

Social marketing: A proven tool for improving the human condition

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Can Marketing Be a Source for Good?

Three types of answers:

- 1. "Certainly not. This is the cause of many of our social problems"
- 2. "Yes if organisations are responsible companies"
- 3. "Yes if the powerful techniques of marketing are used for the good of mankind" (SM)

What I would like to cover is ...

• What is this new science?

Why should it be looked at seriously?

How does it work?

• Is it effective?

The future?

What is this new science?

- Let's contrast marketers with SMr's...
- Marketing is the management process responsible for identifying, anticipating and satisfying customer requirements profitably (CIM)
- SMr's "Apply marketing alongside other concepts and techniques in order to influence individuals, organizations, policy makers, and decision makers to adopt and sustain behaviour which improves people's lives" (MSSSB)

Why SM should be looked at seriously?

- Developed from the hugely successful Marketing approach (stages)
- Challenge to materialistic perspective
- Effective for dealing with human problems (reach)

Areas addressed by SM

blinding trachoma

community involvement

diabetes

doping in sport

energy and water conservation

environmental protection

fighting abuse and inequality

HIV/AIDS prevention

injury prevention

junk-food advertising

mental health

obesity

oral and bowel cancer prevention

physical activity

racism

reducing prison numbers

safe driving

smoking cessation (or drug abuse)

smoking in pregnancy

social enterprise

social exclusion

sugar-free medicine

suicide and domestic violence

transportation

waste prevention and recycling

How does it work

- Like marketing it focuses on persuading target groups to adopt new behaviours
- Top-down & Bottom up approaches
- Use of SM steps (next slide)

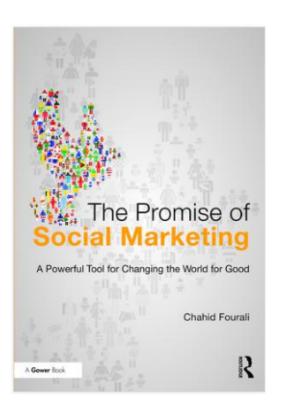
Summary of steps

SM planning steps (Fourali, 2010)

- 1. Problem identification (Government or NGO)
- 2. Planning (understanding causes and stakeholders)
- 3. Purpose/mission (awareness/attitudes? change lifestyles?)
- 4. Situation analysis/market research (challenges/opportunities)
- 5. Objectives (promising/SMART)
- 6. Target groups/obstacles (most vulnerable?)
- 7. The customer proposition (benefit of changes or no changes)
- 8. Selecting a marketing mix (new or traditional)
- 9. Implementation of the campaign (Recruit, Test & managing)
- 10. Resources (academics, Gov., NGOs, businesses etc)
- 11. Monitoring/evaluation (process and outcomes)

The future-Ongoing development

- New areas (e.g. conflict/wars)
- New techniques (enlightened eclecticism).
- My book more details



Thank you for listening