price in order to maximize shareholder value in the transaction. Thus a corporation may be unable to maintain its focus on social and environmental factors in a change of control 597 situation because of the pressure to maximize shareholder value. Of course, if a company does change ownership 598 and the result is no longer in adherence to its initially described benefit goals, the sale could be challenged in 599 600 court.

Mission-driven businesses, impact investors, and social entrepreneurs are constrained by this legal framework, 601 which is not equipped to accommodate for profit entities whose mission is central to their existence. 602

Even in states that have passed "constituency" statutes, which permit directors and officers of ordinary 603 corporations to consider non-financial interests when making decisions, legal uncertainties make it difficult for 604 mission-driven businesses to know when they are allowed to consider additional interests. Without clear case 605 law, directors may still fear civil claims if they stray from their fiduciary duties to the owners of the business to 606 maximize profit. 607

By contrast, benefit corporations expand the fiduciary duty of directors to require them to consider non-608 financial stakeholders as well as the financial interests of shareholders (Lane, 2014). This gives directors and 609 officers of mission-driven businesses the legal protection to pursue an additional mission and consider additional 610 stakeholders besides profit (Lane, 2012 ??Lane, , 2013)). The enacting state's benefit corporation statutes are 611 placed within existing state corporation codes so that it applies to benefit corporations in every respect except 612 those explicit provisions unique to the benefit corporation form. 613

However, in reality, 'B Corporation' carries no special legal status, there is no law defining the B Corporation or 614 specifying any special regulations that apply to it. The idea of the B Corporation was created by an organization 615 616 called B-Lab, which was founded in June 2006 by a young social entrepreneur named Coen Gilbert. However the 617 B Corporation has no real legal status. Gilbert and his associates at B lab are trying to carve out a place in the 618 economic system for a company that dictates all or part of its profits to social causes. The idea is to formally 619 acknowledge the company's responsibilities to society alongside its economic responsibility to make a profit for 620 investors that benefit society while possibly diminishing profits. Moreover, B-Lab offers a rating system that allows companies to measure their own environmental and social performance by answering a series of survey 621 questions. The results yield a point score, and only companies that achieve a 'passing' score (currently set at 622 80 out of a possible 200) are eligible to be designed as B Corporations (CSRWire USA, 2010). Unfortunately, 623 California doesn't have laws explicitly addressing that. 624

Despite this uncertainty, some entrepreneurs have embraced the B corporation idea. As of the end of 2009, there were over two hundred B corporations in the United States. However, a B corporation is not the same as a social business because each B Corporation makes its own decisions about the role of profit. So a B corporation are free to pay dividends to shareholders and to claim a share of the company profits for themselves. It seems this weaken the power of the B corporation concept-perhaps fatally (Yunus 2013).

The existence of the new, alternative forms of business structure -the CIC, the L3C and the B Corporationreflects the same global situation that social enterprises/social economy organizations are trying to solve humanitarian problems. These new alternative have been devised indicates that many people around the world desire to solve these problems. However, a new regulatory structure essential that could be tailored to the needs of social business should be created sooner the batter **??** Rouf, 2012; **??**unus, 2013).

In response to the negative impacts of traditional corporations, a new type of corporation with a formalized 635 purpose that includes generating positive impact for society in its core was needed. The corresponding legislation; 636 however, takes time to develop and be adopted. Independent of the legislative process, a new business certification 637 system was introduced to recognize impact-driven companies: "B Corporations" ("B Corps"). In 2007, a non-638 profit organization called B Lab was founded to establish and manage the B Corporation certification system 639 which has helped to build a constituency of businesses that is attracting lawmakers' attention. It is a new 640 form of corporations is mobilizing companies toward a sustainable future. Under the banner of 'profitable 641 642 sustainability' these pioneering companies are actually recovering the 'corporate charter' as a social invention 643 which was originally conceived to bring together the power of private enterprise with the public good." (Karl Ostrom, 2014). 644

645 **35** a) B Lab

B Lab certifies companies in a similar way that Fair Trade USA certifies Fair Trade Coffee or the U.S Green 646 Building Council certifies leadership in energy and environmental design (LEED) buildings. In this role, B Lab 647 established a standard for responsible and impact-driven business. In addition, B Lab attempts to solve the 648 issue with existing corporate law where shareholder value maximization is the sole fiduciary responsibility of the 649 650 corporation. Two independent Standards Advisory Councils oversee B Lab's certification standards, including the global impact investing rating system (GIIRS) for impact investors. B Lab is backed by a diverse set of 651 funders, including the Rockefeller Foundation, USAID, and a variety of corporations, private foundations and 652 individuals. There are currently about 20 employees across four different locations in the US. B Lab's website is 653 www.bcorporation.net. 654

655 36 b) Grameen Social Business Initiatives

Muhammed Yunus considered Grameen as the seed of social business in Bangladesh that established in 1970s. Grameen bank and its other sister organizations are following the principles of social business for solving the problems of employment and income, hunger, malnutrition, healthcare, agriculture, housing, hygiene, education, environment, energy, communication, transportation etc. Grameen sister organizations are running as social businesses in Bangladesh (Yunus, 2014).

