

Communication on Engagement with the United Nations Global Compact



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Statement of Continued Support by the Chief Executive:

Period covered by this COE: January 2022 to December 2023



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As the newly appointed CEO of World Vision UK I am very pleased to confirm that World Vision UK reaffirms its support to the United Nations Global Compact and its Ten Principles in the areas of Human Rights, Labour, Environment and Anti-Corruption. I am personally very passionate about the role the private sector has to play in international development and am committed to our increasing engagement in this space.

This document is our Communication on Engagement with the United Nations Global Compact. It describes, in brief, the activities and programmes that World Vision UK has taken to fully support the UN Global Compact and its Principles, and how, through our Corporate Engagement team within the Strategic Partnerships Directorate, and the organisation as a whole, we have made progress over the past two years.

As ever we commit to sharing this information with our stakeholders through our Annual Report and Accounts and our Impact Report. These documents have been the source material for the data and information provided in this Communication and are all also available on our World Vision UK website.

We welcome feedback on the contents of this document, as we aim to continually improve and grow our engagement with the UNGC.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Fola Komolafe".

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Introduction

The United Nations Global Compact (UNGC) is a strategic, global initiative encouraging international companies to make a voluntary commitment to responsible and sustainable business practices. This UN-led initiative purports to promote activities that contribute to sustainable development goals to create a better world, with a goal for organisations to integrate corporate responsibility principles into business operations and strategies globally.

The United Nations Global Compact focuses on ten key principles relating to the areas of

- 1. Human Rights,**
- 2. Labour,**
- 3. the Environment, and**
- 4. Anti-corruption.**

World Vision UK (WVUK) signed-up to this Global Compact. We committed to implement sustainable practices and support UN goals. Our work as the world's leading international development organisation for children and their communities aligns closely with the ten Global Compact principles, which are entwined and integral to our vision and values to transform the lives for the most vulnerable children globally.

Recently, the UNGC UK requested signatories to the Global Compact to submit a Communication on Engagement or Progress every two years. This is World Vision UK's 2nd Communication on Engagement, covering our organisational activities, approaches, and business processes from January 2022 through to December 2023.

Objective of this Communication of Engagement:

This document summarises the actions and activities World Vision UK has undertaken to demonstrate support of, and engagement in the ten UNGC principles. This report outlines where we have supported and promoted the UN Global Compact and its principles over the last two years in our work, and where applicable with partners and stakeholders.

- This report groups the ten UNGC principles into the aforementioned four functional groupings of Human Rights, Labour, the Environment, and Anti-corruption.
- We report progress against each of the four UNGC areas and how we have supported the UNGC principles.

We identify our next steps for the next reporting period, our measurement of outcomes and achievements during the 2022-2023 reporting period



Part I: Our commitment to UNGC

Human Rights Principles:

How World Vision UK embodies and promotes human rights in our work and partnerships.

Part I: WVUK's Commitment to the 10 Principles of UNGC

Human Rights Principles: 1 & 2: how we embody and promote human rights in our work.

- *Principle 1: World Vision UK supports and respects the protection of internationally proclaimed human rights; and*
- *Principle 2: World Vision UK ensures we are not complicit in human rights abuses.*

World Vision manages a wide range of innovative programmes in contexts around the world where people are living in fragile and difficult contexts and are considered highly vulnerable due to difficulties accessing their basic human rights, poverty, conflict, environmental disasters, and displacement. These circumstances and contexts can lead to the loss or undermining of human rights and potential human rights abuses. To ensure effective programming and humanitarian service delivery and implementation WVUK has clear policies and procedures in place to ensure people's human rights are protected and safeguarded. We are fully committed to do no harm wherever we work and with whomever we work.

An important part of this commitment is our ongoing engagement with Civil Society, ensuring our awareness and involvement in local networks, special initiatives, and opportunities to involve partners, stakeholders, and other organisations in Global Compact related issues. The UNGC human rights, labour, environment, and anti-corruption principles are already firmly embedded in our work, business processes and ethos.

As an organisation we invested in the development of strategic partnerships to access and engage with a wider range of partners, resources, and entities in human rights.

