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### Social Entrepreneurship: A Catalyst for Sustainable Development

#### Abstract:

This study explores the growing role of social entrepreneurship as a driver of change in addressing social, environmental, and economic challenges. It emphasizes the crucial importance of this approach in promoting sustainable development by proposing economic models that address social and environmental needs, offering innovative solutions, and optimizing resource use. The paper specifically examines the relationship between the value created by social entrepreneurship (economic, social, and environmental) and sustainability (economic, social, and environmental). It proposes a conceptual model demonstrating that the value created by social entrepreneurship significantly impacts sustainability. These findings highlight the need to promote social entrepreneurship and encourage social entrepreneurs to engage in sustainable development to drive growth. Achieving this goal requires close collaboration among social entrepreneurs, policymakers, and other stakeholders.

**Keywords:** Social entrepreneurship; sustainable development; creating economic value; creating environmental value; creating social value.

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