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1 Introduction/Overview

This rapid review provides information of a selection of corporate initiatives related to promoting female economic empowerment and supplier diversity. Not many corporations make detailed, specific information on these commitments available; instead the mapping has had to rely mostly on brief press releases or highlights posted on the company website.

From the information available it appears that many of the commitments do not fit all of the criteria for a SMART (Specific, Measureable, Actionable, Realistic and Time-bound) initiative. Some corporations have goals to reach a set number of girls and women through training programmes and other empowerment initiatives by a certain date; very few provide up-front key performance indicators that involve assessing the actual impact of these initiatives. Some corporations (e.g. MAS Holdings) publish progress reports of output performance (e.g. numbers participating in training programmes). Others (e.g. Gap Inc., Goldman Sachs and Coca-Cola) have invested in rigorous mixed method impact evaluations of their empowerment initiatives, often in partnership with NGOs and research institutions.

There are different types of commitments. This mapping is organised into two parts: commitments that directly and immediately involve companies' internal structures and/or supply chains, and broader programmes that may have longer-term goals. A variety of types of initiatives are sampled including setting targets and quotas for employment and for suppliers, business training, general education, technical skills training, financial inclusion, and developing independent trading opportunities.

For an overview of a wider range of initiatives, the UN Global Compact's working document *Companies Leading the Way: Putting the Principles into Practice*¹ provides short snapshots of more than 90 companies or initiatives relating to the Women's Empowerment Principles.

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 $^{^1\,}http://www.unglobal compact.org/docs/issues_doc/human_rights/Resources/Companies_Leading_the_Way.pdf$

2 Commitments directly involving structures and/or supply chains

2.1 Anglo American Platinum

Organisation	Anglo American Platinum, a South African multinational company
Partners	None
Programme/ Commitment title	Women in Mining
Description	The South African Government's Mining Charters sets targets for women's representation in the mining sector: • The 2005 Mining Charter stipulated that women across all occupational levels were to make up 10% of the staff complement of mining companies by 2009.
	 In the 2010 the South African Department of Mineral Resources charter, the target to be achieved by 2014 was instead stipulated based on a minimum demographic representation of 40% of historically disadvantaged South Africans (HDSAs) at the top, senior, middle and junior management levels.
	The company has introduced a number of activities to meet these targets, including "the introduction of fast-tracking programmes, targeted recruitment and improvements in the working environment". Improvements include "the supply of sufficient and suitable change houses, the provision of appropriate personal protective equipment, and the formation of women's forums at all operations". In addition "a women-in-mining portfolio was created in 2006, and charged with attracting, developing and retaining female employees".
Country/region	South Africa
Sector	Mining
Year established	2005
Impact	Women made up 12.4% of the company's staff in 2011 and the company has
measurement	already surpassed the minimum 2014 target at all management levels except
	senior management of 19.3% representation of women (calculated as a
	percentage of the overall Mining Charter target of 40%).
	The company website does not provide further details on how impact of their women's empowerment activities is measured.
Web link	http://www.angloplatinum.com/sus/eco/people_rights.asp

2.2 Coca Cola

Organisation	Coca Cola, American multinational corporation
Partners	National governments, civil society and other companies. Examples of partners
	include Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation, UN Women, Technoserve and the
	IFC.
Programme/	5by20
Commitment title	
Description	Sby20 aims to enable economic empowerment of 5 million women in Coca Cola's value chain by the year 2020. It supports women producers, retailers, artisans, recyclers, distributors and suppliers by offering access to business skills training courses, financial services and connections with peers or mentors. It builds on the older Supplier Diversity Program: with a broader focus, including both ethnic and gender diversity, this programme began in the US in 001 and globalised in 2005 with a focus on indigenous populations in Australia, Canada, and South Africa. Activities have included "efforts to educate and pre-qualify minority- and women-owned businesses, and give them exposure both inside and outside the Company. Each country has its own supplier diversity goals, set in terms of procurement spend. In the United States, the program targets both first tier suppliers (that supply the Company directly) and second tier suppliers (that supply first tier suppliers). In 2011, the Company procured \$766 million in goods and services from minority- and women-owned first and second tier suppliers in the United States". 5by20 integrates with this programme, and prioritises the focus on women-owned suppliers. It is also noteworthy that in addition to the 5by20 initiative, The Coca-Cola Company supports other women's economic empowerment efforts around the world, primarily through the Coca-Cola Foundation. For example, a 2012 press release announced that Coca-Cola Foundation commitment of a USD 3 million grant to Pact to support women's economic empowerment and job creation initiatives throughout Myanmar through a program called WORTH. Activities include supporting 'women interested in supporting a variety of businesses, and Coca-Cola expects the program to eventually identify women entrepreneurs interested in becoming independent shopkeepers and distributors of Coca-Cola products'. (The Coca Cola Company, 2012)
Country/region	12 countries: Kenya, Brazil, China, Costa Rica, Haiti, Egypt, India, Mexico, the
,, -3 -	Philippines, South Africa, Nigeria and Thailand.
Sector	Agriculture, supply chain, distribution and retail, recycling.
Year established	2010
Impact	Jenkins et al (2013) report that the initiative has reached 300,000 women
measurement	producers, suppliers, distributors, retailers, recyclers, and artisans in 12
	countries (p. 6).
	No impact assessment has been found. Jenkins et al (2013) provides illustrative
	cases of the different activities under the programme, but does not assess
	impact. Coca-Cola has, however, signalled its intention to undertake impact
	assessments. The 2012 progress report explains how the programme's impact
	will be measured: The programme will track progress "by counting each woman who
	The programme will track progress "by counting each woman who