Activities in 2022-2023

- We have detailed policies and behavioural protocols reflecting our zero tolerance of sexual exploitation and abuse, bullying and harassment.
- We established our Strategic Partnerships for World Vision UK to enable us to deepen further our engagement with Civil Society and Corporate organisations. This engagement enabled us to closely network globally and locally and participate in Global Compact events.
- Our Board of Trustees monitors World Vision UK's remuneration, reward, and people management policies. Further information about the implementation of these policies and how leaders engage with staff can be found on in our Annual Report 2023.
- World Vision UK prioritises the inclusion of children, youth, and survivors of human rights abuses in global conferences affecting them. In 2022, we facilitated the participation of eight delegates at the Preventing Sexual Violence in Conflict Conference (including 2 survivors and 2 youth delegates) in London. In November 2023, we worked with children and youth to develop and present a Youth Call to Action and the UK's Global Food Security Summit.
- In World Vision UK actively participates in several critical Human Rights-focused working groups of Bond, the UK network for organisations working in international development, including chairing the Child Rights Group, co-chairing the Conflict Policy Group and the Resilience Group. World Vision is also represented in the Disability & Development Group and the Humanitarian Group.
- World Vision UK also contributes actively to the Gender and Development Network, through the:
 - PSVI Working Group (a joint working group of the Gender and Development Network and Gender Action for Peace and Security).
 - The Humanitarian Working Group.

- The Violence Against Women and Girls Working Group.
- Furthermore, World Vision UK is an active contributor to the following committees and working groups centred on promoting Human Rights and protection of those rights:
 - Send My Friend to School coalition.
 - Alliance for Child Protection in Humanitarian Action, which World Vision International co-chairs.
 - International Coalition for Advocacy on Nutrition (ICAN UK).

Next Steps

- Following the creation of our new Strategic Partnerships Division in World Vision UK, we will deepen our engagement with Civil Society, local and global networks, and corporate organisations.
- To increase involvement in local and worldwide Global Compact events and initiatives via our Strategic Partnerships Division and across World Vision.

There is more detail about our commitment to human rights and the actions we have taken in our Impact Report and Annual Report 2023.

Case Study: Partnership with LetterOne (Human Rights)

EDUCATION IN EMERGENCY



The Ukraine Crisis

On 24 February 2022, the conflict began in Ukraine, changing millions of lives overnight. Two years on, the intense conflict in Ukraine continues to threaten the lives of civilians across the country. With the ongoing conflict, it was vital to continue to support vulnerable children and their families, to create a sense of normality, and limit the disruption to children's lives.

Education in Ukraine

Since the conflict began, there have been 2,528 attacks on education facilities. The UN Human Rights Monitoring Mission in Ukraine (HRMMU) documented damage to 383 educational facilities and the total destruction of 118. This destruction put the six million children in Ukraine directly at risk of physical harm and prevented young people from accessing education. Prior to the conflict, Ukraine performed at par with its regional neighbours in eastern Europe and outpaced them in terms of students' learning resilience. However, estimates suggest that learning outcomes in Ukraine are now the lowest in Europe.

WVUK's partnership with LetterOne, an international investment business based in Luxembourg, facilitated a generous \$3mil donation enabling WVUK to support children impacted by the Ukrainian conflict. World Vision has been able to provide immediate and long-term humanitarian support to vulnerable children across Ukraine throughout the past year.



Vlada's Story

Vlada, aged 12, attends World Vision supported youth clubs run by Youth Movement Be Free. Her father is away at war.

"It's hard when someone from your family, like brothers or your father, is sent to defend the country. So, I find clubs really helpful," shares Vlada. She attends every Saturday and looks forward to seeing her new friend called Miroslava (pictured right).

"I really like coming here. It's about meeting people. I made a friend here and we are good friends. We like going shopping together," explains Vlada. "I've noticed, when children started visiting these clubs they were closed, and they didn't share anything.

And the more we speak with them, the more they become open, and this happens only to those who attend our clubs for a long time," explains Sasha, who is an assistant

coordinator of the youth club. Not only do the clubs provide a space for children to have fun and socialise, but also to share life-saving information, such as how to protect yourself from landmines.



Labour Principles:

How World Vision UK supports and promotes labour rights within our operations and global programming.

Labour Principles; 3, 4, 5 & 6: how we support and promote labour rights for all

- *Principle 3: World Vision UK upholds the freedom of association and the effective recognition of the right to collective bargaining.*
- *Principle 4: the elimination of all forms of forced and compulsory labour.*
- *Principle 5: the effective abolition of child labour; and*
- *Principle 6: the elimination of discrimination in respect of employment and occupation*

World Vision UK and the wider World Vision Partnership share a zero-tolerance stance on modern slavery and human trafficking. Together, we are pro-active in preventing such acts within our own supply chain and ensuring that we only partner with organisations that also observe appropriate ethical standards.

