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## Learning Objectives

Course Structure	Learning Objectives			
Module 1 ESG Fundamentals Session 3 ESG Management: Social				
1. Social Factors in Business Operation	The learner will be able to <b>Explain</b> the key social issues in business, the impact of business operations on			
	stakeholders, and the importance of managing social issues within the organization.			
2. Social Issue Management	<ul> <li>Apply approaches to respond to stakeholders' needs and expectations, and manage social issues within the organization as well as develop policies and appropriate measures in areas such as: <ul> <li>Human rights and Human rights due diligence</li> <li>Health and safety</li> <li>Labor standards</li> <li>Product liability</li> <li>Privacy and data security</li> </ul> </li> </ul>			
3. Social - Case Studies	<b>Explain</b> lessons from various case studies, such as the key factors leading to success or failure in managing social issues and apply them to one's own organization.			





### Instructor

# M1S3

Module 1 ESG Fundamentals Session 3 ESG Management: Social (Part 1 & Part 2)

#### Instructor Boonwara Sumano, Ph.D.





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# Overview

#### Social = People = Stakeholders



Key reason why businesses have to consider social impact in their operation: **Stakeholders' expectation** 



How can we know what stakeholders expect us to do? It is easy and should be common sense. It would be similar to what you expect others to treat you





# How Businesses Benefit from Managing Stakeholder Expectations(1/3)

	Negative Aspects	Positive Aspects
Reputation and Brand Image	Boycott Case: Boohoo Group Plc. Wage Payments: Below minimum wage and other ethical issues <sup>1</sup>	<b>Brand Loyalty and Consumer Trust</b> <b>Case:</b> Patagonia Most trusted brands in the United States <sup>2</sup>

Source 1: https://www.ethicalconsumer.org/company-profile/boohoo-group-plc Source 2: https://www.cnbc.com/2023/05/31/companies-with-best-us-reputations-patagonia-costco-john-deere.html





# How Businesses Benefit from Managing Stakeholder Expectations(2/3)

#### Negative Aspects

Complaint (Internal & External) and Lawsuit

#### **Positive Aspects**

Recognition (Awards and Reputation)

Compliance with Laws and Regulations **Case:** Donoghue vs Stevenson (1932) **Case:** Bangchak Corporation Plc.

Awarded the 2023 outstanding human rights model organization of the year by the Ministry of Justice <sup>1</sup>

Source: 1 https://www.bangchak.co.th/storage/document/sustainability/2021/human-eights-due-diligence-en.pdf





# How Businesses Benefit from Managing Stakeholder Expectations(3/3)

#### Negative Aspects

The Emergence of a 'Race to the Bottom'

#### **Positive Aspects**

Innovative with the Competitive Edge

Innovation and Market Opportunities fostered by social challenges

If there is an inappropriate working environment, such as in the case of illegal, unreported, and unregulated (IUU) fishing

#### Case: BSCM FOODS CO., LTD.

Developed high-quality Jasmine rice and distributed it to farmer groups who are suppliers, resulting in a 24% increase in yield and an 18% reduction in costs







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## Stakeholders in the Business Value Chain

Raw Material Management	Production	Storage and Distribution of Goods	Marketing and Sales	Customer Service
<ul> <li>Obtaining permits</li> <li>Storing raw materials</li> <li>Processing raw materials</li> <li>Transporting products to the company</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Product manufacturing</li> <li>Product and service design</li> <li>Quality assurance</li> <li>Product assembly and packaging</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Data management and storage</li> <li>Warehouse management</li> <li>Goods transportation</li> <li>Product distribution</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Product information communication</li> <li>Advertising and public relations</li> <li>Marketing promotion programs</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Product warranty</li> <li>After-sales customer service</li> </ul>
		Business Stakeholders		
<ul> <li>Employees</li> <li>Suppliers/Business Partners</li> <li>Regulatory Agencies</li> <li>NGOs</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Employees</li> <li>Local Communities</li> <li>Society at Large</li> <li>Civil Society</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Employees</li> <li>Business Partners</li> <li>External Service Providers</li> <li>Investors</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Employees</li> <li>Society at Large</li> <li>Investors/Shareholders</li> <li>Creditors</li> <li>Competitors</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Employees</li> <li>Customers/Consumers</li> <li>Society at Large</li> <li>Investors/Shareholders</li> <li>Media</li> </ul>





