



Date: November 6, 2023

**H.E. António Guterres,
Secretary-General
United Nations New York, NY 10017 USA**

Dear Mr. Secretary General,

Subject: S M Sehgal Foundation's Engagement with Global Compact Network India (GCNI)

Dear Secretary-General,

I am writing to inform you that S M Sehgal Foundation in Gurugram, India, is a member of GCNI. Through our commitment to rural development focusing on community development and participation, water management and environment, and agriculture and women empowerment, school transformation, and digital awareness; we actively contribute to the Global Compact's mission.

As an engaged member of the Global Compact Network India (GCNI), we have intensified our rural development initiatives in twelve states across rural India. Our focus remains on empowering communities and driving positive social, economic, and environmental change. Our community development work in rural India exemplifies our commitment to social development.

GCNI and S M Sehgal Foundation worked together on a couple of projects in the year 2022-23:

- 1- A memorandum of understanding was signed in around July 2022, between both the organization for Water and WASH Workstream;
- 2- S M Sehgal Foundation took the lead in October 2022 in organizing and managing the awards on *Best practices challenges on Water Management in WASH*;
- 3- A presentation was made during the GCNI high-level stakeholder consultation titled- "Resolving Water and WASH Challenge from the Ground Up"; which highlights our dedication to Sustainable Development Goal 6.
- 4- A white paper was prepared by the S M Sehgal Foundation and submitted for publishing.

Furthermore, we remain dedicated to following the Global Compact COE policy, as a demonstration of our commitment to transparency and accountability.

We are open to forging partnerships that will strengthen our collective efforts and contribute to the advancement of social accountability and sustainable development.

Thank you.

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Trustee & CEO