

## The Power of Network Leadership to Social Change



**Cultivating a Network Leader Mindset** 



Jane Wei-Skillern
Adjunct Associate
Professor,
Hass School of Business,
University of California,
Berkeley

10:15-11:15 a.m.



What is the primary obstacle that prevents your organization from achieving greater mission impact?



Less of This

More of That

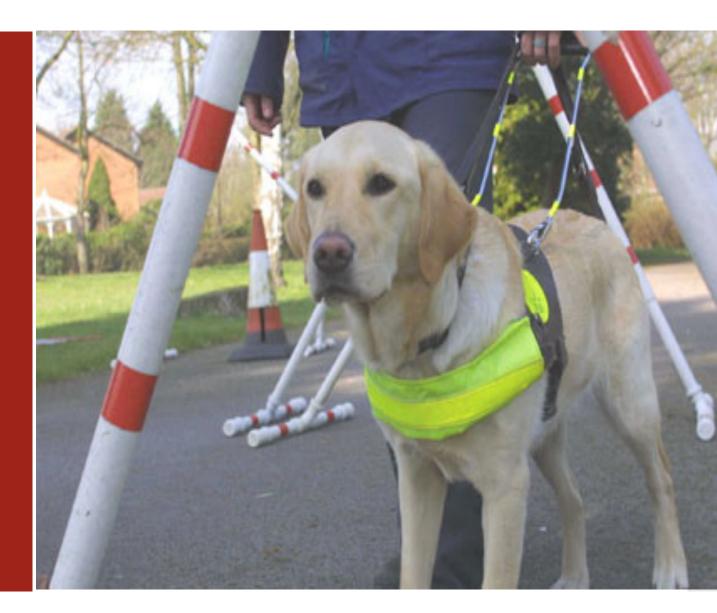




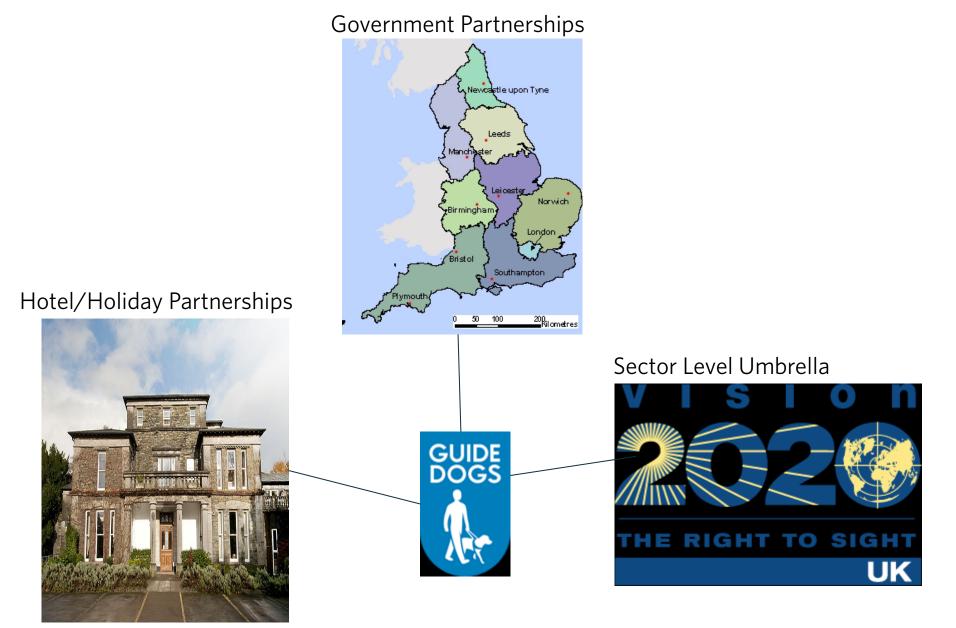














"It was less important which organization was providing services, or in turn which organization got credit or recognition for doing so...as long as services were being provided to the visually impaired at a high quality on a sustainable basis."