₆₆₁ 37 c) Grameen Youth Entrepreneur Loan

Grameen Bank has introduced entrepreneurial loan for those who have got higher education loan, and who are 662 enterprising, industrious, enthusiastic and hardworking. It was introduced in Grameen Bank in 2008. This is 663 an opportunity created for the children of GB families who want to be self-employed for income earning. This 664 is to encourage them to deviate from the Revenue-Generating Social and Economic Mission-Entwined Praxis of 665 Organizations Grameen social business can play a very important role in solving the financial crisis, the food 666 crisis, and the environment crisis. Furthermore, it can provide the most effective institutional mechanism for 667 resolving poverty, homelessness, hunger and ill health (Grameen Dialogue, 2014). Social business can address all 668 the problems left behind by the profit-making businesses and at the same time it can reduce the excesses of the 669 profit-making businesses. Muhammad Yunus (2013) asserts that social business must be an essential part of the 670 growth formula because it benefits the mass of people who would otherwise be disengaged. And when people are 671 energized, so is the economy. Through access to credit, improved health services, better nutrition, high-quality 672 673 education, and modern information technology, poor people will become more productive. They will earn more, 674 send more, and save more-to the benefit of everyone, rich and poor alike (Ibid, 2013).

B Lab is a non-profit organization with the mission of using the power of business to address the world's most pressing challenges. In its goal of using business as a force for good, B Lab focuses on three initiatives: Building a community of Certified B Corporations so one can tell the difference between "good companies" and just good marketing; accelerating the growth of the impact investing asset class through use of B Lab's Global Investing Impact Rating System (GIIRS) Ratings & Analytics by institutional investors; and promoting legislation creating a new corporate form that meets higher standards of purpose, accountability and transparency.

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conventional way of seeking job after completion of higher education but going for creating job for themselves as
 well as for others. Those who chose this path and took loans from Grameen Bank for business were called Nobin
 Udokta (NU) or New Entrepreneurs.

⁶⁸⁶ 39 d) Nobin Udyokta (New Entrepreneur) e) Grameen Social ⁶⁸⁷ Business Design Lab

Muhammad Yunus mobilizes Grameen sister organizations to be involved in implementing Nobin Udoktas Loans. 688 Grameen Social Business Design Lab is a platform for Nabin Udyokta and Grameen sister organizations to bring 689 the entrepreneurs to present their social business designs in front of a group of experienced business executives 690 and social activists, to seek their advice. This platform encourages people to two things, it encourages people 691 to come up with social business ideas and develop this platform as a sounding board for getting the concept of 692 social business more business-ready through its application in concrete situation. Yunus Centre organized the 693 first Design Lab in January, 2013. Now Grameen Design Lab conduct workshop in every month. Nobin Udyoktas 694 present their business plans at the Grameen Design Lab Workshop with the help of Grameen sister organizations, 695 social business angel investors. Nobin Udyoktas receive loans from Grameen sister organizations after approval 696 the loan in the Grameen Design Lab workshop house. Now implementation structure of Grameen social business 697 lab has built, the speed of expansion spread quickly across Bangladesh. For example, by the end of March, 2015, 698 780 NUs presented their business plans in the design labs and 512 loans were disbursed. Many internees from 699 across the world, social business academicians, researchers, executives, philanthropies are attending the Design 700 lab workshops. The author attended many Grameen Design Lab workshops in 2014-2015 and has learned about 701 the practical process of the preparing Nabin Udyoktas loan proposals, business plans, review of the business 702 plans, and approval of the business plans and loan disbursements. In the business plan, NUs need to address the 703 following social objective questions: 704

? What is my social objective e: Whom do I expect to help with my social business? ? What social benefits do I intend to provide? ? How will the intended beneficiaries of my business participate in planning and shaping the business? ? How will the impact of my social business be measured? ? What social goals do hope to achieve in my six months? In my first year? In my first three years? ? If my social business is successful, how can it be replicated or expanded? ? Are there additional social benefits that can be added to the package of offerings I will create?

f) From Grammen Micro-credit to Grameen Equity Grameen sister organization investors provided equity
 investments with the Nabin Udokta individually.