	participates in an enabling program".
	 The long-term impact of the programme will be measured through "a cross-sample of programs on participating women, their families, their communities and on our business".
	 Coca-Cola also plans to partner "with respected third parties on independent, in-depth studies of program progress, effectiveness and scalability". (Coca-Cola, 2012, p. 6)
Web link and	http://www.coca-colacompany.com/stories/5by20/
sources	The Coca Cola Company (2012). The Coca-Cola Company Expands 5by20
	Women's Economic Empowerment Initiative. http://www.coca-
	colacompany.com/press-center/press-releases/the-coca-cola-company-
	expands-5by20-womens-economic-empowerment-initiative
	Coca Cola (2012). 5by20 Progress Update. http://assets.coca-
	colacompany.com/64/20/28362d0a4ab8b51f853edcc6a765/5by20ProgressUpd ate.pdf
	Jenkins, B., Valikai, K. & Baptista, P. (2013). The Coca-Cola Company's 5by20
	Initiative: Empowering Women Entrepreneurs across the Value Chain.
	Cambridge, MA: The CSR Initiative at the Harvard Kennedy School and Business
	Fights Poverty. http://www.hks.harvard.edu/m-
	rcbg/CSRI/CSRI_BusinessFightsPoverty_5by20Report_September2013.pdf

2.3 Gap Inc

Organisation	Gap Inc., American multinational company
Partners	The programme was designed and developed in partnership with Swasti-Health
	Resources and the International Center for Research on Women (ICRW). CARE is
	a key implementing partner as well as vendor partners.
Programme/	P.A.C.E. (Personal Advancement & Career Enhancement)
Commitment title	
Description	This is an educational learning programme for female garment workers in GAP
	factories which delivers life skills, technical training, and educational learning.
	The training is delivered over 8-10 months in two phases. The first phase is a
	training course of approximately 65-80 hours and up to eight modules covering
	topics such as communication, problem-solving and decision-making, general
	and reproductive health, legal literacy, financial literacy and gender equality.
	The second phase focuses on technical training and is led by GAP's partner
	garment factories, with the content tailored to the workers' learning abilities
	and technical potential.
	The programme has recently expanded from being a core business function in
	factory settings to communities in Cambodia, India, Bangladesh, making it a CSR
	programme as well.
	Nanda et al (2013) report that Gap Inc. has expanded P.A.C.E. across Asia and
	that more than 20,000 women have participated in the programme.
Country/region	Factories are located in over 50 countries, for example in South East Asia, China,
,, ,	South Asia and Europe. It is not clear in which countries the programme is
	conducted.

Sector	Clothing and accessories retailer
Year established	2007
Impact measurement	Gap Inc. reports that programme participants "have gained so much more than just professional skills – they have more confidence, stronger communication skills, and an understanding of the importance of goal setting and practical financial practices". The International Center for Research on Women (ICRW) evaluates the P.A.C.E. programme. Gap Inc.'s website published the following highlights from ICRW's research on the programme in India and Cambodia. • Women reporting that they had better workplace relationships and communications skills increased by at least 36%.
	 Women reporting a greater belief in self and their own abilities increased by 32%.
	 Women reporting that they are saving regularly and at a greater rate increased by 69% in India and 35% in Cambodia.
	 Factory managers report improved efficiency, increased professional advancement and lower rates of absenteeism from P.A.C.E. graduates.
	The ICRW have published a report on their comprehensive evaluation of the P.A.C.E. programme (Nande et al, 2013). The report summarises findings from ICRW-conducted programme evaluations from 2009 - 2013 at six separate factory sites – two in India and one each in Cambodia, Vietnam, Bangladesh and China. The main conclusions are: • "P.A.C.E. is an effective, sustainable and scalable model that yields high returns for women, their families and the businesses where they work."
	 "P.A.C.E. is changing many women's lives. They now have a more optimistic outlook on life and are better able to deal with challenges. They have a greater sense of self-worth, are able to express themselves with ease, can better manage their work and their personal lives, and have plans for the future that seemed out of reach before their participation in the program." (Nande et al, 2013, p. 3)
	ICRW evaluated the impact of P.A.C.E through (Nande et al, 2013, p .13): • "In each study site, ICRW surveyed the complete cohort of P.A.C.E. participants both before and after the program was over (women who left their jobs were not surveyed at endline)."
	 "conducting in-depth interviews with approximately 15 P.A.C.E. participants and 7 - 16 factory supervisors per site at the end of the program."
	 "a global monitoring data system that was used in conjunction with the evaluations to provide data on the gains to the garment factories. This global monitoring data was standardized and collected from all the factories (not just where evaluations were conducted) on key indicators like program attendance, retention and advancement among P.A.C.E. participants and non-participants."
	The report adds that: "Because P.A.C.E. is a workplace-based program where the intent is for participants to share their learning, none of the site evaluations

	included a factory-based control group (women who were working with the same factory and had not participated in the program) with whom to compare the outcomes. Nevertheless, the researchers observed a consistent pattern of positive changes in both social and business outcomes across all six sites, which provides a high level of confidence in the reliability of the findings." (Nande et al, 2013, p. 13) CARE has also evaluated the programme in Cambodia, finding that P.A.C.E. "is widely recognized within the factory and among partners as an investment in
	women that has significant and positive impacts on women's personal and work lives" (Strickler, 2012, p. 6).
Web link	http://www.bewhatspossible.com/pace http://www.gapinc.com/content/gapinc/html/media/pressrelease/2012/med_p r_Gap_Inc_PACE_Program_to_Expand092412.html
	Nanda, P., Mishra, A., Walia, S., Sharma, S., Weiss, E., Abrahamson, J. (2013). Advancing Women, Changing Lives: An Evaluation of Gap Inc.'s P.A.C.E. Program. Washington, DC: International Center for Research on Women. http://www.icrw.org/files/publications/PACE_Report_0912_singles.pdf
	Strickler, C. (2012). Personal advancement and career enhancement (P.A.C.E.) Project evaluation 2012. CARE International in Cambodia.

