

UN Global Compact Communication on Engagement (COE) Report

Reporting period: Jan 2022 – Jan 2024

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 1: Businesses should support and respect the protection of internationally proclaimed human rights
- Principle 6: the elimination of discrimination in respect of employment and occupation.
- 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 a UK based 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.



Children getting water from the new pump in Haiti (with Outreach International)



Children in a classroom at the College Amadou Hampate Ba in Niger (with Max Fordham)



Children in a classroom at the CST inclusive pre-school in Tanzania (with Able Child Africa).



Children getting treated at the OSM Clinic in Morocco (with Operation Smile)

3. The measurements and outcomes Article 25's activities



Anandaban (Nepal) Hospital Trauma Centre (with The Leprosy Mission)

The design used a reinforced concrete frame with brick infill walls to comply with stringent seismic safety standards. The context-specific sustainability strategy includes naturally ventilated patient rooms and rainwater harvesting. The new building is cut into the sloped site and uses the existing contours of the site to allow direct level access on the ground and lower ground floor.



Niger – College Amadou Hampate Ba

The goal of the College is to expand the existing secondary school to include a primary school and upper secondary classes so they can offer the baccalaureate (university entrance exam). Which would provide protection from the extremely hot climate using locally sourced materials. This includes 'green' classrooms which keep workspaces cool and light without the need for costly power sources. As an educational pioneer in the area, the College will teach primary school in the local language, with the additional focus of reducing the female drop-out rate.



Myanmar – Yangon General Hospital (with RGHR)

The Masterplan developed by Article 25 in close collaboration with the hospital is intended to guide the refurbishment and sustainable expansion of the campus. It takes into account the heritage of the old buildings as well as providing adequate space for patients and staff for the future of YGH as the central institution of the Myanmar healthcare system.

Following the delivery of the Masterplan at the beginning of 2017, we are now working alongside the hospital on the implementation. The Masterplan sets out the proposals to develop the hospital over an estimated 20-year timeline, divided into 4 phases. The work we are currently undertaking is the second year of Phase 1.



Morocco – Hospital for Children with Cleft Palate and Cleft Lip

A new clinic to provide healthcare to children undergoing facial re-constructive surgery for cleft lip and palate conditions, serving the poor region of Oujda near the Algerian border. The new clinic will be more accessible for those seeking critical treatment in central and southern parts of Morocco. Providing care accessibly for babies, children, and young people for conditions that can cause malnutrition, speech difficulties and social isolation further as they grow is essential. Operation Smile Morocco works not just to treat, but to educate the local public on cleft lip or palates due to cultural, social stigma, or a general lack of knowledge, which often prevents people from seeking treatment. The new clinic will enable people to develop and thrive healthily - both socially and physically - in their local communities.



Child Support Tanzania Inclusive Pre-School

The previous school operated by Child Support Tanzania had outgrown its premises. Able Child Africa, a UK-based charity which exclusively works with and for disabled children in Africa, and Child Support Tanzania asked us to design a new school campus on a government-donated site.

The design includes spacious, well-lit classrooms for 160 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.



Muzaffarpur Leprosy Hospital – India

We are working with The Leprosy Mission on designs for a new Outpatient Department to better serve the hundreds of patients that visit everyday, and improve the hospital's healthcare provision.

A beautiful new light and airy Outpatient Department will house the remarkable work of The Leprosy Mission in Bihar. Patients will be able to receive a comfortable level of care in the new safe, spacious and clinical environment.

Reduction of the flooding risk will allow doctors and nurses to focus on their medical work without fear of their houses flooding every monsoon.



Montserrat New National Hospital

Article 25 are working closely with the Government of Montserrat and hospital staff to deliver a new 24-bed hospital to be located on the site of the existing Glendon Hospital in St John's, Montserrat.

The proposed design organises the hospital in two double storey wings connected by a curved veranda that contains a series of public services at ground floor and administrative services above. The connected wings create a central courtyard that can be used by both hospital staff and patients.



Dominica Housing Recovery Project

The Housing Recovery Project (HRP) launched by the Government of the Commonwealth of Dominica in collaboration with the World Bank is a new, island-wide project designed to build resilience in the housing sector by supporting safe reconstruction in accordance with internationally recognized resilience standards in engineering and construction and revised building codes. This project includes the reconstruction of 450 dwellings destroyed by Hurricane Maria.

The impact of resilient homes saves lives and reduces economic hardship. It gives residents peace of mind that their families are safe and their homes will withstand.