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For educated second generation of GB borrowers and for other young people, GB sister organizations have started campaigning to redirect their mind from traditional path to hunting for jobs to creating jobs for themselves and others (Yunus, 2013) through entrepreneurship. GB called those who chose that path and took loans from Grameen Bank or Grameen sister organizations as Nobin Udokta (NU) or "New Entrepreneurs". It is targeted to the youth in Bangladesh who wants to use their creative power to become entrepreneur not only to generate their own employment but also to create employment opportunities for others. The social business idea started getting root in Bangladesh.

By Mid October 2014, 380 NU projects have already been approved by the participating grameen sister 722 organizations for equity investment of TK. 8, 45, 57000 (US\$1, 09 million). Among the NUs about 7% are female 723 and 93% are male entrepreneurs. Their age varies from 18-35 years with most of them coming from 20-30 years 724 of age (Grameen Dialogue 93, pp. 6). The NUs are engaged in different kinds of business activities including 725 telecom, IT, repairing, manufacturing engineering, handicrafts, Livestock, Live Stock feed production, drug store, 726 fish and agro-farming, trading, nursery, whole sale and retail business. Their (NUs) business insight, continuous 727 thinking, information gathering, networking, skill development, keeping commitments and risk taking attitude 728 are all important for them to become successful entrepreneurs. There are funds also available for social business 729 730 from Yunus Social Business Fund (YSBF) in Haiti, Colombia, Albania, Tunisia, Uganda, India, Mexico, Brazil 731 and Grameen Credit Agrocole Social Business Fund in France (Grameen Dialogue, 93). Grameen investors shall 732 be monitoring the performance of the managers/managing partners, but Grameen investors shall not get involved 733 in the actual running of the business. As the business makes profit, the Grameen investors receive their dividend. 734 When Grammen investors have received enough dividends to equal to the amount of equity Grammen investors have invested, Grameen investors stop taking further dividend. It is time for investors to move to on to the 735 next investment with the money they got back. But grameen investors' objectives shall not be achieved until 736 Grameen establishes the entrepreneurs as the owner, because their intentions were to transform a job-seeker into 737 a job-giver (Yunus, 2013). 738

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739 41 Grameen Social Business

Grameen social business items in Bangladesh are setup dental clinic, nursing center, community information 740 center, compost/worm production, door mate produce from garment wastage, fruits plant nursery, setup KG 741 school and community school, community adult learning center, irrigation project, fish culture, poultry and 742 dairy farming, mini garments industries, fashion design and tailoring, bee keeping culture, installing solar 743 home system, biogas plant, buying rice husking machine, IT center, computer training center, manufacturing 744 paper products from recycling papers, pottery business, hide and leather business, old clothing business, winter 745 clothing business, electronics business, repairing shoes, electronic products TV, Cell Phone, Radio, Computer, 746 IPod, repairing auto mobile engines, house repairing, manufacturing bamboo products, toys, makings mosquito 747 nets, oil processing plant, cottage industries, handmade bags, manufacturing pads, carom board, poultry feed, 748 Ayabade medicine, milk processing plant, cult making, rings making, restaurant, etc. By September, 2013, Yunus 749 Center developed basic methodology, reporting formats, identification and assessment procedures, etc. Grameen 750 sister organizations brought the NU projects to the Design Lab for getting critical assessment from a group of 751 experienced professionals. Now more Grameen companies (Grameen Telecom Trust, Grameen Bybosha Bikash, 752 Grameen Shakti) have in initiated their own NU programs. 753

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According to social business guidelines, investor can sell his shares at the market value, but he has to reinvest the additional money he receives beyond the face value, into another social business, or in the same social business. Investor can not enjoy additional value created by his investment (Yunus, 2013). In the NU programme, Grameen made an easy rule. In selling the shares of a NU business, the investor will take an amount equivalent to the original fixed sum of 20% over it. Grameen call the additional amount "share transfer fee". This fixed amount of 20% is only a small fee for covering all these services over a period of several years.

Nabin Udokta receives percentage of business investments equity from Grameen with 20 percent business 762 763 transfer fee through the years of the agreed agreement. Grameen investors monitor the business and collect the 764 investments equity instalment. Grameen Investors does not take any profit from their investments, except for getting their investments money back. The NU is responsible for paying back whatever money they received as 765 equity within an agreed period. Grameen offers this exciting opportunity for any entrepreneur in Banglaedsh. 766 The entrepreneur may have some or no shares in his business. He can be the managing partner or a paid 767 manager of the business he owned Grameen Social Business concept uses some terminologies that are different 768 from Grameen classical loan program. 769

770 (Yunus 2013).

