

UN Global Compact Communication on Engagement (COE) Report

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1. Statement of continued support for UN Global Compact

Article 25 reaffirms its support of the United Nations Global Compact and its 10 Principles in the areas of human rights, labour, environment and anti-corruption.

This is our Communication on Engagement with the United Nations Global Compact and we welcome feedback on its contents.

In its activities, Article 25 primarily supports the following principles:

- Principle 7: businesses should support a precautionary approach to environmental challenges
- Principle 8: undertake initiatives to promote greater environmental responsibility
- Principle 9: encourage the development and diffusion of environmentally friendly technologies

In this report we highlight the activities undertaken to support these principles.

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2. Our mission and vision

Article 25 is an architecture charity based in London. We use design to improve health, livelihood and resilience to disasters. Our vision is of a world where all communities have access to better housing, safe school buildings and effective clinics and hospitals.

We provide the skills and knowledge to make safe and appropriate building projects possible – taking into account the opportunities and constraints in the local environment. Our buildings are designed using passive design strategies where possible, including maximising natural daylight, natural ventilation and solar energy. Over the past 14 years we have developed specialist skills in designing buildings for earthquake resistance.

Our projects are delivered with in-country partners to ensure that local knowledge and relationships are maximised for successful delivery. Skills training and capacity building are integral to our approach to also ensure that projects are sustainable after our involvement has ended, not only leaving a building as a legacy, but a thriving and more resilient community through our work together.



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3. The impact of Article 25's activities

	<p>Tanzania Child support Tanzania inclusive Pre school</p> <p>Design of a new school campus on a government donated site. The design includes spacious, well lit classrooms for 10 children, a dining hall, music rooms, computer rooms, physiotherapy spaces, a hydrotherapy pool, a sensory garden and outdoor play areas and a sports field. The design is intended to be a model to inform the construction of other schools in Tanzania that want to become inclusive schools.</p>
	<p>Nepal – Anandaban Hospital (with The Leprosy Mission)</p> <p>Design of earthquake resilient facilities for the redevelopment of the hospital following the earthquake in 2015, Anandaban is the main leprosy referral hospital in Nepal providing vital free healthcare and leprosy research.</p>
	<p>Niger – Collège Amadou Hampate Ba</p> <p>The Collège currently provides subsidised education for middle school age children from lower income families. The aim is to expand this model for children from primary school right through to lycée, and to build an exemplar high quality educational facility for Niger.</p>
	<p>Myanmar – Yangon General Hospital (with RGHR)</p> <p>Our Masterplan aims to develop the hospital over a 20 year timeline. Phase 1 is focused on site wide safety and 4 key buildings which are essential in providing services, both to the hospital and the city at large, in the event of a disaster, including Covid-19 response.</p>
	<p>Haiti – Petionville School (with Outreach International)</p> <p>The earthquake in Haiti caused the original school to collapse in 12 seconds. Article 25 has designed a new, more resistant school to allow hundreds of children to return to full-time education. The school has now enjoyed two full academic years in the new buildings</p>
	<p>Tanzania ao a mani Childrens village with Tr n a n g and ao a mani</p> <p>Our plans on this project are to refurbish and expand the existing primary school, alongside proposals for a new Children's village to replace the existing orphanage. The Children's village will consist of cottages for groups of children, each with its own live in carer, and shared spaces for socialising, study and play.</p>
	<p>Morocco Clinic for Children with Cleft Palate and Cleft lip with Operation Smile</p> <p>The design of this clinic follows the tradition of Moroccan houses waiting areas and treatment spaces are arranged around a courtyard, providing light, ventilation and pleasant views from every room. This clinic came into operation in April 2011.</p>
	<p>United Kingdom Warm and Healthy Homes with Big Lottery and Tesco Bags of Help</p> <p>In the London boroughs of Newham and Tower Hamlets there are thousands of households suffering from fuel poverty. We conducted six workshops supporting more than a 100 vulnerable participants, sharing insight into the medical dangers of living in cold conditions, cost effective energy saving measures people can carry out in their homes, and information about accessing grants and schemes for home improvements.</p>

3. The impact of Article 25's activities (cont.)

	<p>Montserrat Glendon Hospital (with Clarkebond and the Government of Montserrat)</p> <p>We developed plans for a new hospital on the island of Montserrat, in partnership with Clarkebond and the local government. The existing hospital has been operating from a converted school building for many years, as the previous building was destroyed in the 1997 volcanic eruption.</p>
	<p>Dominica – Housing Recovery Project (with Clarkebond)</p> <p>We have contributed to Dominica's Housing Recovery Project, in partnership with Clarkebond, via an island-wide reconstruction programme to deliver 676 homes that had been completely destroyed by Hurricane Maria in 2017.</p>
	<p>Lebanon - Beirut explosion (With Ian Ritchie Architects and arcenciel)</p> <p>We raised awareness and funds to provide better temporary shelter in Beirut ahead of remedial works after the huge explosions damaged or destroyed more than 45,000 buildings in August 2020.</p>