#### **Examples of Stakeholder Expectations**

Stakeholder	Expectation
Supplier	<ol> <li>Fair Contracts Based on Equality</li> <li>Premium Pricing According to Performance</li> <li>Support for Production Factors</li> <li>Long-Term Relationships that Foster Mutual Benefit</li> </ol>
Employee	<ol> <li>Equal Employment Opportunities and Fair Hiring Practices</li> <li>Equitable Compensation and Benefits</li> <li>Objective Performance Evaluations</li> <li>Fair Rewards and Promotions</li> <li>Effective Communication with Supervisors and Colleagues</li> <li>Fair, Efficient, and Transparent Grievance Mechanisms</li> </ol>



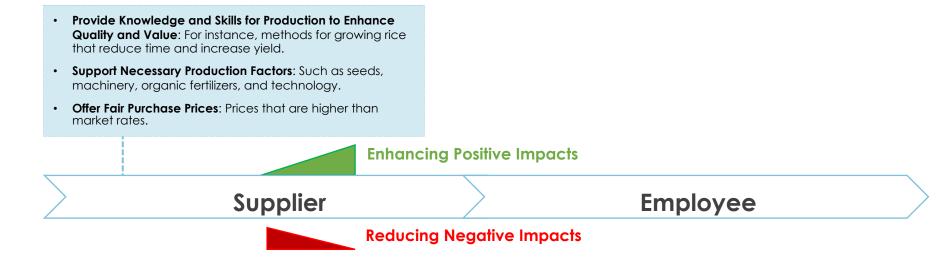








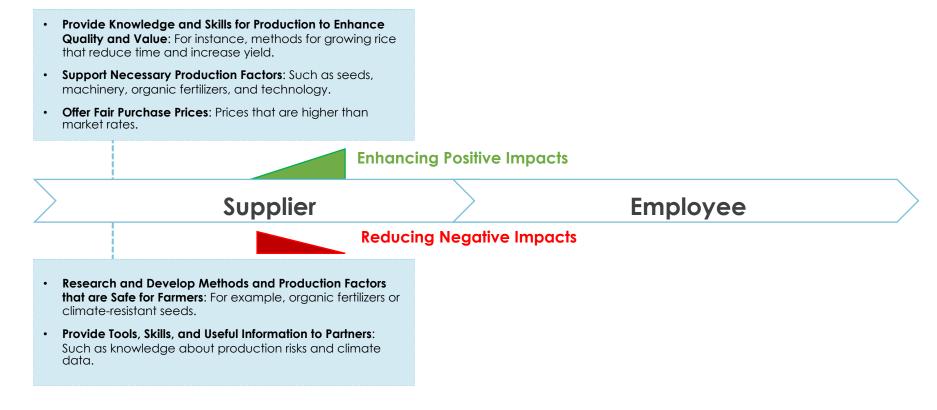
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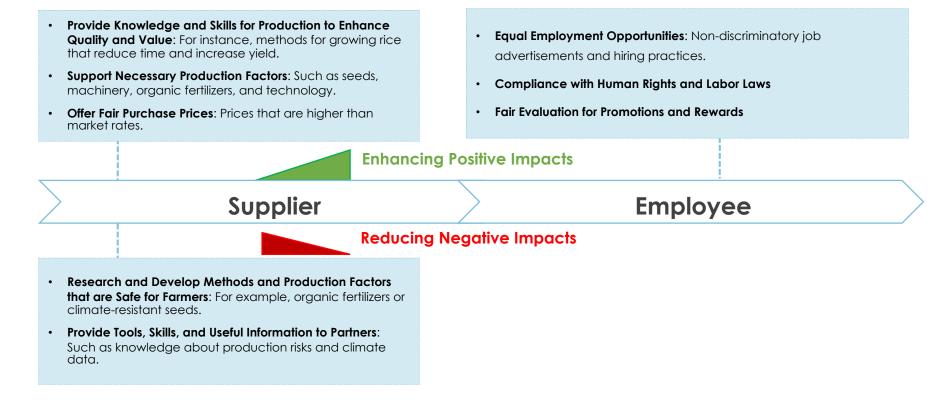
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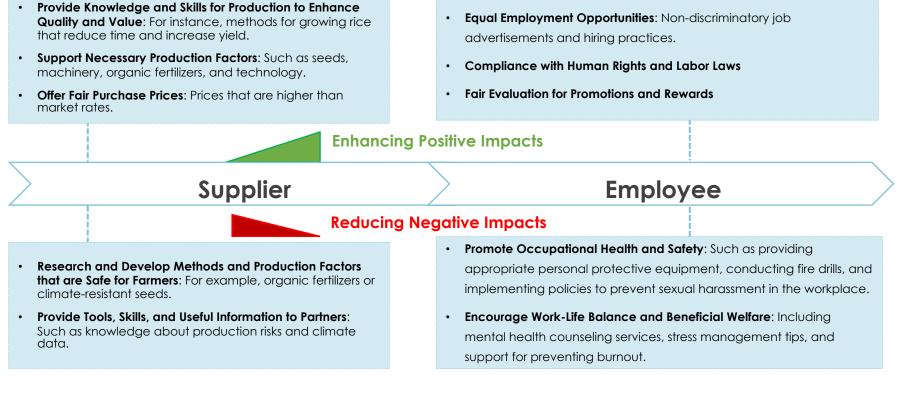