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43 (E) g) Grameen Screening Process of Selecting NUs in Bangladesh

Social Entrepreneurship formal discussion in small groups of 4 or 5 takes place to let them get to know each other.
Once a sizable number (say 30-50) of young men or women have been contacted the village staff will organize an
orientation and identification camp in a village (Yunus, 2014). Experienced camp leaders will attend the camp
to carry out the identification and confidence building process. Participants learn the rules and procedures of
NU programme, ask questions to get a clear picture of the programme. They assess each other's business plans,
strength of their business will. At the end of an intensive get-to know-your-entrepreneur exercise, camp leaders
make a short list of the participants who have impressed them as entrepreneurs likely (Grameen Dialogue 90).

Entrepreneurs selected are invited to Dhaka where they'll give final shape to their business plans and give 781 them a professional appearance with the help of trained staff of the investors. Project summaries are prepared 782 in English for a five minute presentations at the Design Lab where the entrepreneur has to defend his project. 783 Participants give some good advice and flag some issues to help better implementation (Yunus, 2013). In rare 784 cases an entrepreneur is asked to modify his plan to make further improvement and present it to the next Lab. 785 Once the project is approved, handholding process for implementation begins. Investor and the entrepreneur now 786 go through a process of bonding together for a successful journey ahead. All regulatory issues are threshed out, 787 necessary documentation is completed. Once monitoring and accounting training are completed, disbursement 788 day (D-day) funds are released and business starts running Grameen Dialogue 93. Grameen Communication, a 789 Grameen software company, has developed an accounting and monitoring software to collect MIS and accounting 790 information from every NU business on a daily, weekly and monthly basis. Daily figures are sent via text 791 messages. All information accumulates at the central server, which produces reports for each investor on daily, 792 weekly, monthly or for any other period as the investor would like to have. 793

⁷⁹⁴ 44 VII. Urgently need Legal Structures of Social Business

Legal and regulatory systems do not currently provide a place for social business. Profit-maximizing companies and traditional non-profit organizations (foundations, charities, and NGOs) are recognized institutions covered

by specific rules regarding organizational structure, governance and decision making principles, tax treatment, 797 information disclosure and transparency, and so on. But social business is not yet a recognized business category. 798 This needs to change. The sooner there is a defined legal and regulatory structure for social business-preferably 799 one with consistent rules in countries around the world-the easier it will be for entrepreneurs and corporations 800 to create a multitude of social businesses to tackle the human problems that are plaguing society (Yunus 2014). 801 Muhammad Yunus thinks (2013) the best option today is to organize one's social business under the traditional 802 structure of a for-profit business. The for-profit legal framework/structure is used for all of Grameen's social 803 business. The legal system gives the for-profit company great freedom and flexibility to experiment with its 804 business model. Thus, a social business organized as a for-profit company must be just as financially efficient as 805 any other for-profit company, since it doesn't benefit from any tax breaks (Yunus, 2014). 806

In the future, governments can and should create a separate law for social business, defining it adequately for 807 regulatory purposes, and indicating the responsibilities and obligations of the stakeholders. The law should lay 808 down the rules and procedures a social business must follow in order to switch to a profitmaximizing company. At 809 the same time, Lawyers should amend the existing company law to include the rules and procedures under which 810 a profit-maximizing company can switch to a social business company. Under US law, foundations can invest in 811 for-profit companies only if the investment qualifies as a 'program-related investment' (PRI). Unfortunately, the 812 rules defining PRIs are complicated, and violating them can lead to serious tax problems for the foundation. As 813 814 a result, many foundations shy away from such investments (Grameeen Dialogue 93).

815 According to M. Yunus (2014) there are serious limitations to using the non-profit structure for social business. Perhaps the most significant is the strict legal and regulatory scrutiny that non-profits often experience. Robert 816 A. Wexler (2009 in Yunus 2013), an American attorney in his article 'Effective Social-Enterprise-A menu of Legal 817 Structures' comments about the difficulty of winning tax-exempt, non-profit status for such organizations in the 818 United States. However, Yunus definition of social business, there's no good fit with the noon-profit structure. 819 The most important reason for not using the non-profit legal structure for creating a social Revenue-Generating 820 Social and Economic Mission-Entwined Praxis of Organizations Grameen sister organizations have village staff to 821 work with the Nabin Udyoktas (new entrepreneurs), is responsible for identification, screenings of the potential 822 entrepreneurs to help them develop their business plans, and prepare the NUs to make presentation of their plans 823 to the participants of the Gramen Design Lab workshops. The whole process starts with the home visit of the 824 potential entrepreneur and getting to know him and his family in all details, capture his dreams and fears, and 825 try to build confidence in him (Grameen Dialogue 91-92). business is that a non-profit is not owned by anyone; 826 it can't issue shares. A social business has one or more owners, can issue shares, and can buy and sell shares, 827 just like any for-profit company. 828