2.4 Grameen Danone Foods

Organisation	Grameen Danone Foods, a Bangladeshi joint venture
Partners	Grameen Bank (Bangladeshi micro-finance and community development
	organisation) and Danone Foods (French multinational)
Programme/	Grameen Danone Foods
Commitment	
title	
Description	Grameen Danone Foods is a joint venture which produces and sells low-cost fortified yogurt (branded "Shokti Doi", meaning "that which builds strength") targeted towards children, with the intention of providing health benefits, while simultaneously creating employment opportunities within local communities. The yogurt is sold by "yogurt ladies" who are Grameen Bank borrowers. Each saleswoman is given two days of training and assigned a sales territory. They collect their stock from the factory or from bank branches, paying five taka per unit and then selling the product retail for six. In 2010, Grameen Danone Foods Ltd aimed to expand from selling in 8,000 stores to 15,000, and from 800 saleswomen to 1500 in 2013.
Country/region	Bangladesh
Sector	Retail food sales
Year	2006
established	
Impact	As of 2009, Ghalib et al. (2009) reported that selling the yogurt produces a fairly
measurement	low return and requires long hours of effort, and none of the women in their study were selling yogurt full-time or had this as their only income-generating activity. Overall, the business was struggling to break even financially. Danone reported in 2010 that the project was benefiting 370 farmers and 821 women entrepreneurs who distribute the product door to door. By 2012, the

	sales force had grown to about 900 women and sales were growing strongly
	(Rodrigues and Baker 2012).
	Preliminary results of a study by GAIN (2011) and Johns Hopkins Bloomberg
	School of Public Health indicate that the micronutrient-fortified yogurt had a
	positive impact on children's growth rates and capacity to concentrate and learn.
Web link /	http://www.danonecommunities.com/en/project/grameen-danone-foods-ltd
sources	Ghalib, A., Hossain, F., and Thankom, A. (2009) "Social Responsibility, Business
	Strategy and Development: The Case of Grameen-Danone Foods Limited",
	Australasian Accounting Business and Finance Journal, 3(4).
	http://ro.uow.edu.au/aabfj/vol3/iss4/1
	Rodrigues, J., and Baker, G. A. (2012) "Grameen Danone Foods Limited (GDF)",
	International Food and Agribusiness Management Review, Volume 15, Issue 1.
	https://www.ifama.org/publications/journal/vol15/cmsdocs/20110053_Formatte
	<u>d.pdf</u>

2.5 HCL Technologies, Ltd

Organisation	HCL Technologies, Ltd., Indian multinational corporation
Partners	None
Programme/	Sustainability 10 by 2020
Commitment title	
Description	 HCL sets annual sustainability goals relating to many areas of business practice. Goals relating to women for 2013 were: Improvement by 1% of Gender Diversity in the workplace & in the supply chain. Strengthen women mentorship programmes.
	 Implement well-being programmes for women in supply chain. Identify and launch programmes for rehabilitation and training of youth and women.
	The company runs "women connect" groups to connect and advance women through development programs, a life coach programme, a safe commuting programme and self-defence training, and a women leadership development programme for senior management. HCL received the United Nations-Women Empowerment (UN-WEP) Leadership Award in 2013.
Country/region	India
Sector	Information technology
Year established	1999
Impact measurement	24% of HCL's workforce is female, the "women connect" initiative covers 1200 employees, and 900 women took advantage of the life coach programme in 2013. The overall gender balance in the workforce is fairly stable around 24% women.
Web link and	http://www.hcltech.com
sources	http://microsite.hcltech.com/rebalance-
	book/files/assets/common/downloads/Rebalance%20Book Part%201 Final.pdf

2.6 Jita Bangladesh

Organisation	CARE, international NGO
Partners	Unilever, Danone, Bic, BATA shoes, Square Toiletries, Lalteer Seeds
Programme/	Jita Bangladesh (formerly CARE Bangladesh Rural Sales Program)
Commitment title	
Description	The programme provides opportunities more than 2,400 poor women, called
	aparajitas ("she who never accepts defeat") to sell a range of consumer goods
	door-to-door across rural Bangladesh. Goods are typically sold to other women.
	CARE organises distribution hubs for the goods, provides training in business
	skills and a credit guarantee, and integrates the aparajitas into a value chain.
	The aparajitas earn an 18% commission on sales. The women also sell locally-
	produced goods, which make up about 30% of their trade.
Country/region	Bangladesh
Sector	Retail consumer goods
Year established	2005
Impact	Aparajitas enter the programme as the 'poorest of the poor', but develop
measurement	increased honour, respect, and confidence; greater freedom of movement; an
	increased standard of living in terms of food security, home improvements, and
	other consumption; increased financial security such as having savings, buying a
	cow, or even lending others money; and greater authority and power within
	their households. (Dolan et al. 2012)
Web link and	http://jitabangladesh.com/
sources	Bahree, M. (2010) "In Bangladesh Women Are Taking A Shopping Network To
	The Villages", Forbes, 10 December 2010.
	http://www.forbes.com/sites/meghabahree/2010/10/12/in-bangladesh-
	women-are-taking-a-shopping-network-to-the-villages
	Dolan, C., Johnstone-Louis, M., and Scott, L. (2012) "Shampoo, saris and SIM
	cards: seeking entrepreneurial futures at the bottom of the pyramid", Gender &
	Development, 20:1, DOI: 10.1080/13552074.2012.663619

