Unmet Needs of BOP Promising Goods and Services for BOP Business

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What is BOP Business? • Business targeting at the lower income strata less than US\$3,000 (PPP).

- Making goods and services affordable and available for BOP.
- BOP are expected to be not only consumers but also producers and distributers.

Concept of BOP Business Itigh-end (TOP) Stable consumer/ Highly value added good. Middle Zone (MOP) Exploding consumers/ **Standardized goods** BOP Sleeping consumers Low benefit but mass amount Povertv Reduction • Future Volume Zone through Consumptio Get the lien n Overty reduction through consumption **Base of the Pyramid** less than \$3000

Poverty Reduction through Consumption

- If a good become available more easier and cheaper, life will be more stable
- (Even if the price remain same,) a good become more durable and better quality, standard of life will be uplifted.
- Private investment for producing better quality goods with cheaper price benefits for economic growth and poverty alleviation.

Trigger for BOP boom

C.K.Prahalad, 2005 *The Fortune at the Bottom Of the Pyramid* -Eradicating Poverty Through Profits-



IFC/ WRI 2007 *The Next 4 Bilion* Market Size and Business Strate at the Base Of the Pyramid



What is discovered ?

- Onventional prejudice is not valid.
- BOP will not be the consumer
- BOP don't want high quality goods/ Japanese products
- BOP is a overlooked huge market
- Western MNCs get profit from BOP business
- Those who dominate BOP market will secure future volume zone

Features of BOP

BOP doesn t have money BOP has money : Money of informal sector

- BOP doesn t have specific needs BOP has specific and huge needs.
- Only lacking is the access to the goods and services
- BOP is not willing to pay for the goods and services

BOP will pay and is paying if necessary

BOP Penalty hinders consumption

What is BOP Penalty?

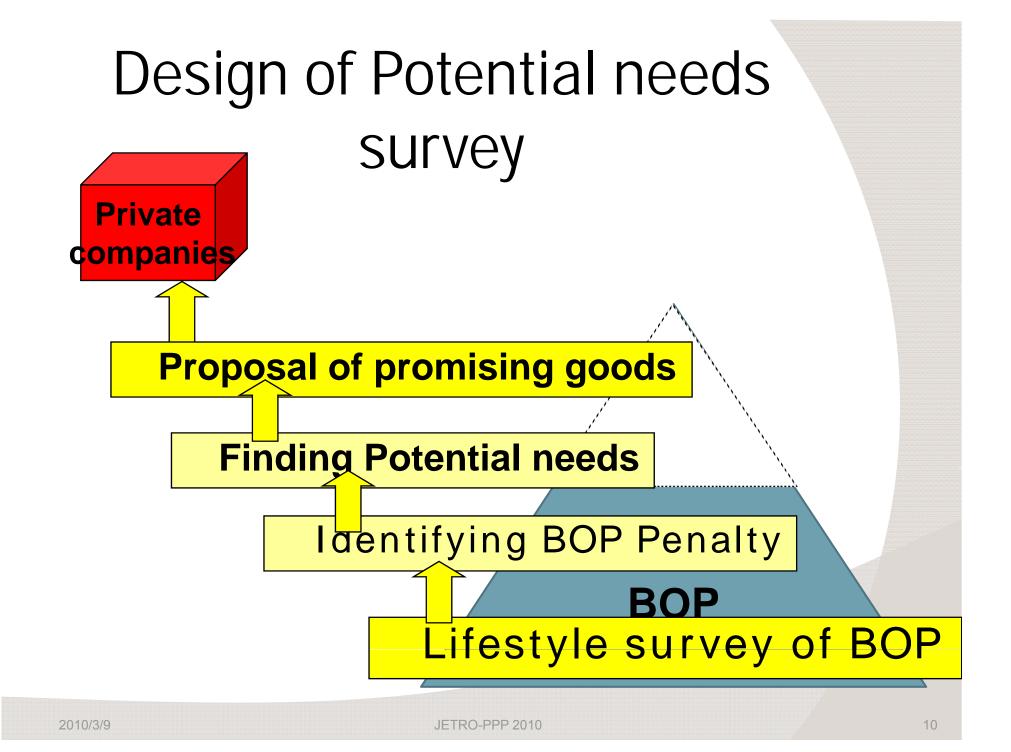
- Poor people are obliged to pay higher cost than rich people
- BOP are considered as out of the market and distribution network, therefore they should buy
- With no or few choice
- Source Lower quality (overdue, fake, inferior) goods
- In exchange for higher money
- Overcoming a lot of difficulties

