

COMMUNICATION ON ENGAGEMENT (COE)

Armenian General Benevolent Union Lebanon



Period covered by this Communication on Engagement

From: April 2016

To: April 2018

Part I. Statement of Continued Support by the Chief Executive or Equivalent

To our stakeholders,

I am pleased to state that the Armenian General Benevolent Union (AGBU)-Lebanon continues to support the ten principles of the UN Global Compact with respect to human rights, education, environment and anti-corruption. With this commitment, we express our intent to continuously support for the UN Global Compact and renew our ongoing commitment to the initiative.

We are aware and we acknowledge the importance of submitting a Communication on Engagement (COE) that not only describes our organization's efforts to support the implementation of the ten principle, but also defines our willingness to engage with the Global Compact.

We support public accountability and transparency and hereby, according to the Global Compact COE policy, we are submitting our first Communication on Engagement (COE).

Cordially,
Gerard Tufenkjian,
President

Part II. Description of Actions

Established in 1906, the Armenian General Benevolent Union (AGBU) is the world's largest nonprofit Armenian organization. Headquartered in New York City, AGBU has an active presence in 70 cities from France to Lebanon, Armenia to UK, Argentina to Switzerland, Syria to Armenia, Germany to UAE. Through our chapters and global programs, AGBU impacts the lives of over 500,000 Armenians every year and makes valuable and far-reaching contributions within its chapters. Over the years, AGBU has remained true to one overarching goal: to sustain a foundation for the benefit of all communities.

Founded in 1910, AGBU Lebanon administers a vast array of educational, humanitarian, cultural and youth programs, institutions and community groups, which include a high-achieving Armenian day schools, three medical dispensaries, the state-of-the-art AGBU Demirdjian Community Center, and a network of scouts, sports, youth groups which fall under the umbrella of AGBU's Armenian Youth Association (AYA-Antranik).

Activity/Initiative	SDGs Targeted - UN Global Compact Principles			
Provide financial assistance to university students.	Goal #10 Reduce Inequality	GOAL # 4 Quality Education		
Significant advances have been made in the two AGBU Lebanon Dispensaries (medical centers) to ensure affordable health care for all (particularly low income vulnerable families).	GOAL # 10 Reduce Inequality	GOAL # 3 Good Health and Well-Being		
Deliver education topics in the AGBU Schools related to the Sustainable Development Goals.	GOAL # 4 Quality Education			
Integrate e-books and interactive technologies into the teaching and learning process to enrich the curriculum in the elementary grades.	GOAL # 4 Quality Education	Goal # 9 Industry, Innovation and Infrastructure		
Introduce after school co-curricular opportunities like-robotics, graphic design, photography, basketball, football, Zumba, theater and character building activities.	GOAL # 4 Quality Education			
Participate, network and engage in events organized by the local network of Global Compact.	GOAL # 17 Partnerships for the Goals			

Partner with EDUVATION School Network to introduce the iPad iLearn Project in the AGBU Schools.	GOAL # 4 Quality Education	GOAL # 17 Partnerships for the Goals	Goal #9 Industry, Innovation and Infrastructure	
Organize with SDL and AEL numerous events and workshops that promote gender equality and shape better leaders of tomorrow's scouts.	GOAL #3 Good Health and Well Being	GOAL # 4 Quality Education	GOAL # 17 Partnerships for the Goals	Goal #5 Gender Equality
Collaborate with international agencies, academic institutions and local organizations to organize full day conference dedicated to humans rights. (This initiative can include more details)	GOAL # 4 Quality Education		GOAL # 16 Peace, Justice and Strong Institutions	GOAL # 17 Partnerships for the Goals
Promote recycling campaign and community service at the entire AGBU Lebanon premises (including AGBU Demirdjian centers, schools,...).	GOAL # 4 Quality Education	GOAL # 12 Responsible Consumption and Production		
Volunteer wholeheartedly, partner and run for education at the Beirut Marathon's races.	GOAL #3 Good Health and Well Being	GOAL # 4 Quality Education	GOAL # 17 Partnerships for the Goals	
Partner with embassies, ministries and organize series of events dedicated to the month of the Francophonie	GOAL # 4 Quality Education	GOAL # 17 Partnerships for the Goals		

Part III. Measurement of Outcomes

Please use the box below to include the most relevant qualitative and/or quantitative indicators to measure the outcome of the activities described in Part II above.

- Human Rights: Two full day conferences organized to promote the human rights awareness attracting more than 160+ attendees. Seminar I covered extensively the legal aspect of the genocide and its prevention, the international protections system and the role of the state, while Seminar II addressed the importance of education in genocide prevention, the significance of -- international and local-- civil societies, and the role of the media towards that end.
- Human Rights: 3 lectures organized to promote the human rights and the Armenian genocide awareness.
- Education: 50 I-pads given to students of grades 1 and 2 to shift to high tech advanced learning methods.
- Education: Provide up to 80% scholarships to cover tuitions of students enrolled at AGBU Lebanon Schools.
- Education: Equip and refurbish the medical dispensaries with new equipment to widen to scope of services.
- Etc.