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H.E. António Guterres
Secretary-General
United Nations
New York, NY 10017
USA

Dear Mr. Secretary General,

I am pleased to confirm that Lions SightFirst Eye Hospital supports the ten principles of the UN Global Compact with respect to human rights, labor, environment and anti-corruption. With this commitment, we express our intent to support the Global Compact advancing these principles, and will make a clear statement of this commitment to our stakeholders and the general public.

We also pledge to participate in and engage with the UN Global Compact in the following ways(s):

1. Invest in activities that strengthen health system.

This can be achieved by engaging with more people in the community to improve their quality of life through outreach & awareness. We can also measure the impact we have through the increased number of screenings, patient education as well as improving infrastructure in remote areas through the establishment of Primary Eye Care Centers (PEC's)

2. Improve affordability of treatments for low-income earners.

This provides us with an opportunity to establish a link between our business values and positive health outcomes (for example liaising directly with local manufacturers and pharmaceutical companies to reduce stock-outs can have both a direct commercial impact and improves access to healthcare). In addition, we can establish links with foreign as well as local suppliers to be able to import affordable medications for treatment of variety of eye related ailments.

3. Community health care worker training

We can participate with a lot of communities in various counties of Kenya and establish training goals such as increasing knowledge of symptoms of various ailments, the treatment protocols for each ailment, how to apply that knowledge and how to target an improved quality of care.

This will allow us to empower local communities to diagnose and report eye ailments of all natures and seek medical advice in due course to reduce vision loss.

4. Improve access to participate with wide range of stakeholders.

This will allow Lions SightFirst Eye Hospital to leverage its vital participation with the UN Global Compact to be able to learn and improve on its best practices from other industry leading institutions across the globe as well as come up with emerging solutions for the many challenges that arise in the eye healthcare sector daily.

5. Develop our participation in order to achieve our sustainability objectives

The UN Global Compact participation will help us to advance our knowledge, skillset as well as expertise to meet our sustainability objectives and achieve long-term growth. We look forward to the guidance, training, tools and support from the UN benchmarking tools, tailored roadmaps and content curation.

We would also like to extend our access to capacity building programs not only with other eye healthcare participants but also other institutions across all sectors who are aiming at sustainable development.

Another avenue would be for us to investigate local activations with the Global Compact office in Kenya to enhance our drive impact.

We recognize that a key requirement for participation in the Global Compact is the submission of a Communication on Engagement (COE) that describes our organization's efforts to support the implementation of the ten principles and to engage with the Global Compact.

We support public accountability and transparency, and therefore commit to report on progress within two years of joining the Global Compact and every two years thereafter according to the Global Compact COE policy.



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