

COMMUNICATION ON ENGAGEMENT (COE)

Period covered by this Communication on Engagement

From: June 2021

To: May 2023

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.

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Milan, May 03rd 2023

To our stakeholders:

I am pleased to confirm that COOPI Cooperazione Internazionale reaffirms its support to the United Nations Global Compact and its Ten Principles. This is our Communication on Engagement with the United Nations Global Compact. We welcome feedback on its contents.

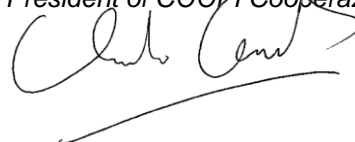
In this Communication of Engagement, we describe the actions that our organization has taken to support the UN Global Compact and its Principles as suggested for an organization like COOPI. We also commit to sharing this information with our stakeholders using our primary channels of communication.

Sincerely yours.



Claudio Ceravolo

President of COOPI Cooperazione Internazionale



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.

COOPI took activities to support the UN Global Compact mostly on Civil Society

1) Engaging companies in global compact related issues

COOPI has integrated Global Impact's 10 principles into its Corporate Partnership Policy of 2015 which is still relevant and applied.

According to COOPI "Purchasing Procedure", all the Corporate Suppliers wishing to work with COOPI must fulfill a list of requirements as regards to the respect of the Human Rights, Labour and Anti Corruption Principles. Suppliers must formally undertake specific Declarations as part of the Agreement.

Human Rights (principle 1 and 2) and Labour (principle 3-6)

- Respect for diversity and the fighting of discrimination: COOPI and its business partners share the objective of striving towards the enhancement of cultures and of differences with the conviction that such endeavors are a fundamental condition for progress.
- Enhancement of human resources: COOPI and its business partners share a respect for the rights, the protection of and the safety of all of their collaborators and volunteers, recognizing their professional work which they carry out with respect to international laws and the countries in which they work.
- Companies are engaged in promoting human rights awareness by participating in COOPI's child sponsorship program, and involving their employees by sharing the support of the child's needs and the celebration of his/her accomplishments.
- Companies are engaged in promoting human rights awareness by supporting our projects: in 2022 and first months of 2023 they were involved particularly in supporting Syrian families affected by earthquake and in supporting children affected by malnutrition

Anti-corruption (principle 10)

- COOPI's Code of Ethics and Conduct states that fraud, corruption, theft, defalcation of funds, conflict of interest or other dishonest acts are not to be tolerated. They are to be investigated, internally sanctioned, and if necessary, reported to the public authorities and prosecuted according to the law.

2) Supporting special initiatives

Environment (principles 7-9)

- In Ethiopia and in Sierra Leone (2021) we carried out programs to promote access to sustainable sources of energy especially in rural contexts.
In Ethiopia, in addition to the projects for the installation of solar panels, carried out throughout the region, a three-year project was concluded in 2021 which led to the introduction of about 10,000 "improved" stoves in rural areas of Bale and South West Shewa - in the Oromia region - including training within the community for their production and maintenance on site. The project has activated a virtuous circle of generation of carbon credits which are then reinvested for local development. The carbon credits are sold to a corporate Partner which collaborates with COOPI to offset its CO2 emissions.

Moreover:

- in 2019 COOPI published its internal “Protection from Sexual Exploitation and Abuse” Policy
- COOPI has included the Global Compact logo on its website www.cooipi.org and in its annual report in the section concerning partnerships.

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.

- 1 Corporate Partner collaborates with COOPI to offset its CO2 emissions.
- 106 COOPI Corporate suppliers had to undertake the Global Impact’s 10 principles
- 1 Corporate Partner has promoted the partnership with COOPI on its social network at national level
- 12 Corporate Partners currently participating in COOPI’s child sponsorship program
- 10 Corporate partners were engaged in promoting Human Rights by their support to COOPI’s projects
- over 300 selected Corporate Partners have been contacted to promote Human Rights awareness campaign