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## Key Takeaways

- 1. Social Factors Related to Stakeholder Expectations in Business Activities: Awareness and alignment with stakeholder expectations typically rely on common sense and mutual respect.
- 2. Managing Stakeholder Expectations: This can impact a business's brand perception, rewards, and innovation.
- **3. Examples of Stakeholder Groups**: Suppliers, employees, consumers, shareholders, regulatory agencies, and civil society organizations (CSOs).
- 4. Strategies for Managing Social Impact: This can be achieved by reducing negative impacts (e.g., promoting health and safety in the workplace) and enhancing positive impacts (e.g., providing essential production factors).





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# **Social Issue Management**

Social Issues to Consider:

These are basic considerations (minimum consideration) that serve as a starting point but should not be used to limit the scope of analysis.



- Each issue is **interconnected**. For example, health and safety is part of labor standards, while the right to privacy is a fundamental human right.
- Some issues, such as human rights and data security, apply to all stakeholder groups.
- Certain issues may target **specific groups**. For instance, labor standards primarily focus on employees and suppliers.
- If a business effectively manages these social issues, it can earn acceptance from society and the community, granting it a Social License to Operate (SLO).





### **Human Rights**



HUMAN RIGHTS means

Human Dignity, Rights, and Fundamental Freedoms: These are inherent from birth, along with the right to **equality**, ensuring freedom from discrimination based on race, religion, gender, skin color, language, ethnicity, or any other status.

- These rights are guaranteed and protected by the highest law, including the Constitution and the UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights (UNGPs).
- The UNGPs outline 31 principles, grouped into three categories:
  - Protect: The state must regulate the private sector through laws and standards.
  - Respect: Businesses must implement Human Rights Due Diligence (HRDD) to manage human rights risks.
  - Remedy: Victims must have access to effective remediation processes.

Every stage of business operations can potentially impact human rights, both within and outside the organization.

Therefore, organizations must implement a Human Rights Due Diligence (HRDD) process, which is designed to identify, prevent, and mitigate human rights impacts arising from their operations





#### Example of Human Rights Due Diligence

#### The focus of HRDD is on risks to the affected stakeholder, not the business!

Policy Commitment	Human Rights Impact Self Assessment	Access to Remedy	Performance Tracking	Reporting & Disclosure
<ul> <li>Develop a Corporate Responsibility Policy on respecting human rights to provide a framework for the board of directors, management, and employees.</li> <li>Announce the policy publicly.</li> <li>Communicate the policy to stakeholders.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Identify human rights risks relevant to each stakeholder group.</li> <li>Assess the impacts at every stage of business operations, ensuring consultation with stakeholders.</li> <li>Review existing measures to mitigate impacts.</li> <li>Record and store data systematically.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Review safe whistleblowing channels to ensure the protection of informants.</li> <li>Establish Remediation Mechanisms for addressing negative impacts.</li> <li>Engage stakeholders in a participatory process when remediation is needed.</li> <li>Record and store data systematically.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Analyze the assessment results.</li> <li>Monitor and compare impacts to inform actions for the following year.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Report to management for the implementation of preventive and remedial actions when negative human rights impacts occur</li> <li>Disclose Information to stakeholders.</li> </ul>
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### **Health and Safety**