Activities in 2022- 2023

- We actively engage in international research into child labour, gathering evidence of what works and what does not in fragile contexts. Our research includes best practice in supply chains focussed on removing the worst forms of child labour.
- We publish, annually, a Modern Slavery Statement to confirm our stance on preventing modern slavery, including human trafficking and labour violations.
- We provide training on modern slavery for staff and partners, and we have a Whistleblowing Policy in place through which any misconduct, as well as illegal acts in general, can be reported.
- We follow a robust Ethical Policy supporting due diligence procedures which are carried out into the track record of significant donors, partners, or suppliers and on their sub-contractors, to ensure that neither the donors, partner or their sub-contractors have any association with child labour, human trafficking, or bonded/slave labour.
- We operate a Code of Conduct Policy emphasising our commitment to conduct that is both ethical and legal and confirming that we oppose illegal acts in any of our activities. World Vision UK requires adherence by personnel to all applicable laws and organisational policies.
- The World Vision Partnership Guide to Humanitarian Standards reminds programme staff of the risk of trafficking and directs them to use socially responsible businesses and local labour and ensure that procedures are in place to provide a safe working environment and appropriate remuneration.
- We have a Serious Incidents Policy in place, supported by rigorous procedures, to investigate any adverse practices or incidents reported to us and to implement preventative actions, both here in the UK and in relation to our partners and their sub-contractors.
- World Vision UK signed up for the child labour webinar series with the UK Network.

Next Steps

- To incorporate learning from the PACE programme into other consortia work and complex and hybrid programmes we conduct and lead on globally. The lesson learned included: -
- Ensuring there are income generating activities within programmes to actively promote alternatives to child labour.
- To ensure donors understand the specific challenges of working in fragile settings (including staff turnover, capacity, procurement issues, trust with the community, security and other issues that create delays, donor hesitation).

- To have special consideration with hybrid programmes delivering both learning and impact
- We also seek to reduce the risk of modern slavery and human trafficking by empowering people with opportunities for decent work, in addition to conversations with several corporates, regarding partnerships including programmes involving job creation, education for children (which will enhance their opportunities to work and earn a living), labour rights and working practices.
- We remain committed to keeping our policies, procedures and training under review and updating these as needed to maximise the contribution they make to efforts to tackle modern slavery and human trafficking internationally.
- To provide 2022 training on modern slavery, including anti-corruption, for staff and partners.
- World Vision UK attending and incorporating guidance from UNGC's child labour webinar series.

There is more detail on our commitment to ethical labour practices, compliance, and the actions we have taken in our Annual Report 2023.



Environment Principles:

*How World Vision UK supports the environment
as part of UNGC commitment.*

Environment Principles: 7, 8 & 9: how we support the environment

- *Principle 7: World Vision UK supports a precautionary approach to environmental challenges.*
- *Principle 8: undertake initiatives to promote greater environmental responsibility; and*
- *Principle 9: encourage the development and diffusion of environmentally friendly technologies.*

This environmental statement is endorsed by our Strategic Leadership Team and CEO. It commits the organisation to meet all applicable legal requirements and work to improve (or maintain) our Environmental Impact.

Activities in 2022-2023

- Partnerships and donations secured include a £1m Emergency Grant from corporate partner XTX Markets to respond to the humanitarian crisis in Türkiye and Syria. This project will provide water, sanitation, and hygiene (WASH) and essentials to over 100,000 children and their families and help strengthen people's livelihoods.
- We have a longstanding relationship with corporate partner Lightsource Foundation, the largest solar developer in Europe. Lightsource Foundation visited one of our area programmes which it supports in Sarlahi, Nepal. This partnership funds all elements of community development, contributing to the UN SDGs, including environmental goals.
- We issued an environmental policy statement and agreed a climate change action plan for the year ahead. This included the development of an environmental stewardship policy and a commitment to achieving net zero by 2050.
- WVUK participated in COP27, promoting the importance of listening to children's voices during the decision-making processes to address climate change.
- Two World Vision UK staff participated in the Climate Ambition Accelerator Programme with the UNGC, to enable us to identify further actions to reduce our carbon emissions.
- World Vision UK was a signatory to the Climate Coalition to influence international climate change policy.
- We outlined a commitment to climate change in our annual business plans, alongside an impact goal, which includes writing blogs and social media posts that emphasised how climate change exacerbates issues such as:
 - hunger and malnutrition (highlighted during the East Africa hunger crisis)
 - lack of clean water and the spread of disease (World Water Day)
 - the increase of natural disasters and the impact on children (Earth Day) and more specifically flooding (linked with King Charles' coronation and his environmental interests) and drought (for International Day Against Desertification and Drought).
- Promoting our "Beginner's Guide to Organic Gardening" on Earth Day, complete with carrot seed packets to gather email leads.

