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One of the best and most recognized books n Strategic Management. I like how the book is organized, the chapters are extensive, the case studies are very helpful. The

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Here you can find useful framework of strategic management from formulation of mission and vision till measure and evaluation of performance. The textbook is full of cases, samples and references however large majority of them U.S. focused. Most of tools and methods of strategic management are mentioned but their descriptions are not profound enough and in most cases you have to seek another more specific source of knowledge.

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Strategy Implementation

Employees Vs Volunteers: Issues of NGO's When Setting and Implementing Management Policies and Procedures

When the earthquake of the January 2010 hit Haiti, a more than needed of NGO's was built overnight and

headed to Haiti. It was like in the time of the gold rush of the Far West. Except this time no shovels and other traditional tools to dig into the earth were needed.

Some of them were coming to help and make a difference, but some of them too were coming in the search of only opportunities. NGO's were built like mushrooms after a rainy season in Haiti and volunteers had flooded the country in 2010, and we know the rest of the story.

All of this to say that I experienced some of the problem that can cause volunteers with policies and procedures in the implementation of organizational strategies for staff members who are volunteers rather than employees. I identified two of them, with I discuss in the lines below:

1- Most of the time there's no formal contract of payment

First things first, an employee has a formal contract of payment and to comply with the procedures and policies of the organization. But in the case of a volunteer, there's no such contract. As soon as I'm concerned, I've ever seen any formal paper for someone who comes to support that equal the employee morale and psychological responsibilities. Based on the fact that the volunteers won't be paid, but only have compensation (in some case it out passes the payment of employees) and a guideline to follow. Consequently, volunteers have less restriction than employees. In the end, a privilege, that causes trouble to the implementation of policies and procedures of the organization.

What should be done?

Set the boundaries at the beginning and discuss while making it clear about what's expected from the volunteer.

2- The volunteer might pursue his/her personal goal

One of the other problems volunteers cause in the organization is about the mission and vision of the organization. The fact that the organization has a mission and vision with goals to achieve, and considering the fact that the volunteer might have his/her personal motivation more often are not aligned with the organization pursue.

What should be done?

Inside of the company the policies and procedures set the tone and outline how activities and operations need to be conducted and achieved. Finally, when it's discovered that the volunteer is pursuing his/her personal goals the sanction should be clear and known to avoid any kinds of excuses.

As a conclusion, "Policies set boundaries, constraints, and limits on the kinds of administrative actions that can be taken to reward and sanction behavior; they clarify what can and cannot be done in pursuit of an organization's objectives." (David, p. 217)

John Echols says

Professor Fred R. David is a legend in the field of strategic management. Over the past three decades, universities, businesses, and management consultancies around the world have benefited from the powerful intellect and business genius upon which David's pioneering "Strategic Management" texts are built. It is my

opinion that Professor Fred R. David is among the most influential figures ever to grace the stages of academia and business.

I THINK I GOT A BENEFICIAL KNOWLEDGE FROM THIS BOOK

john wiley

This text was read as part of Liberty University BUSI 400 course. The book shows and explains well the questions and how to get answers to: "How well are we doing?" "What direction should we move the company?" and how to resolve them numerically. Despite some obvious political slant to background material, the formulas and tools used are very well explained. The companion web site www.strategyclub.com is a must to get the full use of this text.

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excellent book about the strategic management and good detailed. Used as a text book for my MBA. It was very helpful

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