

H.E. Antonio Guterres, Secretary General, United Nations General Assembly United Nations, New York- 10017 12<sup>th</sup> February, 2020

## United Nations Global Compact COMMUNICATION ON ENGAGEMENT – FXB India Suraksha

Hon'ble Mr. Secretary General,

FXB India Suraksha is pleased to report that the organisation continues its adherence to the ten principles of UN Global Compact with respect to human rights, labour, environment and anticorruption. We recognize that the requirements for its participation within the UNGC is the annual preparation and posting of a Communication on Engagement every two years. The COE comprises the head of the organisation's statement of continued support for the UN Global Compact, a description of practical actions with regard to the principles of the UN Global Compact, including a measurement of outcomes.

In pursuance of the four principles of the Global Compact, the practical actions undertaken at FXB India Suraksha (FXBIS) are as mentioned below.

## Human Rights:

- FXBIS Women Economic Empowerment Project was featured in Global South website launched at the United Nation's Commission on Status of Women (CSW 61). The website is a platform for global south network to work together for a shared cause towards collective change.
- FXBIS CEO, Mamta Borgoyary was invitee of the International Visitor Leadership Programme (IVLP) from the US department of State's premier professional exchange programme in 2016. The programme discussed best practices in gender-based violence. In 2020, IVLP has invited FXBIS' Programmes Manager, Satya Prakash to showcase the organisation's interventions and impact in human trafficking at the exchange programme to be held USA from 23<sup>rd</sup> March to 11<sup>th</sup> April, 2020.
- In 2017, FXBIS became a member of 'Girls Not Bride' a global partnership of more than 1100 civil society organisations to address the issue child marriage and be the advocator for zero tolerance against minors' marriage.
- FXBIS continues to run the 24\*7 child in distress helpline service called "Childline 1098" in Gautam Budh Nagar district of Uttar Pradesh (India's most populated province). Over 1500 calls were successfully addressed in the last two years. Appreciating the organisation's consistent performance, the Ministry of Women & Child Welfare,



Government of India, has entrusted the task of manning Childline 1098 in Ukhrul district of Manipur State, which is recognized to be a prominent source state for human trafficking within India and outside its borders.

- In a joint operation with Manipur Police, the State's Anti-human Trafficking Unit and Social Welfare Department, FXBIS rescued 179 victims of trafficking and repatriated them to their home country, Nepal, in February 2019.
- FXBIS's by the order of Honorable Governor of Manipur appointed as Drafting partner to develop Standard Operating Procedure to combat Human trafficking for the state of Manipur.
- FXBIS's entered into 5 years Memorandum of Understanding with Madhya Pradesh Police to train police officers and conduct research on gaps and challenges to combat human trafficking and Child Sexual Abuse in the state of Madhya Pradesh.
- FXBIS' anti-trafficking programme "MUKTI" (meaning: "liberation") was awarded among the 20 "Most Promising Programmes of India" in its contribution to SDG#16 (Peace, Justice and Strong Institutions) by 'Cause Because' – a nationwide initiative to felicitate developmental programmes complementing the Sustainable Development Goals.

## Labour:

- FXBIS runs two day-care centres for children (toddlers and very young children) of daily wage labourers, working at the construction sites in Greater NOIDA, a developing residential hub in North India. The centre provides a safe place to the children along with meals and primary education facilities.
- FXBIS' oldest running day-care programme for railway platform children in Jaipur (capital city of Rajasthan state in Western India) catered to around 700 children in addressing their psycho-social vulnerabilities while working at the platform. Under the programme, a day-care centre functions where children can relax, clean, eat nutritious meals. Supplementary education classes and computer knowledge is imparted to those who had dropped out of school but wish to resume education.
- In recognition of FXBIS' contribution towards the extremely impoverished farmers of North-East India, the NGO was awarded the "Social and Business Enterprise Responsible Awards" in 2018, for its innovation in upgrading agricultural practices of small/ marginalized farmers through establishment of the AGRICULTURAL RESOURCES CENTRES in the remote villages of rural Assam (state in NE India).

# **Environment**:

• For over a decade, FXBIS has been initiating programmes on issues around clean potable water and sanitation. Our work involves revival of defunct government schemes on piped water supply for the rural people, desilting of the natural springs, preparation of village water security plans and capacity building of village water and sanitation committees in



rural India. Recognising our work in rural Jharkhand – a state known for inadequacies of basic survival facilities, FXBIS was awarded a certificate of merit in the category "Most Impactful Leader in Water and Water Management" at the World water Leadership Congress held in 2018.

- Every year the 'Global Hand-washing Day' is observed across project locations in India on the 15<sup>th</sup> of October, to inculcate the practice of proper hand-washing amongst children. Each year over 20,000 children and adolescents are taught, and it is expected that most of them would in turn educate their families through their practice at home.
- Supporting the country's "Clean India Mission", FXBIS facilitates building of toilets at its intervention locations. So far, over 400 toilets have been constructed in rural India with FXBIS' proactive facilitation.
- It is FXBIS' constant endeavor to save on natural resources and reuse/ recycle as much possible. Within the organization, the employees are discouraged to take print-outs unless really necessary. Used paper is sent to a recycling unit through an intermediary collector.

# **Anti-Corruption:**

- To maintain absolute transparency in the working and finances of FXBIS, the NGO as a principle conducts two audits from authorized external agencies.
- FXBIS has constituted an Internal Complaints Committee against Workplace Harassment to take stringent action against any erring staff member. To maintain adequate objectivity, a non-FXBIS person who is fairly experienced in legal matters has been inducted into the committee.
- FXBIS undertook outreach activities like training camps, sensitization workshops for officials and decision makers, local communities and stakeholders on issues of enhancing transparency and its obvious benefits in the functioning of any local and/ state level institutions.

As CEO, I can attest to our continued adherence to the UN Global Compacts principles. Should you have any questions, please visit our website, <u>www.fxbsuraksha.in</u> or contact us at <u>fxbindia@fxbsuraksha.org</u>

Yours Sincerely,

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