

UN Global Compact Communication on Engagement (COE) Report

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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 1: Businesses should support and respect the protection of internationally proclaimed human rights
- Principle 6: the elimination of discrimination in respect of employment and occupation.
- 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.



Bethel School, Burkina Faso

David Murray
Managing Director

2. Our mission and vision

Article 25 is a UK based charity that helps some of the most vulnerable communities around the world to rebuild lives and livelihoods, often in the wake of disasters and conflicts. Our vision is a world where buildings are designed and constructed to provide sustainable solutions to disease, poverty and need.²

Our approach is simple: by working closely with local people we develop an acute understanding of prevailing conditions, capacity and resources; by applying the best principles of architecture and engineering we design resilient, functional, beautiful and safe places for education, health and living; by training we exchange knowledge with local communities and build capacity.

Our aim is to promote dignified, adequate shelter, healthcare and education as a human right. In order to do this 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. In 11 years, Article 25 has carried out 85 projects in 34 countries touching the lives of thousands.



Children getting water from a new pump in Haiti



Children in classroom at existing College Hampatou Ba





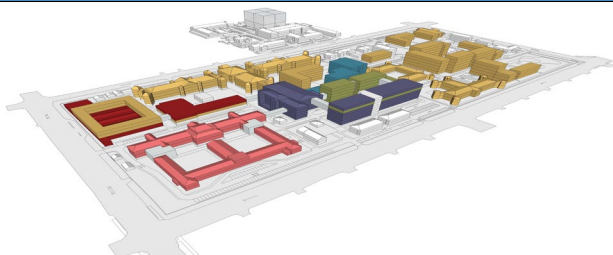
Children in Preschool class at CST in Tanzania



Children being treated at Operation Smile Clinic in Morocco

3. The impact of Article 25's activities

	<p>Burkina Faso – with Barefoot College</p> <p>Article 25 carried out a feasibility study to assist Barefoot College with planning the implementation of the training centre. Following the feasibility study we have completed a concept design. The proposed training centre consists of a series of modular compressed earth block buildings with vaulted roofs. These make up the teaching rooms, accommodation and dining facilities.</p> <p>The college will teach local women to work with solar power systems so they can share the skills with their community, bringing sustainable electricity to remote, inaccessible villages.</p>
	<p>Nepal – Anandaban Hospital (with The Leprosy Mission)</p> <p>Article 25 is working with the Leprosy Mission in the U.K. and in Nepal to realize a new Trauma Centre for the Anandaban Hospital campus south of the Kathmandu Valley. The hospital will accommodate an Accident and Emergency Department, in-patient wards, operating theatres and a maternity unit. It will serve leprosy patients as well as patients from the local community. The project has been tendered and will start construction shortly.</p>
	<p>Niger – College Amadou Hampate Ba</p> <p>The goal of the College is to expand the existing secondary school to include a primary school and upper secondary classes so they can offer the baccalaureate (university entrance exam). The College will provide protection from the extremely hot climate using locally sourced materials. This includes environmentally designed classrooms which keep workspaces cool and light without the need for costly power sources. As an educational pioneer in the area, the College will teach primary school in the local language, with the additional focus of reducing the female drop-out rate.</p>



Myanmar – Yangon General Hospital (with RGHR)

Article 25 has produced a 20-year masterplan for this hospital which is currently being implemented. At the moment it is in Phase 1 of refurbishments and new construction



Haiti – Petionville School (with Outreach International)

The earthquake in Haiti caused the original school to collapse in 12 seconds. A new seismically resistant classroom block and multi-purpose hall has been built to replace a school and community space destroyed in the 2010 earthquake. The school includes 6 classrooms and a community assembly hall, kitchen, toilets and outdoor play areas. Construction was sufficiently complete to hold a festive inauguration of the project in June. The school opened on September 10th 2018.



Morocco – Operation Smile Clinic

A new clinic to provide healthcare to children undergoing facial re-constructive surgery for cleft lip and palate conditions, serving the poor region of Oujda near the Algerian border. The clinic will provide pre and post-operative care as well as dental care to school children in the Oujda region. Construction is now complete. Dental chairs have been installed. The first surgical mission will take place at Easter 2019.



Tanzania – CST Inclusive school

The Article 25 design will accommodate 160 children in a fully accessible courtyard scheme on a steep site hillside. Article 25 have produced a masterplan that includes features such as spacious classrooms, a sensory garden and close attention to detail (including light, shade, airflow) that will make the school a comfortable place for both students and teachers. Phase 1 of the school is currently in construction.



India – Leprosy Hospital

Purulia Hospital acts as a major healthcare centre for both patients with leprosy and paying non-leprosy patients. The new design aims to build a new outpatient department to improve their facilities and a training centre which will provide staff with a dedicated facility for training and community based rehabilitation. The project is currently in construction.



Myanmar – Sittwe General Hospital

Article 25 were engaged to lead a design team in the evaluation of the existing Sittwe General Hospital, and devising proposals for its long term development into a healthcare facility befitting its status as the principal hospital in Rakhine state.

The Masterplan assesses the existing facilities and infrastructure at SGH, making recommendations for immediate improvements and providing phased proposals to enable the hospital's development. The Masterplan also makes recommendations for improved and expanded staff housing provision, in order to address the acute problem of recruiting sufficient medical staff.



London - Warm Homes Project (Bonny Downs Community Association)

Article 25 secured a grant in 2017 to run workshops in eight community centres on simple measures to keep homes warm and advice on grants available to make physical improvements. The programme has a medical component advice on fitting simple measures to reduce heat loss and information on grants available to complete the work. Eight workshops were delivered in 2017/18. A new grant has been approved for continuation of the project in 2019/20.