

## UN Global Compact Communication on Engagement (COE) Report

Reporting period: Jan 2015 – Dec 2016

### 1. Statement of continued support for UN Global Compact

Article 25 reaffirms its support of the United Nations Global Compact and its 10 Principles in the areas of human rights, labour, environment and anti-corruption.

This is our Communication on Engagement with the United Nations Global Compact and we welcome feedback on its contents.

In its activities, Article 25 primarily supports the following principles:

- Principle 7: businesses should support a precautionary approach to environmental challenges
- Principle 8: undertake initiatives to promote greater environmental responsibility
- Principle 9: encourage the development and diffusion of environmentally friendly technologies

In this report we highlight the activities undertaken to support these principles.

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## 2. Our mission and vision



Article 25 (A25) is a UK based charity that works domestically and around the world. Our vision is a world where buildings are designed and constructed to provide sustainable solutions to disease, poverty and need.

We provide the skills and knowledge to make safe and appropriate building projects possible – taking into account the opportunities and constraints in the local environment. Our buildings are designed using passive design strategies where possible, including maximising natural daylight, natural ventilation and solar energy. Over the past 10 years we have developed specialist skills in designing buildings for earthquake resistance.

Our projects are delivered with in-country partners to ensure that local knowledge and relationships are maximised for successful delivery. Skills training and capacity building are integral to our approach to also ensure that projects are sustainable after our involvement has ended.



### 3. The impact of Article 25's activities

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|    | <p>Burkina Faso – Solar Mamas (with Barefoot College)</p> <p>Design of a training centre to teach local female elders how to install and maintain solar technology in their villages. Trainees are often illiterate or semi-literate grandmothers who play a major role in community development, bringing sustainable electricity to remote, inaccessible villages.</p> |
|    | <p>Nepal – Anandaban Hospital (with The Leprosy Mission)</p> <p>Design of earthquake resilient facilities for the redevelopment of the hospital following the earthquake in 2015.</p>  |
|   | <p>Niger – College Amadou Hampate Ba</p> <p>Addition of a pre-school, primary school and high school which would provide protection from the extremely hot climate using locally sourced materials. This includes 'green' classrooms which keep workspaces cool and light without the need for costly power sources.</p>   |
|  | <p>Myanmar – Yangon General Hospital (with RGHR)</p> <p>Redevelopment of the hospital site to address issues such as earthquake resistance and poor water management.</p>  |
|  | <p>Haiti – Petionville School (with Outreach International)</p> <p>The earthquake in Haiti caused the original school to collapse in 12 seconds. Article 25 has designed a new, more resistant school to allow hundreds of children to return to full-time education.</p>  |