- Sharing informative videos explaining the impact climate change has on children and highlighting our efforts to help farmers combat it, including initiatives like farmer-managed natural regeneration. These resources were also integrated into our "Harvest pack" for Churches and "Together Amen" emails to supporters.
- Illustrating how climate change is devastating lives and robbing children of their childhood at key events such as legacy webinars and corporate and major donor seminars.
- Dedicating a landing page on our website to climate change to inform visitors and supporters about what we are doing and featuring stories about children impacted by climate change, in addition to recycling paper, plastic and metal waste and composting food waste at our head office.
- We have raised awareness of environmental issues such as ensuring staff are aware of our workplace environmental initiatives, sharing sustainable lifestyle suggestions in internal news, and communicating with staff about how World Vision wider work is helping communities to adapt and become more resilient to climate change.
- Across all World Vision UK funded programmes, we support the wider World Vision partnership's utilisation of environmentally aware programmes. For example: Livelihoods programmes may work with small holder farmers to build their capacity to deal with the challenges of climate change and environmental degradation.
 - This includes the promotion of climate smart agricultural techniques, agro-forestry and Farmer Managed Natural Regeneration, and soil and water conservation as managing and restoring the natural environment is key to their ongoing ability to be productive and improve their livelihoods and incomes and so contribute to the well-being of their children.
- More broadly World Vision International is a signatory to the INGO Accountability Charter, which includes a requirement to report on environmental management. This requirement is met within the annual World Vision International Accountability Report.

Next Steps

- To engage with & influence the 'expert dialogue' on children announced at COP28, including building on contacts with UK negotiators and MPs. Part of WVI Climate policy strategy work for year-round influence.
- To continue with our church engagement and social media campaigns to deepen and broaden our reach to influence, inform and encourage support for our causes, including:
 - Human Rights,
 - Anti-Poverty,
 - Environment and
 - Climate.
- We are working with several corporates, including one of the world's leading providers of solar solutions and technology, to increase our partnerships' activity in supporting our climate change and environmental efforts.
- We have systematically raised awareness with our employees on sustainability and environmental issues in a manner that is creating greater environmental responsibility.
- To continue promoting energy efficiency through the use of light sensors, office notices asking staff to turn off lights, installing LED lighting undertaking energy assessments, implementing subsequent recommendations as viable, and reducing reduce water usage in our Milton Keynes office.

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- To continue reducing CO2 emissions through voluntary car shares, a cycle to work scheme and utilising video conferencing where appropriate to reduce air travel.
- To reduce environmental degradation by using sustainably sourced paper and purchasing locally produced goods.
- We seek to abide by the Code of Conduct for the International Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement and NGOs in Disaster Relief, which specifies “We will pay particular attention to environmental concerns in the design and management of relief programmes.
- We will also endeavour to minimise the negative impact of humanitarian assistance, seeking to avoid long-term beneficiary dependence upon external aid.”

There is more detail about our commitment to the Environment and the actions we have taken in our Impact Report and Annual Report 2023.



Anti-Corruption Principle:
How World Vision UK promotes anti-corruption across our operations.

Anti-Corruption Principle: 10: how we promote anti-corruption across our operations

- *Principle 10: World Vision UK works against corruption in all its forms, including extortion and bribery.*

World Vision UK will not accept corruption or corrupt acts within any aspect of our work. We act in compliance with all anti bribery legislation and ensure that our partners, sub-contractors, and anyone acting on our behalf, or affiliated with us does too.

Activities in 2022-2023

- All World Vision offices and entities align and comply with the World Vision Partnership's anti-corruption policies.
- We completed a comprehensive updating of our policies and guidelines, including an anti-fraud policy, anti-bribery statement, conflict of interest policy and anti-money laundering policy.
- All staff are also made aware of our Whistleblowing Policy, with access to a dedicated reporting hotline.

