

COMMUNICATION ON ENGAGEMENT (COE)



Insamlingsstiftelsen WaterAid Sverige

Period covered by this Communication on Engagement is 2020 to 2022.

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To: [01/02/2022]

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

I am pleased to confirm that WaterAid Sweden continues to support the ten principles of the UN Global Compact with respect to human rights, labour, environment, and anti-corruption.

It is my pleasure to submit our Communication on Engagement with the United Nations Global Compact for the period of February 2020 to January 2022. We appreciate any feedback.

This Communication on Engagement is a joint submission outlining all actions that our organisation have taken to support the Global Compact and its Principles.

WaterAid Sweden has through its collaboration with all WaterAid International member organisations aligned our strategy and operations towards SDG6 to ensure that everyone everywhere has access to clean water, sanitation, and hygiene by 2030.

In this document we describe the actions that WaterAid Sweden has undertaken to support the UN Global Compact and its principles as suggested for a non-profit organisation like us. We also commit to sharing this information with all our stakeholders through all our channels of communication.

Sincerely yours,

Anna Nilsson
Chief Executive
WaterAid Sweden

Part II. Description of Actions

WaterAid's work is aligned with the UN Sustainable Development Goals and the pledge to leave no one behind. In particular, we have focused on where we believe WaterAid together with our partners and the communities we operate with, can make the biggest difference to people's lives through: SDG 6: Clean water and sanitation; SDG 1: No Poverty; SDG 2: No Hunger; SDG 3: Good Health and Well-being; SDG 4: Quality Education; SDG 5: Gender equality; SDG 8: Decent Work and Economic Growth; SDG 10: Reduce inequality; SDG 11: Sustainable Cities and Communities; SDG 13: Climate action; SDG 17: Partnerships for the Goals.

We have continued to engage with the UN Global Compact through influencing businesses, governments, and intergovernmental organisations to strengthen frameworks to include everyone's rights to access to clean water, sanitation and hygiene (SDG6). This includes working with companies to improve views and strategies on water, sanitation, and Hygiene (WASH), water usage, and water impact throughout their supply chains. This to protect human rights, improve livelihood conditions and safeguard the environment.

WaterAid maintains engagement with business as a 'critical friend': challenging the private sector to change their policies and practices. We engage companies on their policies and practices through dialogue; this can include working on multi stakeholder initiatives, joint programs, and mutual communication to elevate national awareness and improve practice in a sector.

Our programme partnerships enable active collaboration with private sector to change company practices to improve impact on people in poverty. WaterAid International's strategy includes a clear focus on the most marginalised people's access to clean water, sanitation and hygiene (SDG6), also heavily affected by the existing climate and water crisis. Thus hitting the world's poorest communities hardest leading to inequalities that block especially women and girls from being safe, secure and reaching their full potential.

We continue our thought leadership ("Do some and influence the rest") that shapes global debates about the role of the private sector in development through research, policy papers and convening dialogue on issues ranging from business and human rights, business and the Sustainable Development Goals, to the future of corporate structures and value chains.

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.

Examples of measurement of our operational outcomes to support include:

- Number of people with access to clean water, sanitation, and hygiene (WASH/SDG 6)
- Number of corporate Partnerships with mutual aims to advance on SDG 6
- Number of Governments departments given inputs on WASH
- Engage companies in Global Compact-related issues
- Engagement in and with Global Compact Network Sweden
- Participate in Global Compact global, and local events
- Provide commentary to companies on communications on water impact progress
- Join and/or propose partnership projects on corporate sustainability