2.7 MAS Holdings

Organisation	MAS Holdings, multinational corporation based in Sri Lanka
Partners	HSBC (corporate), partner on the Managing Personal Finances for a Better
	Tomorrow sub-programme.
	Unilever Sri Lanka (corporate), partner on <i>Getting More out of Life</i> (a work/life
	balance training)
Programme/	Women Go Beyond
Commitment title	
Description	92% of MAS Holdings' employees (37,000 individuals) are women. The "Women
	Go Beyond" programme has three strands: (1) for employees, training in a wide
	range of areas such as computer skills, English language, leadership, work/life
	balance, emotional intelligence, communicating effectively and managing stress,
	and awards recognising excellence; (2) for the community, teaching

sustainability in schools, a joint project with Gap in providing workshops for local women entrepreneurs, and developing a 'green factory' in Thulhiriya, Sri Lanka; (3) a wider societal programme championing women's empowerment in the apparel industry. http://www.20-first.com/137-0-mas-holdingsempowering-women.html A 2008 progress report provided details of activities being implemented then: "Training in English language, Information Technology, Soft skill development, helping women balance their multiple roles as women as mothers, wives and employees, assisting in the creation of crèche facilities, encouraging sports, beauty culture training/grooming & patchwork, conducting awareness programmes on Health and hygiene, legal rights etc." (MAS Holdings, 2008, p. 11) "From 2011 new programmes were introduced to stay relevant to the evolving workforce demographic, focusing on creating awareness on violence against women; awareness workshops and training on HIV/AIDS; and new interventions on gender-sensitivity training for men in decision making positions, disseminated to the wider male workforce population." (MAS Holdings, 2012) In 2008 it was announced that: 1000 factory employees were to go through the Managing Personal Finances for a Better Tomorrow programme, part of the overall Women Go Beyond programme. http://www.masholdings.com/news/archives.html "The final objective will be to significantly increase the proportion of women at the senior management level from 17% (in 2003) to 35% and by 2015 have 3 to 4 women on the Main Board." (MAS Holdings, 2008, p. 12) Country/region Sri Lanka, India, Hong Kong Apparel manufacture Sector Year established 2003 **Impact** In 2007, 85 per cent of the company's workers said that the Women Go Beyond measurement programme had made a significant difference to their lives, and customers such as Gap and Marks and Spencer agreed that the company's ethical stance was one of the reasons for choosing it as a supplier. (According to the case study published on http://www.20-first.com/137-0-mas-holdings-empoweringwomen.html) A 2004 United Nations Global Impact case study reported that Go Beyond initiatives have been built in to the company's balanced scorecard, with each unit required to provide a quarterly activation plan, which details the events, budget and number of people each activity would impact, which will be monitored on a quarterly basis. A Go Beyond core group and champions will meet monthly and provide the Corporate office with detailed feedback on the progress of the programme. http://www.unglobalcompact.org/case_story/695 A 208 MAS progress report provided a snapshot of progress on the Go Beyond Programme in 2008 from Jan-Dec 2008 and a comparison with 2006 and 2007:

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2.8 MillerCoors

Organisation	MillerCoors, USA-based joint venture
Partners	SABMiller, Molson Coors Brewing Company
Programme/	Supplier diversity policy
Commitment title	
Description	MillerCoors actively seeks out minority-owned and woman-owned businesses to give them an opportunity to compete with other suppliers. A supplier diversity management database is in place tracking both first-tier and second-tier suppliers, and the company conducts educational meetings with suppliers regarding supplier diversity, introducing minority- and woman-owned businesses to first-tier suppliers, and co-presenting at events where diverse suppliers are present. A "Sustainability Assessment Matrix" is used to assess supply chain sustainable development, social, environmental and ethical issues, and local enterprise development. Diversity is a factor in awarding the company's "supplier of the year" award. The company aims to spend a total of \$2.5 billion with minority- and woman-owned suppliers by 2015.
Country/region	USA
Sector	Food and beverage industry
Year established	2008
Impact measurement	In 2012, MillerCoors spent \$477 million, or 8.5% of total supplier spend, with minority-owned or woman-owned businesses, an increase of 35% over 2009.
Web link	http://www.millercoors.com/GBGR/Supply-Chain/Supplier-Diversity.aspx

