BSR’s Social Investment Analysis Tool

Strategic social investment is a critical aspect of building sustainable local economies in communities where companies operate. To make the greatest impact, companies should invest in programs that are determined through participatory local engagement and focus on long-term capacity building.

Building on our field- and corporate-level expertise in community development, we created this tool to help companies prioritize their social/community investment opportunities. Using a materiality analysis approach, companies can use the tool to identify the issues that are most important to their stakeholders as well as to their own business success.

Our Tool Will Help You

» Evaluate social investments using a consistent framework.

» Define criteria to assess social investment opportunities such as levels of risk, anticipated impact, and number of people affected.

» Prioritize and rank social investments based on materiality analysis results.

Sample Materiality Analysis

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<th>Importance to Stakeholders</th>
<th>Influence on Business Success</th>
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Business Benefits

Strategic social investments can help your company:

» **Allocate resources** for greatest impact.

» **Increase the long-term sustainability** of your investments.

» **Develop productive and mutually beneficial relationships** with local stakeholders.

» **Mitigate operational disruptions** by strengthening your social license to operate.

Sample Companies

Anglo Gold Ashanti Limited
Freeport-McMoRan Inc.
Goldcorp, Inc.
Komatsu Ltd.
New Gold Inc.
Nyrstar NV
Royal Dutch Shell
Teck Resources Limited

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50 million

U.S. dollars: the median total giving amount made by energy companies in 2010

(Source: “Giving in Numbers,” CECP, 2010)