

Letter of Renewal of Commitment to the Global Compact

By means of this letter, the FC Barcelona Foundation expresses its interest in renewing its commitment to the United Nations Global Compact and its ten constituent principles.

The Barça Foundation's mission is to *improve the quality of life of vulnerable children and young people through education, health and sport, as essential tools to contribute to social inclusion and equity, with particular focus on gender equality and diversity in all its forms.*

There is no question that poverty, social inequality and discrimination, as well as diseases and armed conflicts, are among the factors responsible for generating social inequalities. As such, the FC Barcelona Foundation actively contributes to the integration of children and young people living in those social environments most affected by these elements. And it does so in line with the general framework set out by the United Nations, actively participating in and contributing to the following Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) through sport:

- Goal 1: End poverty
- Goal 4: Quality education
- Goal 3: Good health and wellbeing
- Goal 6: Clean water and sanitation
- Goal 5: Gender equality
- Goal 8: Decent work and economic growth
- Goal 9: Industry, innovation and infrastructure
- Goal 10: Reduced inequalities
- Goal 17: Partnerships for the goals



The experience gained over the past five years has prompted the Barça Foundation to produce and publish the following report on Sport and the 2030 Agenda: <https://en.calameo.com/read/00603861066cc75db8133?view=book&authid=aFuLn0DEs5mb&styleurl=https://fundacio.fcbarcelona.cat/o/fcb-fundation-theme/images/calameo/styles.txt&page=1>

The Barça Foundation has gone through a period of evolution in recent years and is currently developing its Strategic Plan 2021-2027, principally focused on the social inclusion of society's most vulnerable children and young people, as well as helping them gain access to education and fostering their personal development to provide them with opportunities for a fulfilling and happy future.

To highlight one example, the Barça Foundation, aware of the enormous challenges presented as a result of the refugee and asylum seeker phenomenon in Europe, channels its knowledge and resources into improving the social inclusion of unaccompanied refugee minors in Spain, Lebanon, Greece and Italy. The entity's Refugee Program is a success story that promotes personal development and the integration and employability of its beneficiaries within host communities. More than €3.5 million has been invested in the project in the past four years, benefiting more than 15,000 children and young people.

The entity also runs various programs that use sport as a tool for comprehensive development in the fields of youth violence and bullying prevention, access to education, gender equality, the promotion of children's emotional wellbeing and the inclusion of children from disadvantaged backgrounds and/or with different abilities.

In terms of participation with and commitment to the Global Compact and the 2030 Agenda, the Barça Foundation has participated in a range of actions, attended training webinars and is working to further build on its connection with the Spanish Global Compact Network, particularly in relation to the areas of social inclusion, violence prevention and education.

We would also highlight the report published in the Dossier of the Spanish Global Compact Network on the FC Barcelona Foundation's response to the Covid-19 pandemic, through which it demonstrated its commitment to the community, channelling its own resources and those of its collaborators into efforts to alleviate the impact of the pandemic:

https://fundacion.fcbarcelona.es/noticias/dosier-red-espanola-pacto-mundial?_ga=2.19235576.134291037.1637837253-453793503.1601025433

Finally, with the aim of making the knowledge amassed by the Foundation available to the sector, the organisation has published a variety of reports and dossiers detailing the activities implemented as part of its refugee, juvenile justice, anti-bullying and functional diversity programs in order to share experiences, methodologies, types of interventions and results achieved: https://fundacion.fcbarcelona.es/informes?_ga=2.182765286.134291037.1637837253-453793503.1601025433

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