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For all these reasons, the concept of social business that Yunus has in mind does not match into a non-for-profit legal format at all. The non-profit linked to a for-profit company. It's not unusual for non-profit organizations to create for-profit subsidiaries that sell goods and services, and thereby produce income that goes to support the works of the non-profit organization. A charity hospital that owns and operates a shopping mall might be an example of this kind of relationship(Yunus, 2013).

However, M. Yunus urges it's important to create social business funds to provide credit and equity to social business.

Yunus (2013) alerts people that social business might be misused and perverted. A few powerful people will look for ways to distort the concept and twist it for their own benefit-just as some misguided people have applied the term 'microcredit' to describe companies that are really just loan sharks in disguise. Wellintentioned people need to be guard against those who would abuse the good name of social business.

Rouf, K. A. (2012) and Yunus, M. (2013) suggest that social business could be set up in such a way as to 841 encourage social entrepreneurship. The social business investors could create a center in which entrepreneurs are 842 brought together with other people who have the knowledge, skills, experience, or technology needed to start 843 successful social business. Investors could set up an investment fund, a training program, or a marketing agency. 844 The agency (investing organization) could create a mentorship program for aspiring entrepreneurs or sponsor 845 contest to select and promote the best new business concepts (Grameen Dialogue 91-92). Canada could open-up 846 and encourage dialogue and collaboration among social economy organizations, but they have to adopt flexible 847 governance (Amin & Hausner, 1997). However, all over the world, governments need new mechanisms to seed 848 and grow social innovations (Mendell & Neamtan, 2010). 849

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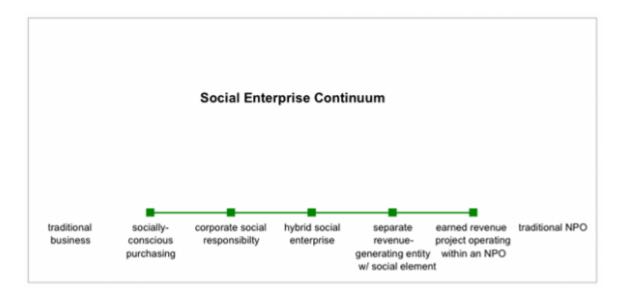


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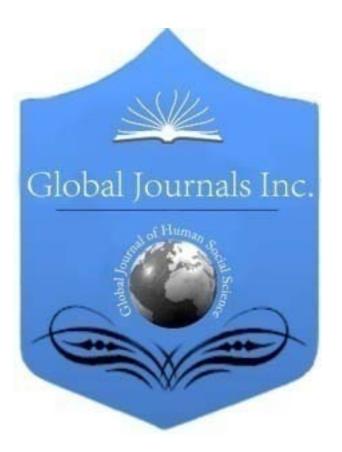


Figure 3:



Figure 4:

NGOs, civil societies, non-profit organizations (NPOs), Self-help Groups, Solidarity Economy etc. organizations are belong to social economy because they are performing social and economic objectives under different framework, different strategies and different funding models (Quarter, Mook & Armstrong, 2009). These social economic organizations are very important because they are working in opposite to multinational corporations and private sectors who are monopoly in profit maximizing exploitative market (Bornstein & Davis (2010); Quarter, Mook, & Armstrong (2010); Schugurensky & Mccollum (2010); Yunus (2010). Social economy organizations encompass the full range of human needs and interests (Lasby, Hall, Ventry & et al., 2010; Yunus 2010). They provide opportunities for economic development and solidarity in the community.

[Note: Social economy renaming 'Third Sector' that organizations set up for social purpose can generate economic value-they may produce and market services, employ people and own valuable assets(Quarter, Mook, & Armstrong, 2009). At the Economic and]

Figure 5:

Design Lab Workshop is a daylong program organized by the Yunus Centre for the people who are interested social business as well as develop new ideas. People from different backgrounds join in this workshop program to learn about social business and brainstorm on potential social business ideas. Prospective participants of the Design Lab are business persons, social business practitioners, potential investors/ entrepreneurs/donor communities, academics innovators, potential investors of social social NGO personnel philanthropist, young entrepreneurs and others © 2015 Global Journals Inc. (US)

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