

COMMUNICATION ON ENGAGEMENT (COE)



Period covered by this Communication on Engagement

From: November 30, 2018 – November 30, 2020

Part I: Statement of Continued Support by the Chief Executive of Equivalent



November 10, 2020

To our stakeholders:

Relief International 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 of Engagement with the United Nations Global Compact. We welcome feedback on its contents.

In this Communication of Engagement, Relief International describes the actions that our organization has taken to support the UN Global Compact and its Principles as suggested for an organization like ours. We also commit to sharing this information with our stakeholders using our primary channels of communication.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Nancy E. Wilson".

Nancy E. Wilson
Chief Executive Officer
Relief International



Part II. Description of Actions

Specific actions that Relief International has taken in support of the Global Compact include:

- **Promoting greater environmental responsibility:** Worked with NGO steering committee of Interaction to craft NGO Climate Compact, defining 2020-2022 commitments to reduce carbon footprint, water use, and waste which include education and advocacy, international programs, internal operations, and learning. Contributed case study to “Turning up the Heat,” a guidance document on how Humanitarian and Development NGOs can take action to address climate change and environmental issues in their programs and supply chains. This work supports Principle 8: undertake initiatives to promote greater environmental responsibility.
- **Advancing environmentally friendly technologies:** Relief International manages Gyapa Enterprise in Ghana with local NGO SUDRA and over 700 local entrepreneurs to produce and sell Gyapa fuel efficient cook stoves. Gyapa has its verified emission reductions and SDGs third party verified by Gold Standard. This work supports Principle 9 - encourage the development and diffusion of environmentally friendly technologies.
- **Combating child labor:** Relief International, in partnership with DANIDA, launched work on holistic protection and livelihoods solutions to reduce child labor in vulnerable Lebanese and Syrian refugee households. Key elements of the program include value chain assessments for three municipalities and participatory planning with each municipality and the private sector to end child labor, and livelihoods case management for program participants. This work supports Principle 5 - the effective abolition of child labor.

Part III. Measurement of Outcomes

Relief International has updated its five year strategy and engaged with public and private-sector partners to advance the ten principles of the UN Global Compact across all its supply chain procurement mechanisms and field programs. Relief International provides the following examples of relevant qualitative and/or quantitative indicators to measure the outcome of the activities described in Part II above.

- On the 50th Anniversary of Earth Day, April 22, 2020, Relief International joined 80+ Member NGOs of Interaction to launch the [NGO Climate Compact](#) to pledge concerted, unified, and urgent action to address climate change. Relief International is a signatory to the NGO Climate Compact.
- Relief International's Gyapa™ Cook stoves project issued a further 1 million of independently verified Gold Standard Carbon credits in 2020, bringing the total emission reductions achieved by the project to more than 4 million tonnes of CO² equivalent over 10 years. This project partners with SUDRA, ClimateCare and local artisans to provide clean, efficient cook stoves to families in Ghana. Each efficient stove uses just half the fuel of traditional alternatives, which not only cuts carbon emissions and reduces local deforestation, but also saves families money. The average Gyapa™ stove user saves \$100 a year on fuel bills – a collective saving of over \$84 million for families across Ghana so far. Families use these savings for school fees, healthier food, and medicine. The project has now become the largest provider of fuel efficient cook stoves to consumers in Ghana. Its 180 skilled local ceramicists and metal workers produce on average 17,750 new stoves a month and over 1.5 million stoves have been sold to date. The Gyapa™ stoves are locally manufactured near Accra and Kumasi, Ghana. Investing in staff training and skills is a key part of the project and the project has used revenue generated through the sale of carbon credits to develop a high-spec manufacturing facility in Kumasi, and a new facility in Accra - improving the working conditions of its independent manufacturing workforce. In addition, the project provides income for more than 600 retailers across the country. Gyapa has third party verified SDGs 1, 3, 8 and 13. The reduced greenhouse gas emissions and SDGs are third party verified by Gold Standard.
- The holistic protection and livelihoods solutions work with DANIDA to reduce child labor in North Lebanon for vulnerable Lebanese and Syrian refugee households has had the following outcomes: 120 children removed from child labor, and 1,100 children, including those removed from child labor, supported with prevention and case management services, 25 municipal police and 40 employers included in the program to eliminate child labor and provide protection services.