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As a small business enterprise employing 25 regular staff and less than 100 consultants to its ongoing projects, PRIMEX does not have elaborate corporate social responsibility programs or projects. However, we are committed to continue upholding the principles of the Global Compact and have been integrating applicable principles in our operations and in our dealings with our clients. In particular, our Company has been supporting the Environment-related Principles, not only through our involvement in the design and implementation of different fisheries and coastal resource management-related projects of government agencies in the Philippines, Indonesia, Sri Lanka, and Viet Nam, but also by supporting private sector-led activities involving environmental protection and conservation. For example, PRIMEX was among the sponsors in the Philippines' celebration of World Earth Day, specifically in the nationwide free showing of Al Gore's documentary, "An Inconvenient Truth", in Philippine movie houses. The non-profit organization we established, the Center for Environment and Sustainable Development (formerly the PRIMEX Foundation for Alternative Management of the Environment (PRIMEX-FAME), has been our vehicle for a more grassroots-oriented approach to environmental management and conservation. Also, since November 2005, PRIMEX has been supporting the Department of Health (DOH) in its efforts to train and equip local health workers across the country in developing preparedness and response plans for emerging infectious diseases, particularly avian influenza. In the next 18 months, PRIMEX will be working with the Philippine DOH, UNAIDS, the NGO community, and other government agencies in developing pilot interventions for HIV/AIDS harm reduction among intravenous drug users and migrant Filipino workers, particularly seafarers, in line with the Philippine Government's commitment to the Millenium Development Goals (MDGs).