2.9 Unilever

Organisation	Unilever, an Anglo-Dutch multinational company
Partners	Oxfam
Programme/	Shakti
Commitment title	
Description	This initiative will train at least 500,000 smallholder farmers in Unilever's supply
	network on up-to-date farming practices, better quality seeds and fertiliser to
	increase their yields by 2020. It also aims to increase the number of Shakti
	distributors that are recruited and trained in poor rural communities to 75,000
	by 2015. There is a special focus on women entrepreneurs, or "Shakti ammas".
Country/region	India, Bangladesh, Sri Lanka and Vietnam. (In Bangladesh and Sri Lanka, it is
	being promoted as project Joyeeta and Saubaghya respectively.)
Sector	Consumer goods
Year established	2000 (in India)
Impact	The commitments for the number of smallholder farmers and distributors to be
measurement	reached do not specify what proportion of these are to be women (although it is
	understood that the majority of the distributors are women).
	The Hindustan Unilever website reports that Shakti today "provides livelihood
	enhancing opportunities to about 45,000 women in 15 Indian states and
	provides access to quality products across 100,000+ villages and over 3 million
	households every month".
	The main Unilever website gives the following details on progress to date, but
	again this is not gendered:
	"We have increased the number of tea farmers trained in sustainable practices
	to around 450,000. The next step is to develop a methodology to assess
	improvement in smallholder livelihoods. We have consolidated our small-scale
	distributors programme, reaching 48,000 entrepreneurs."
	The website provides a case study of the impact on women:
	"The impact of economically empowering women has a magnifier effect on
	lifting families out of poverty. For example, in India, as a result of a partnership
	between the Maharashtra government and Hindustan Unilever, a woman
	entrepreneur was able to invest in a tomato processing plant, contracting
	supplies from 600 smallholder farmers. We trained the farmers in sustainable
	agricultural practices which contributed to high-quality tomatoes for our Kissan
	Ketchup brand. In our Shakti rural sales operation, earnings usually double
	household incomes. For many, these new earnings mean they can realise their
	ambition to provide a good education for their children."
	Unilever's website notes: "For smallholder farmers, our challenge is to develop
	an effective yet affordable methodology for impact assessment. In some pilot
	studies, evaluation costs more than the intervention it is assessing. Even then
	the evidence can be uncertain due to lack of baseline data. We will continue to
	work with partners such as Oxfam, Grameen and the Bill and Melinda Gates
14/a/a /: /:-	Foundation to refine our understanding of what is practical."
Web link	http://www.unilever.com/sustainable-
	living/betterlivelihoods/targets/index.aspx

2.10 Walmart

Organisation	Walmart, American multinational company
Partners	CARE, Vital Voices, CountMeIn, WBENC and WeConnect International and more
Programme/	Global Women's Economic Empowerment Initiative
Commitment	
title Description	This initiative is both a CSR activity and a core business function, which by the
Description	end of 2016 aims to:
	 "Source \$20 billion from women-owned businesses in the U.S. and double sourcing from women suppliers internationally.
	 Empower women on farms and factories: Help 60,000 women working in factories that supply products to Walmart and other retailers develop the skills they need to become more active decision-makers in their jobs and for their families.
	 Help 200,000 women internationally and another 200,000 in the US from low-income households gain job skills and access higher education.
	 Work with major professional service firms and merchandise suppliers with over \$1 billion in sales to increase women and minority representation on Walmart accounts.
	Support these programs with more than \$100 million in grants that drive progress against key goals."
	http://news.walmart.com/news-archive/2011/09/14/walmart-launches-global-womens-economic-empowerment-initiative Planned activities to meet these goals include: (Walmart, 2011, pp. 1-3) • Sourcing: build on the formal Supplier Diversity program (launched 1994) which covers minority and women owned businesses; design a new tool to set a baseline and track sourcing from women-owned businesses internationally; provide technical and financial support to help women-owned businesses succeed; partner with NGOs and international institutions to educate, train and certify 5,000 women-owned businesses.
	 Women on farms and factories: in the US partnering with universities, government and cooperatives to provide education and market access; in China, India and Latin America, work with NGOs to launch programs to help women farm workers participate more fully in the agriculture supply chain; Together with NGO partners, establish women's empowerment programs in 150 factories in India, Bangladesh, Central America, and China that are used by Walmart and other retailers in industries with high percentages of women. As a first step, the program will train 60,000 women in fundamental life skills, such as health and

communication, enabling women to become better advocates for themselves at home, at work and in their communities. From that pool, 8,000 high-potential women will be trained in leadership and management skills. Ultimately, the goal is for factories to operate self-sustaining training programs, and to build a permanent pipeline of female talent in each facility.

- <u>Training and education</u>: expand the existing programme in Washington D.C. to offer literacy, customer service and retail training to more than 200,000 women; scale up existing retail training programmes to help train and certify another 200,000 women in India, China, Brazil and other markets in Latin America.
- <u>Supplier gender diversity</u>: expand its successful legal diversity program to major professional service firms advertising, accounting and tech firms and merchandise suppliers with more than \$1 billion in sales.
- <u>Philanthropic giving</u>: against key goals. Funding from the Walmart
 Foundation and donations directly from Walmart's international
 businesses will make supporting women's economic empowerment one
 of the top priorities and will programs with more than \$100 million in
 grants

The company has also established country-specific commitments in markets where it operates. For example, over the next five years:

- "Walmart China is helping women farmers make their agricultural operations more sustainable and productive through its direct farm program.
- Walmart India is providing retail skills training and career development to women through its Bharti Walmart Training Center.
- Walmart Brazil is hiring women construction workers to help build its new stores and provide job opportunities for women in Sao Paulo.
- Walmart Global Sourcing is launching a program to improve the lives of women factory workers in Bangladesh, India and other key sourcing markets.
- Walmart in Central America is helping female suppliers grow their business through programs like Una Mano para Crecer (A Hand to Grow)."

http://news.walmart.com/news-archive/2011/09/14/walmart-launches-global-womens-economic-empowerment-initiative

	womens contine empowerment initiative
Country/region	Global
Sector	Retail
Year established	2011
Impact	There does not appear to have been any impact assessment yet, but there are
measurement	plans for an evaluation to be carried out by Northwestern University, DAI and

	Mission Measurement.
	http://www.northwestern.edu/newscenter/stories/2012/04/walmart-womens-
	empowerment.html
	There are some reports of progress on older activities: In 2010, Walmart spent
	more than \$10.5 billion with diverse suppliers, including a direct spend of more
	than \$8 billion. \$2.5 billion was spent with 1,880 women-owned businesses.
Web link	http://news.walmart.com/news-archive/2011/09/14/walmart-launches-global-
	womens-economic-empowerment-initiative
	http://az204679.vo.msecnd.net/media/documents/r_4958.pdf
	Walmart (2011). Global Women's Economic Empowerment Initiative Fact Sheet.
	http://az204679.vo.msecnd.net/media/documents/r_4958.pdf

