

COMMUNICATION ON ENGAGEMENT (COE)

Sokoine University Graduate Entrepreneurs Cooperative (SUGECO) hereby presenting our public statement on the engagement and awareness raising undertaken by SUGECO, as a member of the UN Global Compact programme. It covers the period from November 2016 – 2017



Sokoine University Graduate Entrepreneurs Cooperative (SUGECO) is a cooperative founded in July 2011 and registered under Tanzania Cooperative Act No. 20 of (2003). It's a cooperative with over 520 members spread all over Tanzania mainly youth engaging in various agribusiness entrepreneurial activities. The main goal of SUGECO is to make a difference in the minds of youth, communities and graduates from higher learning institutions towards enterprise development for self-employment, agribusiness development, job creation, community development, and economic prosperity.

Vision is to create future generations of successful businesspersons who transform our culture to value entrepreneurship and help to create vibrant private economy. Mission is to prepare, enable, and support knowledge-intensive, innovative entrepreneurs as they build successful businesses along agricultural and agribusiness value chains throughout Tanzania.

SUGECO is proud to be associated with UN Global Compact and promote its principles in all of our engagement including promoting its principles to all members and the community at large. The UN global Compact logo is monthly displayed in our newsletters.

Statement of Continued Support by the Chief Executive

28th November 2017

To our stakeholders,

I am pleased to confirm that Sokoine University Graduate Entrepreneurs Cooperative (SUGECO) reaffirms its support to the United Nations Global Compact and its Ten Principles in the areas of Human Rights, Labour, Environment and Anti-Corruption. This is our Communication on Engagement with the United Nations Global Compact. We welcome

feedback on its contents.

In this Communication of Engagement, we describe the actions that our organization has taken to support the UN Global Compact and its Principles as suggested for an organization like ours. We also commit to sharing this information with our stakeholders using our primary channels of communication.

Sincerely yours,



Revocatus V. Kimario
Executive Director

Part II. Description of Actions

SUGECO have innovative program that supports youth employment and promote social entrepreneurs, engaging in environmental protection initiatives including use of environmental friendly technologies, participating in human right activities and support training on the same.

Contribution to global Development goals through our program is key areas of our work.

Since 2016 SUGECO works with youth on Youth Agribusiness hands on skills training project supported by United Nation food and Agricultural Organization (FAO). The project impact skills and promote youth decent job/employment reaching to over 500 youth, During training we incorporate the UN Global Compact principles to all participants.



Youth trained on agribusiness skills and cassava production to combat hunger and enhance food security



In addressing Post harvest loss of most of food produced in Tanzania SUGECO uses and promotes solar drying Technologies to dry fruits and vegetables. This improves produce shelf

life, increase farmers and youth income and provides decent jobs to youth and farmers.



SUGECO Drying technology used for training and supporting development of dried from fruits and vegetables

Furthermore SUGECO work with 3,000 smallholder farmers in Kilosa and Gairo districts, promoting Good agricultural practices for Orange Fleshed Sweet Potatoes (OFSP) and its nutritional benefits to community Support formalization of market arrangements for high-performing smallholders and farmer groups to increase predictability for both them and processors, building good business practices and profitability at the same time in Promoting the nutritional benefits of OFSP and how to cook.

Each year through our projects and awareness raising events SUGECO aims to honor the ten principles of UN Global compact in all its four core areas of human rights, Labour, Environment and Anti-Corruption. In this regards SUGECO Supports and respects the protection of internationally proclaimed human rights; and make sure that it is not complicit in human rights abuses in its projects.

Again SUGECO engages in equitable community participation and Upholds the freedom of association and the effective recognition of the right to collective bargaining, SUGECO does not work with forced and compulsory labour and supports ethical supply chains

SUGECO engages with children and young people as equal design partners and does not use child labour nor support discrimination in respect of employment and occupation

On Areas of Environment SUGECO supports a precautionary approach to environmental challenges undertakes initiatives to promote greater environmental responsibility and actively encourages the development and diffusion of environmentally friendly technologies such as use of solar as a source of power.

In the areas of Anti – Corruption SUGECO does not support corruption in all its forms, including

extortion and bribe.

Moreover SUGECO connects its activity with the UN Global Sustainable Goals, specifically on SDG 1, No poverty, SDG 2. Zero Hunger, SDG 3- Good health and well-being (All this are done through our youth and small scale farmer's support in agribusiness). The SDG 8, 11 and 12 are part of our daily work with members and communities through our program to facilitate human development and engagement.

Part III. MEASUREMENT OF OUTCOMES

- Two youth enterprises development and connected to UN Global Compact agenda.
- 3,000 farmers and 500 youth exposed to UN global Compact principles and sustainably adopted in their daily engagement.
- Participation of SUGECO to ASHOKA program in November 2017 witnesses our commitment and presentations regarding the UN Global Compact as way of creating Social innovator and youth business enterprises.