Health and safety includes physical and mental health and safety

#### Occupational Safety, Health, and Working Environment Act B.E. 2554 (2011)

- "Occupational Safety, Health, and Working Environment" refers to actions or conditions in the workplace that are free from hazards that could endanger life, physical well-being, mental health, or overall health due to work or related activities.
- Section 6 requires employers to ensure that workplaces and employees have safe and hygienic working conditions and environments. Employers must also promote and support employees' safe work practices to prevent harm to their life, body, mental health, and overall well-being. Employees are required to cooperate with employers in implementing and promoting safety, health, and working environment practices to ensure safety for both employees and the workplace.
- Businesses can apply these principles to their partners (to ensure partners apply them to their own employees) and communities (to ensure safety and mitigate adverse effects from business operations).





### Health and Safety

#### **Examples of Workplace Safety Measures**

- 1. Emergency Preparedness and Response Protocols: Such as fire prevention measures and protocols for preventing sexual harassment in the workplace.
- 2. Trained Safety Officers and Safety Committees: Personnel who receive regular training on safety knowledge and skills.
- 3. Promotion of Physical and Mental Health: Including benefits for sports activities and access to counseling services.
- 4. Improved Working Environment: Ensuring a safe workspace with adequate lighting, clean water, air filtration, ventilation systems, and a well-equipped first aid kit.
- 5. Cultivation of a Safety Culture: Such as regular fire drills and safety practices within the organization.
- 6. Safety Risk Assessments: Including the maintenance and regular checking of emergency equipment, such as fire protection tools and defibrillators.
- 7. Data Collection and Analysis: Tracking, investigating, and analyzing the causes of accidents or risks to prevent recurrence.





### **Labor Standards**

#### Labor-Related Laws

- 1. Labor Protection Act
- 2. Employment Contract Law
- 3. Social Security Law
- 4. Compensation Fund Act
- 5. Occupational Safety, Health, and Working Environment Act
- 6. Skill Development Promotion Act
- 7. Quality of Life Improvement Act
- 8. Labor Relations Act

#### Thai Labor Standards (MRT 8001) Cover

- 1. Forced Labor and Human Trafficking
- 2. Work Compensation
- 3. Working Hours and Breaks
- 4. Holidays and Leave
- 5. Discrimination
- 6. Discipline and Punishment
- 7. Sexual Harassment and Violence
- 8. Child Labor
- 9. Labor Rights for Women
- 10. Freedom of Association and Collective Bargaining
- Occupational Health, Safety, and Working Environment
- 12. Labor Welfare

Source : https://www.labour.go.th/index.php/component/seoglossary/1-dictionary/labour-standard





### **Labor Standards**

#### **Examples of Labor Practices**

- Non-Discrimination and Equal Employment Opportunities: For instance, job advertisements should not specify age, gender, religion, or marital status.
- Fair Compensation and Benefits: This includes overtime pay, timely wage payments without burdening employees, and training/development to match employees' skills with job requirements.
- Fair Evaluation and Reward Systems: Ensuring performance evaluations and rewards are equitable and influence career advancement opportunities.
- Support for Occupational Health and Safety: This includes safety measures both on and off-site, such as transportation and employee housing.
- Work-Life Balance: Promoting a balance between work and personal life.

#### Benefits for Organizations from Implementing Good Labor Practices

- Enhanced Employee Skills and Motivation: Leading to increased productivity and contributing to business growth.
- **Reduced Turnover Rates:** Lowering the costs associated with recruiting new employees and saving time on training.
- Decreased Sick Leave: Ensuring smoother business operations without interruptions.
- Attraction of Talented Individuals: Helping to attract and retain potential employees, which supports ongoing organizational development.





### **Product Liability**

Liability for Damages Caused by Products: Under the Product Liability Act B.E. 2551 (2008)







### **Product Liability**

Under the Product Liability Act, all operators must share responsibility for damages caused by unsafe products.

#### **Examples of Unsafe Products**

- Products unsafe due to manufacturing issues, such as contamination in packaged food or beverages (Donohue vs Stevenson 1932).
- 2. Products unsafe due to design flaws, such as vehicles produced with untested new technology.
- 3. Products unsafe due to lack of proper usage instructions, storage guidelines, warnings, or information, such as incomplete ingredient lists.