2.11 Xerox

Organisation	Xerox, an American multinational
Partners	Not mentioned
Programme/ Commitment title	The Xerox Supplier Diversity Program
Description	"Xerox's supplier diversity mission is to proactively identify, build relationships with, and purchase goods and services from certified small businesses as well as enterprises owned by minorities, women, veterans, gays and lesbians, and disabled persons that can help Xerox achieve its corporate objectives." The programme's activities include: Objective Measurements – establishing and meeting company and departmental goals and objectives that support our overall diversity strategy.
	 Tracking and Reporting – monitoring and reporting our progress toward achieving our supplier diversity goals and objectives with a strong emphasis on continuous improvement.
	 Training and Education – helping to ensure that associates in decision- making positions throughout our organization understand Xerox's supplier diversity principles and commitment.
	 External Outreach Activities – seeking diverse suppliers through active involvement with small business and minority development organizations, and participation in various trade shows and procurement events.
	 Communications – educating employees, management, diverse suppliers, and the community-at-large on our supplier diversity program, policies, and achievements.
	 Second Tier Program – working with Xerox prime suppliers to achieve supplier diversity at multi-tiered levels within our value chain.
	Awards Program and Recognition – highlighting and rewarding the hard

	work and outstanding efforts of our employees and recommending suppliers for external awards
Country/region	US
Sector	Print
Year established	Not mentioned
Impact	Xerox states that it monitors and reports progress toward achieving our supplier
measurement	diversity goals and objectives, but it has not been possible to find any published
	reports.
Web link	http://www.xerox.com/about-xerox/citizenship/supplier-diversity/enus.html

Broader programmes with longer-term goals

3.1 Alcatel-Lucent

Organisation	Alcatel-Lucent, a French multinational company
Partners	World Education
Programme/	ConnectEd
Commitment title	
Description	This initiative is designed "to address factors limiting the work and life options of disadvantaged youth, with an emphasis on girls and women". The aim of the programme is "to help the most disadvantaged youth in these countries achieve better learning outcomes, have skills that will make them better prepared for the world of work, and, to be more active in their communities". The programme "uses a range of interventions to reach these goals, from scholarships, coaching, life skills and personal development courses, to school re-entry classes and non-formal education programs for out-of-school youth, job skills training, work placement, and 'youth civic voice' actions". The programme involves "the active participation of Alcatel-Lucent employees as essential co-implementers and resources in the program, utilizing their expertise in communications technology to help with activity implementation and serving as role-models, mentors and advisors to youth participants and teachers". It is intended to benefit at least 13,500 youth by 2014. http://www.worlded.org/WEIInternet/projects/ListProjects.cfm?dblProjDescID= 9401&Select=One
Country/region	Year 1: Australia, Brazil, Cambodia, China, France and India
Control	Year 2 and 3: Brazil, Australia, China, India, Indonesia
Sector	Mobile phone manufacturing
Year established	2011 (to continue until March 2014; and in Indonesia until March 2015)
Impact	World Education submitted an evaluation report in April 2013. It was not

measurement	possible to find a published report from this evaluation. Alcatel Lucent report
	this evaluation finds that "the program has better prepared 14,600* young
	people from marginalized communities for the world of work".
	http://www2.alcatel-lucent.com/foundation/connected.php
Web link	http://www.worlded.org/WEIInternet/projects/ListProjects.cfm?dblProjDescID=
	9401&Select=One
	http://www2.alcatel-lucent.com/foundation/connected.php

3.2 Geosansar

Organisation	Geosansar, an Indian social enterprise
Partners	Primark and New Look, UK clothing retailers
Programme/	Bank accounts for workers
Commitment title	
Description	Primark has been working with Geosansar to help workers in factories that
	supply Primark open bank accounts. Workers use their local Geosansar kiosks,
	which are part of the State Bank of India network, located near the factory or in
	their community. The programme also provides financial education, and workers have access to other products including health and life insurance,
	pensions, and money transfers.
Country/region	India
Sector	Consumer goods retailer
Year established	2010
	As of 2012, the system operates at 10 factories, but Primark and New Look
Impact measurement	expect the system to be operating at 100 factories by the end of 2012 and
measurement	factories working for other retailers including Tesco are expected to join the
	project. Geosansar expects to have 400 kiosks open in the next few years and
	reach as many as 20 million to 30 million low-paid workers in India.
	For many women, the Geosansar bank account allows them to be financially
	independent for the first time. Workers have reported spending less time
	traveling to the nearest access point and increased savings. Primark intends to
	collect metrics to demonstrate the program's impact.
Web link	Shorebank International (2012) Study on Deposit Mobilization for Readymade
	Garments Workers in Bangladesh. SouthAsia Enterprise Development Facility
	and Bangladesh Investment Climate Fund.
	http://www.ifc.org/wps/wcm/connect/972783804c084d0eac8ebc79803d5464/
	<u>Dep+Mob+-Final+Report.pdf?MOD=AJPERES</u>
	BSR (2011) Financial Inclusion in the Supply Chain.
	http://www.bsr.org/reports/BSR_Financial_Inclusion_in_the_Supply_Chain_fina
	<u>l.pdf</u>
	http://www.primark-
	ethicaltrading.co.uk/our work worldwide/c/bank accounts for workers

