



## UN Global Compact communication on progress (CoP) report 2018-19

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### About SHS

SHS Holdings bring innovative eco-friendly housing, energy, water and health protection techniques and applies them at scale in the developing world. The concept aims to provide a 'turn-key solution' to reducing the current shortfall of tens of millions of decent dwellings in the developing world. SHS works with governments, NGOs and the private sector to create safer and more sustainable environments for generations to come.

### A statement from the CEO of SHS, Mr. Noel Lyons:

Welcome to the first CoP report compiled by SHS, an opportunity to review our current position and inform on future plans. In what is surely the most ambitious affordable-housing project in the developing world, SHS (Sustainable Housing Solutions) has partnered with UNOPS (United Nations Office of Projects Services) to develop numerous large-scale affordable housing schemes across multiple geo-locations.

Despite being a new addition to the Global Compact initiative, the genesis to SHS has been many years in the making and is now coming to fruition.

SHS will supply proprietary state-of-the art technology (through its materials partner Bau Panel), as well as oversee the construction of homes, ancillary facilities and communities. Each house will feature solar energy systems, waste-to-energy technology and disease preventative materials such as mosquito repellent coating. In this way SHS is dedicated to supporting UNOPS' mission of helping countries to achieve sustainable development, and indeed to helping people build better lives.

The partnership will also explore new opportunities in the renewables market. UNOPS will work with MYRA-SHS Energy, a subsidiary of SHS which focuses on investments in renewable energy projects and associated infrastructure. Together they will support projects which increase clean and efficient energy supplies for more than one billion people living without access to electricity.

We are committed to returning value to our stakeholders and our core strategy is based around a programme of sustainable development, to make a positive mark on society, nature and technology. Just as the UNGC has become the standard bearer for corporate social responsibility and sustainability, so too will SHS strive to become an agent for progressive change in its field.

I look forward to delivering my next CoP report and in the meantime would encourage you keep updated by checking [www.SHSholdings.org](http://www.SHSholdings.org) for news on our long-term endeavours.

Singapore, 26 September 2019

**Noel Lyons**  
Chief Executive Officer

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## GLOBAL PROJECTS

### Pakistan

- Tripartite agreement signed by government of Pakistan, UNOPS and SHS on 31 July 2019.
- At least 500,000 new affordable homes built in Pakistan over the next 10 years.
- As part of the agreement, the government will provide land and basic infrastructure including electricity, water and waste connections. UNOPS and SHS will establish a framework to manage financial aspects, and ensure project activities are timely, efficient and meet quality standards.
- In order to enable implementation, the Government enacted new law that allows for the creation of the mortgage finance solutions and the foreclosure procedures.

*“This ground-breaking housing initiative is not just a regular project but a massive undertaking that has my full support and will undoubtedly change for the better the lives of millions of people.”*

**- Imran Khan, Prime Minister of Pakistan**

### Ghana

- SHS, UNOPS and the Government of Ghana to build 200,000 affordable homes.
- First 100,000 homes announced in September 2018, additional 100,000 in March 2019
- Groundbreaking ceremony 28 July 2019.
- Sustainable and resilient high-quality homes to be produced by the local factories
- SHS has established a factory site in Accra, to produce advanced building materials.
- Project aims to provide at least 3,000 new jobs for local people, over 6 to 10 years.
- SHS has acquired a valuable site located beside the University of Accra where it plans to construct both student and teacher housing.
- Financial assistance for buyers includes mortgage support from Ghana’s Teachers Fund.

*“We as a government know that the lasting solution to the housing deficit cannot be achieved without forming crucial partnerships with the private sector.”*

**- Mahamudu Bawumia, Vice-President of the Republic of Ghana**

## Kenya

- MoU between the Government of Kenya and UNOPS signed on 26 September 2018 to build 100,000 affordable homes in Kenya.
- A tripartite agreement signed 31 May 2019 between Kenya's state department for housing, UNOPS and SHS.
- Construction begins: show homes now in development in Nairobi.
- Innovative finance solutions: the Housing Fund and the Kenya Mortgage Refinance Company (KMRC) will offer homes to the homebuyers either through long term Tenant Purchase Schemes (TPS) terms or affordable mortgages.
- SHS has made significant progress on the student housing front having had very positive discussions with four major universities. SHS has already signed a MOU with The Maasai Mara University for the provision of 5,000 student units.
- Factory Premises – Nairobi: The premises where the factory will be housed is being located and a lease of the same will be finalised in the near future.

*“The provision of clean, safe and sustainable housing will not only enable us to restore our people’s dignity and affirm and secure their stake in their nation but will also lead to transformative, systemic changes to the country’s economic landscape.”*

**- Uhuru Kenyatta, President of Kenya**

## Caribbean

- The technical and project management team has been making good progress and several new initiatives have been reviewed including water reclamation and sewage solutions.
- Construction of the factory located in Antigua will commence soon. The building materials for which are being manufactured at present at the Bau factory in Spain.

## India

- A bipartite agreement has been signed between the Government of India (GOI) and UNOPS. SHS has been appointed as the operations partner of UNOPS tasked with delivering 50,000 housing units in Goa. To this end SHS is in advanced contract discussions with an international construction company with both Indian origins and extensive experience of construction in India.

## Sustainable Development Goals

Crucially the partnership between SHS and UNOPS not only provides much needed economic advantages to millions of people but also addresses several of the 17 Sustainable Development Goals, particularly those pertaining to infrastructure development:



It is these common goals of UNOPS and SHS that will strengthen the relationship and pave the way to successful results. At a recent strategy meeting we ascertained that we comfortably meet the seven above goals, while also meeting up to eight others by way of our policies and processes. Once our construction sites are fully operational and producing project management reports we can share the way in which these additional goals will be met, and for now we are mobilized to achieve this target.

## The future

SHS is dedicated to sustainability, green energy and eco-friendly techniques. We believe that improving quality of lives shouldn't come at the cost of the environment.

But beyond this, SHS believes its achievements can be proven if its policies, procedures and practices enhance not only its own success but also the socio-economic situation in each locality we operate in.

SHS will be a force for betterment, in areas such as employment, human empowerment, and quality of life. Join us as we embark on building a world for those who need it most.

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