The key question: How to dissolve BOP Penalty

If BOP penalties are dissolved, BOP s sleeping purchasing power will be awake.
To dissolve BOP penalties, various business innovation will be needed

(Example) Sachet strategyAjinomoto (Philippines)0.5 Peso(1cent) for 2.4gDay labor 200 Peso





Potential Needs Survey Period: 2009/10-2010/2

| Country | Area | Sample (Urban/Rural) | Contractor |
|----------------|--------------------------------------|-------------------------|---|
| Indonesia | Nutrition/ Hygene | 128 (62/66) | Kaihatsu Management Consulting/ Yayasan Dian Desa |
| Banglade sh | Health/Medi cal care | 100 (50/50) | JMA Research Institute/Exevo Inc. |
| India | Education/ Vocational training | 708 (205/ 293/210) | Japan Research Institute/Drishtee Foundation, Corporate Catalyst (India) |

All sample survey are conducted as face to face interview. Each interview took around 20-80 minutes.

Findings from lifestyle survey (Indonesia)

- BOP also paying for drinking water
- Boiling habits are prevailing for tapped water
- Lavatory prevailing.
- Washing hands after excavation is not common
- Washing work is heavy, needs for washing machine is not apparent
- Malaria is not perceived as serious
- Damage by rats are serious
- A lot of problem for solid waste management
- Nutrient supplements: sever competition
- Supply chain of convenience goods are highly sophisticated (Manufacturer →Grossir →Warun)

Findings from lifestyle survey (Bangladesh)

- Drinking water: within permissible range. Needs for improvement still exist.
- Washing hands habit prevailing: 74% using soap.
- Stomachache (Gastic) is common disease
- Many households keep a first-aid kit. Scratch and cut are treated by medicine
- Access to medical facility is fair. Needs for improvement of service still exist.
- Communicable disease are fairy treated by donor program
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Findings from lifestyle survey (India)

- Female literacy rate for government orders 60%
- Female writing ability for CV is 53.4%
- Finishing grade 8 is perceived as sufficient skill for getting job
- Academic background and accomplishments are perceived as necessary for getting better job
- 35.5% felts problem on the clothes to commute school
- Access to primary school is fair, a lot of problem on school facility
- Stationery are supposed to be distributed. A lot of problem both on quality and quantity.
- Preferable price for PC is around \$200. Still many are indifferent.

Promising products based on lifestyle survey (Indonesia/Nutrition and hygiene)

- Hand pump for water tapping
- Water purifier (powder)
- Liquid soap with built-in container
- Mosquito avoiding soap
- Washing machine (with special campaign emphasizing on reducing women's workload)
- Comprehensive rat eradicating service
- Multiple micronutrients
- Ready-to-use therapeutic food (RUTF)
- Iron fortified rice/instant noodle
- Vitamin A fortified edible oil

Promising products based on lifestyle survey (Bangladesh/Health and Medicare)

- Casual medicine for intestinal disorders/recover fatigue
- Nutritious drink with lactic acid bacteria
- Nutrient fortified Furikake
- Repellent (Mosquito coil, Fly trap paper)
- Long-lasting insecticidal net (LLIN)
- Water purifying device, water purifying chemical
- Milk daily delivery
- Incinerator for medical equipment waste

Promising products based on lifestyle survey (India/Education and vocational training)

- Stationeries (Pencil, Eraser, Pencilsharpener, Notebook, Ruler)
- Clothes for commuting school/School uniform
- Desk and chair for school use
- Toilet for school
- PC for IT service, telecommunication infrastructure
- ICT devises for remote education

6 conditions for **BOP** marketing

- Cheapness = affordable price range
- Strangeness = durable under severe life condition
- Accessibility = available within everyday reach
- Easy to Handle = suitable for user s knowledge, strength and skill
- Cultural consideration = acceptable to cultural and religious context

Environmental consideration = less environmental burden throughout production, selling ,usage and after usage process.