3.3 Goldman Sachs

Organisation	Goldman Sachs, an American multinational company
Partners	89 academic and non-profit partners:
	http://www.goldmansachs.com/citizenship/10000women/partners-and-
	support/index.html
Programme/	10,000 Women
Commitment title	
Description	This five-year CSR initiative aims to provide under-served female entrepreneurs
	around the world with a business and management education, access to mentors
	and networks and links to capital through a network of about 80 academic and
	non-profit institutions. Topics covered include marketing, accounting, writing
	business plans and accessing capital. It is intended to reach 10,000 women who
	run small and medium sized enterprises by 2013.
Country/region	43 countries in the Americas, Africa and Asia
Sector	Investment and banking
Year established	2008
Impact	In 2011 "ICRW conducted an evaluation of Goldman Sachs' 10,000 Women
measurement	initiative in India to identify early results of the program on women
	entrepreneurs' business skills, practices and growth." (ICRW, 2012, p. 1)
	The mixed methods evaluation "combined qualitative interviews of program
	graduates and women entrepreneurs not selected into the program, with
	program monitoring data and a scan of the environment for women's businesses" (p. 3). The performance monitoring system collected data on each participant and
	her business "before she starts the program, then six, 18 and 30 months later", with data validated through follow-up interviews (p. 1). Interviews were also
	conducted with non-participants (women who applied but were not admitted to the programme (p. 2).
	Initial findings of the evaluation of the India activities include (p. 1):
	"There is strong evidence that the program has contributed to improving
	women's business practices and skills.
	 For many graduates, these newfound skills seem to have played a critical
	role in strengthening their businesses' performance.
	Further, enhanced confidence as entrepreneurs among many graduates
	has supported other positive social outcomes within their families and communities".
Web links and	http://www.goldmansachs.com/citizenship/10000women
sources	ICRW (2012). Catalyzing growth in the women-run small and medium enterprises
	sector (SMEs): Evaluating the Goldman Sachs 10,000 women Initiative.
	International Center for Research on Women.
	http://www.goldmansachs.com/citizenship/10000women/news-and-
	events/international-womens-day/doc-icrw-10000-women-report.pdf

3.4 GSMA mWomen Programme

Organisation	GSMA mWomen (initiative of the GSMA, an association of mobile telephone operators and related companies)
Partners	VISA (multinational finance company), USAID, AUSAID
Programme/ Commitment title	GSMA mWomen Programme Global Development Alliance
Description	To reduce the mobile phone gender gap by 50 per cent by 2014 by enabling an additional 150 million underserved women in developing countries to own and effectively use mobile phones and thereby increase women's access to vital information, networks and services. Key activities include: technical assistance grants to mobile operators; a grant mechanism for NGOs to work with mobile operators and design activities that address the barriers to mobile uptake among women; research into women's wants and needs, such as within mobile financial services; pilot activities for bringing women into the retail stream of the mobile value chain; and focused attention on the mobile user experience of women living on less than \$2/day, to maximize life-enhancing benefits from mobile phone use. Anticipated outcomes include greater women's empowerment, leadership, education, employment and entrepreneurship.
Country/region	Low- to middle-income countries, with a focus on South Asia, the Middle East, Sub-Saharan Africa and the Pacific.
Sector	Telecommunications
Year established	2010
Impact measurement	An impact pathway study has been carried out by PricewaterhouseCoopers to establish the theory of change for the programme (http://www.gsma.com/mobilefordevelopment/mobile-and-women-impact-pathway). The programme was launched in 2010 and its timeframe for operation is 2011-2014. GSMA mWomen has carried out market research on the adoption of mobile financial services and the mobile phone gender gap but evaluations of the impacts of the programme could not be found online.
Web link	http://www.ausaid.gov.au/Publications/Documents/gsma-mwomen.pdf http://www.gsma.com/mobilefordevelopment/programmes/mwomen/overview

3.5 IKEA

Organisation	IKEA, a Swedish multinational company
Partners	UNDP
Programme/	Swaayam (Sanskrit for 'self reliance')
Commitment title	
Description	The programme was initially piloted in 500 villages in northern Indian state of
	Uttar Pradesh, successfully reaching approximately 50,000 women to strengthen
	their abilities to become catalysts of change. In 2012 "the IKEA Foundation
	pledged €30 million for a programme to empower 2.2 million poor rural women

	in India. The money will allow United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) to reach 2.2 million women and their families in approximately 20,000 villages in some of India's poorest districts". Activities include participation in a range of businesses and training on financial literacy and business management. http://www.ikea.com/gb/en/about_ikea/newsitem/ikea_foundation_gives_30_million Other activities will include providing access to micro-credit. http://www.ikea.com/ms/en_US/about_ikea/our_responsibility/ikea_social_init_iative/women_empowerment_in_india.html
Country/region	India (Uttar Pradesh)
Sector	Consumer good retailer
Year established	2009
Impact measurement	 Ikea reports that the initial pilot (2009-12) was a success. Results include: Helping "35,000 women participate in a diverse array of businesses from dairies to craft production".
	 Providing "training on financial literacy and business management creating over 12,000 financially literate women and 4,000 entrepreneurs".
	http://www.ikea.com/gb/en/about_ikea/newsitem/ikea_foundation_gives_30_million No further information was found on how the impact of the programme's activities will be assessed.
Web link	http://www.ikea.com/ms/en_US/about_ikea/our_responsibility/ikea_social_init iative/women_empowerment_in_india.html http://www.ikea.com/gb/en/about_ikea/newsitem/ikea_foundation_gives_30_ million