### **Privacy and Data Security**

- Privacy refers to the user's control over personal data (choosing who can access or disclose it).
- **Personal Data** means any information that can identify the user, such as name, birthdate, phone number.
- **Privacy Measures** are systems to manage sensitive data, allowing data owners to control access to their information.
- Security refers to the protection of user data.
- Security Measures involve designing tools and processes to prevent unauthorized access to data.
- Social impact data collection involves people-related data, which must be protected and disclosed appropriately.





### **Privacy and Data Security**

#### **Examples of Practices Related to Personal Data Protection:**

- Implement a secure and systematic data storage system with multi-level security layers.
- Appoint a Data Protection Officer (DPO) and form a supporting team with representatives from related departments. Their responsibilities include:
  - $\checkmark$  Providing advice and guidance on personal data protection
  - Monitoring compliance with personal data handling procedures
  - Coordinating with the Office of the Personal Data Protection Committee (PDPC) and personal data owners
- Conduct regular training for employees to raise awareness of data protection laws and their responsibilities





# Key Takeaways

- 1. Social issues to consider include human rights, safety and occupational health, labor standards, product liability, privacy, and data security.
- 2. Every business operation can impact human rights, both internally and externally, requiring a Human Rights Due Diligence (HRDD) process that focuses on stakeholder impact, not just the organization.
- 3. Safety and occupational health must account for both physical and mental aspects, extending beyond the workplace.
- 4. Having good practices toward employees can help an organization grow by increasing productivity, reducing turnover, and attracting talented individuals.
- 5. Product liability extends from product and service development to post-sale market research.
- 6. Personal data protection involves various stakeholders, including job applicants, interns, suppliers, partners, and shareholders.
- 7. All social impact data involving individuals must be protected and disclosed appropriately.





### Instructor

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Module 1 ESG Fundamentals Session 3 ESG Management: Social (Part 3)

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# Case Study: Asian Alliance International Alliance

# **CHEERS!**

"Sustainability through Responsibility"

Responsibility for



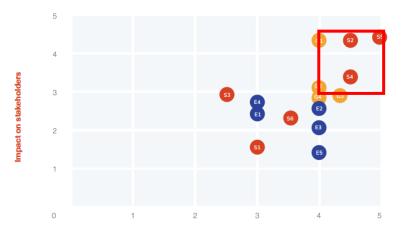






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- Social (6 issues)
- S1: Corporate Social Responsibility
- S2: Quality and Food Safety
- S3: Data Security and Privacy
- S4: Responsible Marketing and Product Labeling
- S5: Human Rights and Labor Practices
- S6: Human Resources Management

#### Governance (4 issues)

- G1: Corporate Governance and Business Ethics
- · G2: Risk and Crisis Management
- G3: Product Research and Development
- · G4: Supply Chain Management



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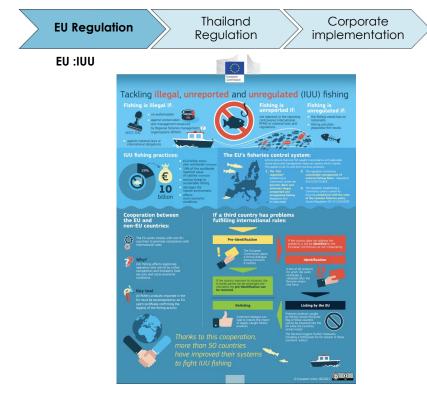
- Social Human Rights
- Health and Safety
- Labour Standard
- Product Liability
- Privacy and Data Security
- License to Operate





# Case Study: Asian Alliance International 🙏

#### Adapting Social Dimensions of Business Operations to Align with Changes in International Regulations





#### THAILAND: Thai Fisheries Laws and regulations

#### Thailand's Success in Combating IUU Fishing

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#### In just over 3 years (2015-2018) Thailand has built a new future for its fisheries and seafood industry through a national root and branch reform programme.

- Thai fisheries and seafood products are now safer, more legal, sustainable, environmentally and socially friendly and IUU-Free.
- Our products can be traced through a new enhanced e-traceability system we trace from sea to plate.



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#### I. New Fisheries and Marine Laws

- The new Thai Fisheries Laws and regulations can be seen as some of the most robust fishery's laws in the world.
- IUU fishing is recognized as an international crime.
- Punitively high penalty fees of up to THB 30 million (€780,000) or five times the value of the catch obtained, can be applied.

