

## COMMUNICATION ON ENGAGEMENT (COE)

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Armenian General Benevolent Union Lebanon



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ARMENIAN GENERAL BENEVOLENT UNION

### Period covered by this Communication on Engagement

From: May, 2018

To: May, 2020

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

Please use the box below to include the statement of continued support signed by your organization's 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 second commitment, we express our intent to continuously support 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 principles, 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 out second Communication on Engagement (COE).

Heartily,  
Gerard Tufenkjian,  
President

## Part II. Description of Actions

Please use the box below to describe the actions your organization has taken in support of the Global Compact. It is strongly recommended that the actions taken are related to one or more of the specific activities suggested. *Please refer to the complete list of suggested activities for your type of organization found [here](#).*

Activity/Initiative	SDGs Targeted
The AGBU-AYA Ahramjian Dispensary was activated in Amanos (September, 2018). Significant advances have been made in the two AGBU Lebanon Dispensaries to ensure affordable healthcare for all. These medical dispensaries help people from various backgrounds.	SDG 3: Good Health and Well-Being SDG 10: Reduced Inequalities
The AGBU Antranik Scouts volunteered in the Blom Bank Beirut Marathon in 2018, and AGBU members participate in the marathon. Mrs. May El Khalil has awarded AGBU-AYA with the Long-Term Volunteering Partnership Award.	SDG 3: Good Health and Well-Being SDG 16: Peace, Justice and Strong Institutions SDG 17: Partnership for the Goals
AGBU Lebanon cooperated with embassies, other non-governmental organizations, universities and research centers on panel discussions and conferences, revolving around the topic of genocide and crimes against humanity (Armenian Embassy, Issam Fares Institute, Lepsius Haus – Potsdam, UNESCO-CISH, Facebook, Smex,...))	SDG 4: Quality Education SDG 16: Peace, Justice and Strong Institutions SDG 17: Partnerships for the Goals
The Al Waleed Bin Talal Humanitarian Foundation offered new desks and interactive boards to AGBU Schools in October 2018.	SDG 4: Quality Education
AGBU Antranik Scouts prepared various humanitarian projects and initiatives, including preparing food for the needy, distributing donated clothes and toys, and organizing fundraising events.	SDG 1: No Poverty SDG 2: Zero Hunger SDG 3: Good Health and Well-Being SDG 10: Reduced Inequalities
AGBU Schools has delivered educational topics and prepared career-guidance workshops and orientations.	SDG 4: Quality Education
AGBU-AYA has organized with SDL and AEL numerous events and workshops that promote gender equality, encourage environmental security, and shape better leaders of tomorrow's scouts	SDG 5: Gender Equality SDG 10: Reduced Inequalities SDG 11: Sustainable Cities and Communities SDG 13: Climate Action SDG 15: Life on Land SDG 16: Peace, Justice and Strong Institutions
AGBU Lebanon launched the humanitarian food box distribution	SDG 1: No Poverty SDG 2: Zero Hunger

<p>program in light of the pandemic and the deterioration of the economic situation in Lebanon. The program started in February 2020 with 100 families, and continued monthly to include more than 500 families in May 2020.</p> <p>Note: The program is still on-going in 2021, and supports more than 1200 families.</p>	<p>SDG 3: Good Health and Well-Being SDG 10: Reduced Inequalities</p>
<p>AGBU Lebanon and AYA adapted to the regulations revolving the Covid-19 pandemic. AGBU Schools converted its academic activities and lessons online. Whereas AYA halted its sports activities during lockdowns and reverted online when necessary.</p>	<p>SDG 3: Good Health and Well-Being</p>
<p>AGBU Schools waived the tuition fees of all its enrolled students for the Academic year 2020-2021.</p>	<p>SDG 1: No Poverty SDG 4: Quality Education SDG 10: Reduced Inequalities</p>

### 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: A conference was organized with IFI-AUB revolving around Genocide, Freedom of expression, and social media. It attracted more than 100 attendees. Moreover, each panel discussion ended with an extensive Q&A session.

Human Rights: AGBU Lebanon's food box distribution program reached more than 500 households from February 2020 till May 2020.

Human Rights and Education: The AGBU dispensaries open their doors daily to the people who need medical surveillance and medication.

Education: AGBU schools has fully waived the tuition fees of more than 250 students.