3.6 Mondelēz International

Organisation	Mondelēz International (previously Kraft Foods), an American multinational
	company
Partners	CARE International
Programme/	Cocoa Life, previously Cadbury Cocoa Partnership
Commitment title	
Description	Cocoa Life Program is a \$100 million commitment by Mondelēz International to benefit 75,000 people in cocoa farming communities by 2022. As a core business function, it is intended to increase help farmers boost their cocoa-growing productivity and improve the livelihoods of community members. Cocoa Life will benefit women by getting them more involved in farmer training, farming coops and community life, while providing them access to more diversified
	livelihoods to complement farming.
Country/region	The pilot programme is being run in Ivory Coast. Dominican Republic, India and
	Ghana are also mentioned.
Sector	Confectionery, food and beverage
Year established	2013

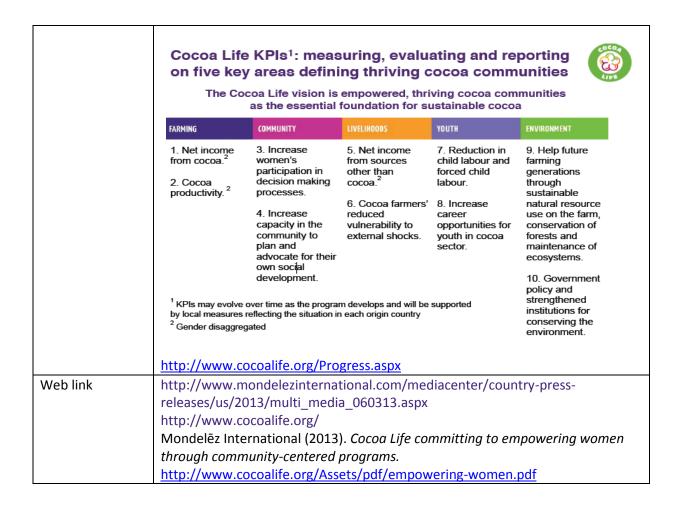
Impact measurement

Mondelez International made the following commitments in May 2013:

- We commit to a process of Data Gathering Reporting and Verification.
 The KPIs and approach for this system will be published by July 2013, with the first report due in 1st April 2014.
- By 2018, we will publish action plans for Cocoa Life's top origin countries
- The Cocoa Life Community focus area will have a specific measure addressing women's empowerment an increase in community-level women's participation in decision making processes.
- KPIs addressing other areas will be split by gender, as appropriate and feasible. So, for example, farming indicators will seek to measure incomes and productivity by men and women.
- The framework developed in Ghana will be used as base to develop appropriate gender-led frameworks in other origin countries.
- We will embed gender activity in Cocoa Life programs in all origins and report on progress through our reporting and verification process.
- We will publish an action plan, as well as verified, gender-specific baseline data from our new Cote d'Ivoire program during the first half of 2014.
- As part of our learning process we commit to continue sharing gender learnings from our Cocoa Life program with farmers, governments, industry (chocolate companies, cocoa processors, traders) and civil society experts, and to advocate for collaborative action to address women's empowerment.
- We commit to lead sector-wide change by driving the adoption of women's empowerment and other community development best practices from Cocoa Life.

(Mondelēz International, 2013, p. 8)

The Key Performance Indicators published in July 2013 include one focused on women, and others are required to be gender disaggregated:



3.7 Standard Chartered

Standard Chartered, a British multinational company
The Naz Foundation, Youth Empowerment Foundation, Right to Play and
EduSport Foundation
The Goal
This CSR programme was initially a Clinton Global Initiative commitment,
intended to provide financial literacy training to at least 5,000 women across
Asia by 2011, and has now reached over 7,000 women. It offered basic
educational modules and practical exercises that are particularly relevant to
women who are starting and growing SMEs, including, for example, guidelines
on business planning, leadership skills and growth. It was then expanded to
become the Goal, a community programme aimed at empowering adolescent
girls from deprived areas with the skills they need to make informed life
choices. The programme aims to reach 100,000 girls by 2013.
China, India, Jordan, Nigeria and Zambia
Banking and financial services
2006
In 2011, the Population Council conducted an independent impact
assessment of the Goal programme in India which took 18 months to complete.
It was not possible to find a published report, but the Standard Chartered has

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	posted a brief summary on its website. Standard Chartered report that the evaluation shows "that the programme is delivering tangible outcomes related to health, financial literacy and empowerment e.g. decision-making autonomy" http://reports.standardchartered.com/sr2011/leadingthewayincommunities/communityinvestment/goalprogramme.html?cat=b Findings highlighted by Standard Chartered are: Prior to starting the Goal programme : Prior to starting the Goal programme : Prior to starting the Goal programme : Prior to starting the Goal programme : Prior to starting the Goal programme : Prior to starting the Goal programme : Prior to starting the Goal programme : Prior to starting the Goal programme : Prior to starting the Goal programme :
	 just over half of girls could count money correctly
	 less than a quarter believed that a woman can get pregnant from having sex on one occasion only.
	 After the Goal programme: the number of girls who could count money correctly increased by 22 percentage points
	 the number of girls who owned a bank or post office account increased from 14% to 37%
	 the number aware of at least two products or services available from a bank increased from 23% to 69%
	 the number of girls who knew that a woman can get pregnant from having sex on one occasion increased from 25% to 39%
	 the number of girls holding common misconceptions about HIV and AIDS declined considerably."
	http://reports.standardchartered.com/sr2011/measuringgoal.html?cat=b
Web link	http://www.standardchartered.com/en/sustainability/case-studies/improving-financial-literacy.html
	http://www.standardchartered.com/en/sustainability/initiatives/Goal.html

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