Fazle H. Abed, Founder and Chairperson, BRAC, Bangladesh
BRAC is dedicated to the alleviation of poverty by empowering the poor to realize their potential and bring about positive change in their own lives. The BRAC approach is comprehensive, offering services in education, healthcare, social and economic empowerment, finance and enterprise development, human rights and legal aid, agriculture and food security, as well as environmental sustainability and disaster preparedness. In addition to its work in Bangladesh, BRAC provides technical assistance to other developing nations, including Afghanistan, Pakistan and Sri Lanka, in several countries across Africa, and Haiti.

Jeroo Billimoria, Child and Youth Finance International, Netherlands
Child and Youth Finance International (CYFI) is set to ensure financial education and financial inclusion for 100 million children and youth in 100 countries by 2015, by working with international stakeholders and experts around the world, including financial institutions, the regulatory authorities of over 65 countries and NGOs. Its work includes forming partnerships to widen the concept of ChildFinance and its integration into national and international policies. ChildFinance was recently set for adoption into the G20's financial inclusion indicators.

Veronica Colondam, YCAB Foundation, Indonesia
YCAB is an independent non-profit founded to address spiralling drug abuse, street crime, and school drop outs among Indonesian youth. Through a program that provides counselling, vocational training, micro-loan access, and healthy lifestyle promotion, it has empowered over a million young people, moving them into leadership roles among peers and sustainable employment opportunities.

Dispanadda (Duke) Diskul, Doi Tung, Thailand
The Doi Tung Development Project transforms poor and vulnerable communities in Thailand by promoting healthcare, education, training and jobs. Specifically, Doi Tung works to provide alternative methods of livelihood through agriculture, handicrafts, tourism, and foods. These projects reinvest profits into the community’s social development.

Darell Hammond, KaBOOM!, USA
Hammond founded KaBOOM! In 1996 after reading a story in the Washington Post about two children who suffocated while playing in a car, because they did not have any other safe place to play. Over the past fifteen years, KaBOOM! has raised more than USD200 million for its efforts to ensure that every child has a great place to play within walking distance. KaBOOM! has used its community-led model to inspire more than 1 million volunteers to build more than 2,000 play spaces across North America that serve more than 5.5 million low-income children.
Simon Henschel, Sunlabob, Laos
Sunlabob brings renewable energy technologies to off-grid areas by installing solar stations, solar home systems and village hybrid grids. To encourage local enterprise development, Sunlabob trains village technicians to maintain, recharge and rent out solar lanterns. In addition, Sunlabob provides consultancy services, expanding internationally into Uganda, Cambodia and Afghanistan through franchise agreements.

Renat Heuberger, South Pole Carbon, Switzerland
South Pole Carbon creates solutions in the fields of climate change and renewable energies. By providing access to finance through international carbon markets, the company has enabled over 250 projects worldwide ranging from renewable energy to waste treatment and forestry, thereby reducing millions of tons of CO2 and creating thousands of jobs worldwide. With “Gold Power”, South Pole Carbon has launched the first global renewable energy label.

Jonathan Hursh, INCLUDED, China
INCLUDED works to ensure migrants are integrated into cities and have more opportunities for advancement. The organization builds a network of community centers in migrant slums across the world, providing improved access to education, employment, social services and information. In addition, it aims to promote partnerships across sectors and create a knowledge hub to disseminate best practices.

Runa Khan, Friendship, Bangladesh
Friendship works in a region of Bangladesh that is prone to flooding, and where physical infrastructure and health and education systems are non-existent. To reach the most isolated populations, Friendship provides health care from floating hospital ships, in addition to education and financial services.

