



Australian Business Volunteers

COMMUNICATION ON ENGAGEMENT (COE) Global Compact – Australian Business Volunteers

Period covered by this Communication on Engagement March 2018 To: March 2020

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

23 March 2020

To our stakeholders:

I am pleased to confirm that Australian Business Volunteers 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.

ABV's unique approach is anchored in two key tenets: that businesses and their resources can be harnessed to build vibrant communities in a uniquely 21st century way, and that there is a unique value that comes from person to person connections, skills exchange and two-way learning that nurtures and builds human capability.

ABV is committed to using business skills and resources to strengthen communities, as we believe leveraging these through innovative corporate social responsibility programs or outcomes focussed skilled volunteering, is the future of strong communities. Businesses, organisations like ABV and willing communities can co-create solutions that work across our spheres of influence to create sustainable solutions to these challenges.

In this Communication of Engagement, we describe the actions that ABV has taken to support the UN Global Compact and its Principles in line with our business as an NGO. We also commit to sharing this information with our stakeholders via our website www.abv.org.au

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Elizabeth Mackinlay'.

Elizabeth Mackinlay
Chief Executive Officer

Part II. Description of Actions

ABV supports key Global Compact activities including

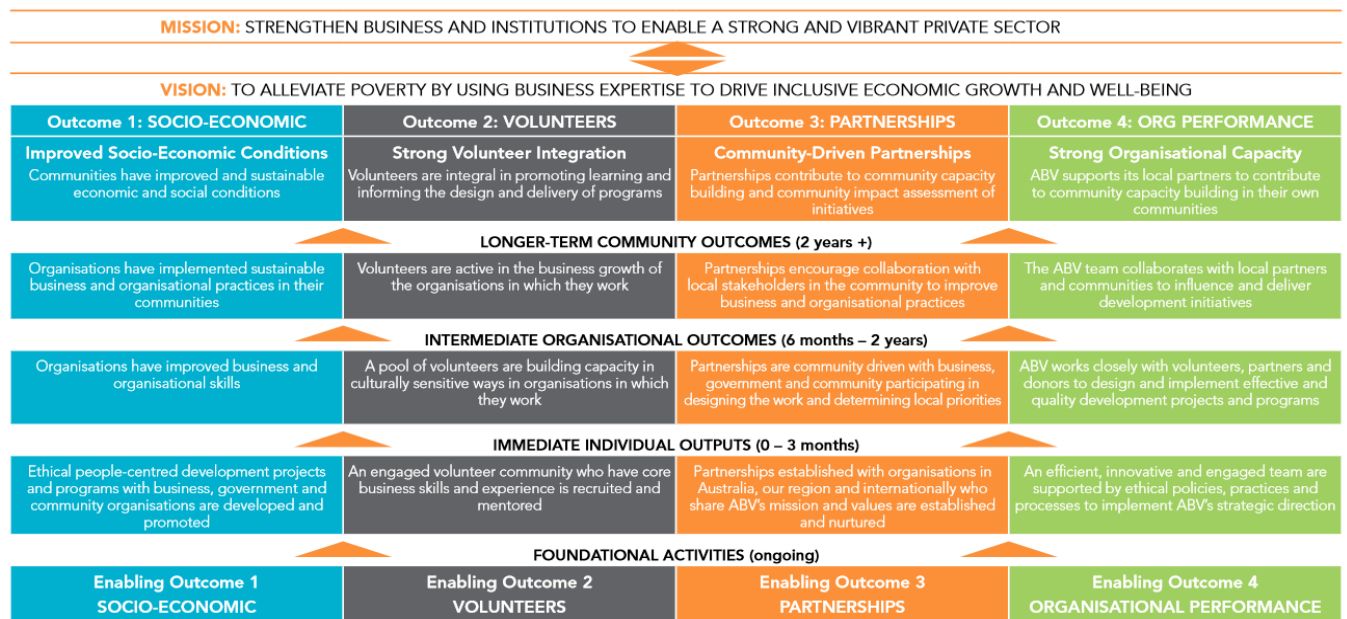
- Engage companies in Global Compact-related issues
- Initiating partnership projects on corporate sustainability
- Supporting businesses and other stakeholders in establishing or implementing sustainability initiatives that are transparent and beneficial to the and greater community

ABV has done this through numerous projects that support the Sustainable Development Goals:

	SDG	ABV ACTIVITY
1	Zero Poverty	In partnership with Good Shepherd Microfinance and National Australia Bank (NAB), ABV helped GSM streamline their internal processes to allow for the no interest loans for financially excluded and disadvantaged people to be issued in 20 hours down from 10 days
2	Zero Hunger	Partnership with Two Good Co. (TGC) and NAB, ABV helped build a national distribution network for Two Good Co's food network to domestic violence services
5	Gender Equality	Two Good Co. with NAB - ABV contributed by supporting TGC's employment program for women leaving domestic violence
8	Decent Work and Economic Growth	Bank of South Pacific – ABV business skills development programs for SME's where clients of the bank receive capacity building to strengthen their businesses
9	Industry, Innovation and Infrastructure	*Bank of South Pacific emerging leaders Mentoring program which supports the strengthening of the banking sector across the Pacific *ABeam cross-cultural leadership program which will strengthen the effectiveness of a global consulting firm to be cross-culturally sensitive and appropriate in the leadership of projects around the world.
10	Reduced Inequality	Ok Tedi Development Foundation Strategic Review where ABV made recommendations for greater equity across Western Province
11	Sustainable Cities and Communities	Apeketon Business Hub with Newcrest - ABV by supporting the development of a sustainable economy on Lihir post mine closure through an innovative approach to community engagement and business skills development capacity building In partnership with Launch Housing and NAB, ABV assisted to strengthen the business model and viability of Launch's Property Management social enterprise, providing income for homelessness services and more affordable housing to disadvantaged groups.
14	Life Below Water	The Nature Conservancy with NAB - ABV where the circular economic approach of recycling shells will enable the restoration of shellfish reefs, leading to greater fish population at 100 reef sites across Australia, vastly improving life under water
15	Life on Land	AgUnity partnership Aliet Green – ABV supports the improved farming practices and manufacturing processes of organic agribusinesses in Indonesia to sustainably farm the land and protect the livelihoods of small holder farmers
16	Peace and Justice, Strong Institutions	Bank of PNG Institutional Strengthening program supports strengthening the internal capability of PNG's central bank
17	Partnerships to achieve the Goal	On-going partnerships with NAB, BSP, Newcrest Mining and Bank PNG

Part III. Measurement of Outcomes

ABV’s current Monitoring and Evaluating Framework (MERI)



Measurement of relevant ABV outcomes

ABV overall

- Number of skilled volunteering hours contributed = 8,000 hours
- Sector skills and capabilities offered by ABV’s extensive network of Skilled Business Professionals: ➔
- List of partnerships finalised that advance UN Global Compact principles
 - National Australia Bank
 - Newcrest Mining
 - Bank of South Pacific
 - Bank of PNG
 - Aliet Green
 - Abeam
 - Two Good Co
 - AgUnity
 - Good Shepherd Microfinance