Geraldine Peacock, GDBA CEO 1997-2004



#### Like finding a needle in a haystack...











StanfordSOCIAL INNOVATIONReview

#SSIRInstitute

#### **HFHE Mission**

To eliminate poverty housing in Egypt

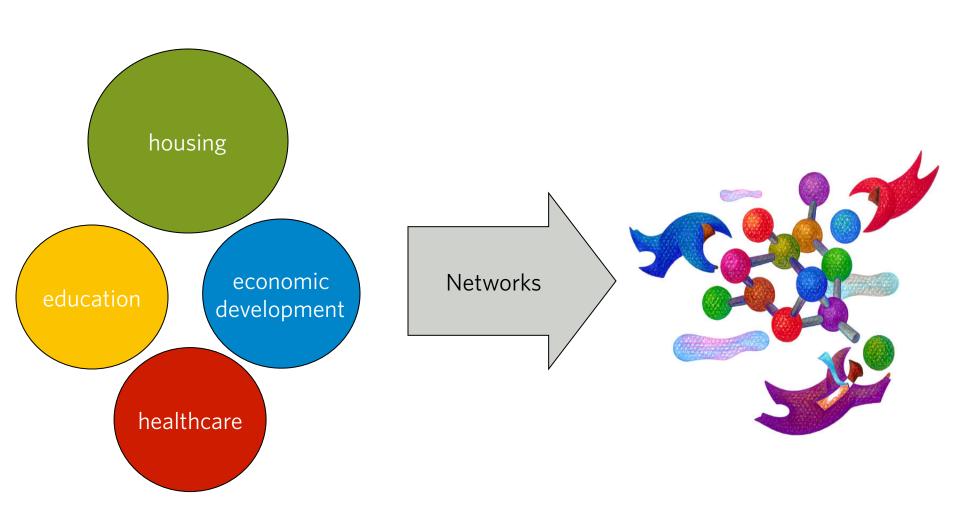
#### HFHE Challenges

- Tremendous need
- Limited resources
- Low brand recognition
- Competition

Universal Dilemma: Lofty mission, severely limited resources relative to scale of mission

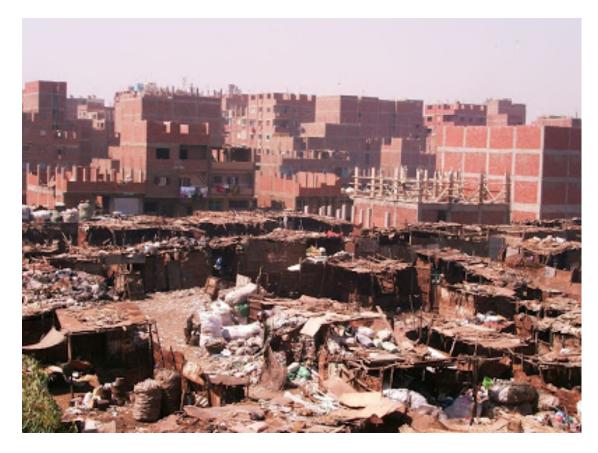


#### Organization Strategy vs. Network Strategy





## HFH Egypt: Unprecedented Impact



Efficiency Effectiveness Sustainability

SESSION
Cultivating a
Network Leader
Mindset



**#SSIRInstitute** 

#### Vastly different but essentially the same





## Four Network Principles

1. Mission not organization

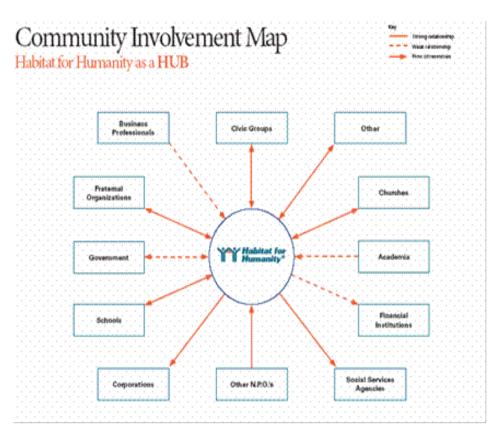
2. Trust not control

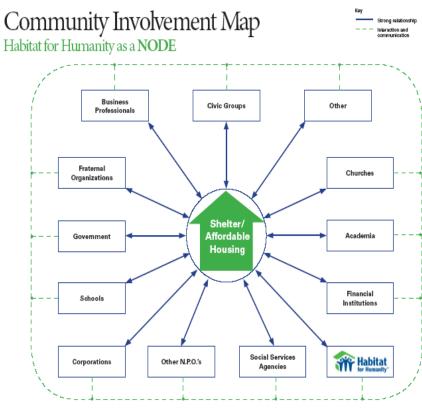
3. Humility not brand

4. Node not hub



#### Mindset Shift from Hub to Node





Static Role as Organization

Dynamic Role as Network



#### SESSION Cultivating a Network Leader

Mindset

## Stanford SOCIAL INNOVATION Review

#### Four Network Leadership Principles

- **1. Mission <u>not</u>** *Organization*: The network mindset is about advancing the mission even before advancing the organization. Leaders adopt strategies and tactics to achieve the mission, not necessarily to stimulate organizational growth.
- **2. Trust <u>not</u> Control.** In the network mindset, trust and shared values are far more important than formal control mechanisms such as contracts or accountability systems.
- **3. Humility** <u>not</u> *Brand*. Conventional wisdom has organizations promoting their program models, building their brands and striving to be the leaders in their field. In the network mindset, organizations work alongside their peers as equals and willingly take a backseat when their partners are in a better position to lead.
- **4. Node <u>not</u>** *Hub.* Those who embrace the network mindset see their organizations as one part of a larger web of activity directed toward a cause, not as the hub of the action.

"The leader is best when people barely know he exists. When the work is done, people will say they did it themselves"

SESSION
Cultivating a
Network Leader

Mindset

---Lao Tse



# How can network leadership help you to achieve your goals?







Jane Wei-Skillern
Adjunct Associate Professor,
Hass School of Business,
University of California,
Berkeley

SESSION
Cultivating a
Network Leader
Mindset



#### Question & Answer