Kenny Low - City College & O-School (Singapore)
City College provides a safety net for Singaporean youth who have dropped out of mainstream schools or have not performed well in their ‘O’ Level examinations. By integrating non-traditional teaching methods and interactive educational tools, City College has helped over 1,000 youth. City College is supported by the O-School, which provides dance classes, choreography, and event management services.
Timothy Ma Kam Wah, Senior Citizen Home Safety Association, Hong Kong SAR
Given shifting demographics, more and more elderly people around the world are living alone. SCHSA provides social support plus 24-hour technology-assisted emergency services for the ageing population in Hong Kong. It also leverages an extensive volunteer network. This model is currently being replicated in other cities in China.

Sebastien Marot, Friends-International, Cambodia
Friends-International works to protect marginalized youth, providing them opportunity to become productive citizens. It offers a range of social services for children, young people, and their families, including education, vocational training, and job placement. To increase its impact, the organization has developed extensive community safety networks as well as partnerships with businesses working in travel and tourism. Friends also works in Thailand, Laos, Indonesia, Myanmar, Hong Kong, Egypt, Mexico, and Honduras.

Sarah Mavrinac - aidha (Singapore, UAE)
Aidha provides financial education and entrepreneurship training to the world’s hopeful poor, serving migrant workers, especially women who leave their home countries to find work as domestic helpers. The organization offers confidence-building, money management, and business courses as well as microcredit services necessary to launch small businesses when migrants return home.

Roy L. Prosterman, Landesa, USA
Since 1967, Landesa has championed the power of land rights as the key to a better, safer future by partnering with developing countries to design and implement laws, policies and programmes that provide the poor, and especially women, with land ownership or secure land tenure. These land rights allow farmers to invest in their future and "bootstrap" themselves out of extreme poverty. When distributed broadly, secure land rights provide foundational and multi-generational change to entire communities. Landesa, formerly known as the Rural Development Institute, has worked with developing country governments on reforms that have helped provide secure land rights to more than 100 million families. It has offices in the US, China, India and Russia.

Jack Sim, World Toilet Organization, Singapore
The World Toilet Organization (WTO) is committed to improving toilets and sanitation conditions throughout the world. Through its franchise, SaniShop, WTO trains people from poor communities to be sanitation entrepreneurs and sales agents, thus creating jobs and sustainable and scalable business models for delivering low-cost, high-volume sanitation solutions.
Pierre Tami, Hagar International, Cambodia
Hagar seeks to break the cycle of poverty among previously exploited and vulnerable women and children. To ensure their successful re-integration into society, Hagar offers recovery shelters, vocational training, and job placement into one of Hagar’s commercial enterprises. To date, over 13,000 people have benefited directly.

Sugianto Tandio, Tirta Marta, Indonesia
Traditional plastic that is left behind takes 500 to 1000 years to degrade, causing serious environmental problems. Tirta Marta believes that by developing affordable degradable plastics, it is possible to address environmental challenges and increase economic opportunities for farmers. Tirta Marta’s plastics are fair-trade certified, degradable and made from tapioca. Priced for mass-market adoption, Tirta Marta’s OXIJUM plastic is now used for shopping bags in over 90% of Indonesia's markets and convenience stores.

Debbie and Jim Taylor, Proximity Designs, Myanmar
Proximity Designs works to increase the productivity and incomes of rural households in Myanmar by designing and selling simple, highly efficient agricultural products. Proximity’s success is rooted in the extensive distribution system it has developed in order reach even the most isolated customers.

Silverius O. Unggul, Telapak, Indonesia
An association of NGO activists, business practitioners, academics, media affiliates and leaders of indigenous people. It sustains its activities through cooperatives and community enterprises in printing, mass media, food production and sustainable fisheries and forestry. Its mission is to influence public policy related to conservation, to establish community-driven natural resource management, and to stop ecosystem destruction while involving impoverished communities living in and around rich natural resources.

Bart Weetjens, HeroRAT, Belgium
By training indigenous African giant pouched rats in vapour detection of landmines, APOPO has developed a faster, scalable, and cost-effective model for de-mining post-conflict areas. This approach not only provides jobs for economically disadvantaged groups, but also reduces the risk of death and the costs associated with de-mining. In addition, technology is being developed to detect tuberculosis.