II. Strategic Policy Framework

- III. Overhauled Fisheries Management System
- IV. Robust Monitoring, Control and Surveillance (MCS) System
- V. More Rigorous Law Enforcement & Deterrent Sanctions
- VI. New Enhanced Traceability System
- VII. Preventing Labour Exploitation
- VIII. Proactive International Cooperation





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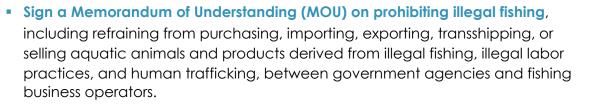
EU Regulation

Thailand Regulation

#### Corporate implementation



https://asianalliance.co.th/sustainable-development/rights-of-human/



- Develop labor guidelines for ASIAN Group companies and improving laborrelated processes, including planning to align labor practices with the assessments conducted under the SMETA (SEDEX Members Ethical Trade Audit) standards.
- Implement a supplier audit process to ensure no involvement with slave labor or illegal fishing.
- Relocate production processes that previously involved external contractors or intermediaries back to in-house operations.
- Establishing standardized traceability processes.
- Developing information systems to support the necessary process adjustments.



# Case Study: Bangchak Øbangchak

Principles of international human rights organizations adopted by Bangchak in its human rights policy, which must be followed by the board, executives, and employees at all levels

- UNGC: United Nations Global Compact
- UDHR: Universal Declaration of Human Rights
- UNGP: United Nations Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights
- WEPs: Women's Empowerment Principles

Bangchak recognizes the importance of human rights management in systematic business operation. The Company conducts its businesses by adhering to the rights of all stakeholders including LGBTQ+ group and accepts differences of opinion as well as social equality such as religion, skin color, and ethnicity. To build confidence in doing business with respect to human rights, Bangchak's human rights policy has been established in accordance to the UN Global Compact, Universal Declaration of Human Right (UDHR), United Nation Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights (UNGP), and Women's Empowerment Principles (WEPs). The Company set a framework on this by setting guidelines for the Board of Directors, management executives and employees at all levels, for the compliance of everyone.

The implementation of the Women Empowerment Principles (WEPs) is a guideline for gender equality under the concept "Diversified energy sources create energy security. Just as diversity and equality strengthens organizations. At Bangchak Group we recognize the importance of gender equality and create a workplace where everyone is truly engaged" and promote this issue, and the company has signed a contract accepting the principles of WEPs.





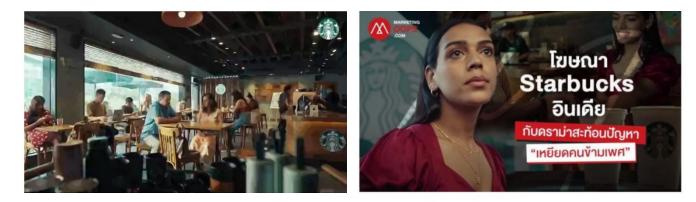
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#### Case Study: Tata Starbucks



โฆษณาStarbucks เพื่อขับเคลื่อนสังคมให้ก้าวข้ามความคิด "เหยียดคนข้ามเพศ" ผ่าน แคมเปญ #ItStartsWithYourName

The increasing popularity of coffee consumption, combined with the campaign's emphasis on diversity and its messaging that acceptance from family is crucial for transgender individuals, has sparked discussions about overcoming gender discrimination. This has led to Starbucks being mentioned frequently online. Aligning with the middle-class coffee consumption trend in India, Starbucks has planned to expand its presence to 1,000 stores within 4 years, up from approximately 390 stores across 54 cities in 2023.





# Key Takeaways

- 1. For businesses to compete and grow sustainably, they must understand their value chain and the expectations of stakeholders in each group. This understanding enables them to respond promptly and comprehensively to stakeholder expectations and changes.
- 2. Changing social contexts, including shifts in lifestyles and values, lead to changes in social dimensions. Therefore, organizations must prioritize and consider relevant issues when updating their operational plans to align with business goals. The selection of key issues to address depends on the context and culture of each organization.
- 3. Employees are a crucial stakeholder group and should not be overlooked. To attract and retain talented individuals and new generations, organizations must focus on sustainability as a core element of their business operations.





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