As a global Partnership, all World Vision offices and entities align and comply with Partnership-wide Anti-Corruption Policies.

Our 2023 Audit on Financial management resulted in no findings and zero issues.

Next Steps

- We will review our compliance training and communications to enable staff to stay updated with current practice with readily accessible policies and procedures.
- We have comprehensive policies and guidelines, including (but not limited to) an Anti-Fraud Policy, Bribery Policy, Conflict of Interest Policy, and Money Laundering Policy.
- We have robust systems guiding due diligence on all potential partners, with particular attention to their own internal anti-corruption and bribery policies. This process is currently under review to further strengthen it, particularly regarding international partners.
- We also ensure that written agreements with partners (including their agents, consultants, and sub-contractors), in all programmes, include requirements for compliance with anti-bribery procedures and policies.
- To provide 2024 training on anti-corruption, including modern slavery, for staff and partners.
- Supplier Due Diligence business processes and associated training will be delivered in 2024-25

We recognise our responsibilities to respect human rights, and we are committed to supporting and respecting the protection of human rights in all our implementation activities and programmes.

There is more detail on our commitment to the good financial practices and management and the actions we have taken in our Annual Report 2023.



Part II: Our Measurement of Outcomes: How World Vision UK measures, monitors, and evaluates our UNGC performance.

Part II Measurement of Outcomes:

This section describes how WVUK measures, monitors, and evaluates our performance against the principles of the UNGC and our commitment to the initiative.

Outcomes are measured throughout World Vision UK's systematic evidence and MEAL processes. Furthermore, our performance and outcomes are measured and audited with annual World Vision International, internal, and external audits.

Human Rights Principles; 1 & 2: monitoring and evaluating our human rights impact.

During the period of this COE World Vision UK has not been subject to any investigations, legal cases or incidents involving Human Rights violations.

World Vision UK ensures our suppliers comply with HMRC regulations and audits annually to ensure suppliers are working within the defined guidelines of human rights. Furthermore, our campaigning and advocacy activities and events involved collaborations with several civil society organisations and strategic partnerships, where we have worked together to advocate and influence on policies and interventions supporting and upholding Human Rights.

Over the period covered by this COE, World Vision UK has measured outcomes relating to human rights globally in the following periods.

In 2022

- In 2022, World Vision UK supported 1.3 million children in 183 projects across 34 countries.
- Altogether, our work benefited over three million people, including more than a million people – almost half of them children – in emergency situations.
- Our evaluation of impact demonstrates a wide and transformative change for the better in all our programmes, actively upholding the human rights of children, families, and communities.

In 2023

- In 2023, World Vision UK supported over 2.5 million children in 182 projects across 36 countries.
- Our work directly benefited 4.5 million people – in addition to working to improve policies and services, we know we impacted the lives of many more people globally.
- Furthermore, we responded to 53 emergencies across 21 countries, supporting over a million children and 2.5 million people in total.
- World Vision UK supported children in the most fragile places: 42% of the children we reached last year were in Syria, Sudan and Somalia, nations where conflict, context fragility and severe lack of basic needs undermines hope for basic human rights.

Most of our work took place in some of the world's toughest countries as we follow our calling to serve the world's most vulnerable children.

Typically, a third of the children we reach each year live in fragile states, our most recent evidence demonstrated our reach to over 42%, partly because of our large emergency response to the earthquake in Türkiye and Syria. As fighting spread in Sudan, we supported nine emergency relief projects, most in partnership with the United Nations World Food Programme. In Somalia, following drought and floods, we have been helping to restore people's livelihoods, basic sanitation, and health services. We also stepped up our response in Ukraine, reaching 300,000 people.

We have delivered impact and upheld human rights through our programmes, from emergency and humanitarian interventions, through to training events, advocacy and engaging UK Government ministers and MPs.

Labour Principles; 3, 4, 5 & 6: monitoring and evaluating impact on Labour rights.

During the period of this COE World Vision UK has not been subject to any investigations, legal cases or incidents involving labour and employment rights violations.

World Vision UK ensures our staff and suppliers comply with legislation and regulations to ensure we are operating and managing our work and operations within the defined guidelines of labour and employment rights.

- Our safeguarding policy and behaviour protocols are rigorously implemented, monitored, and reported upon throughout the year.
- World Vision UK achieved a GREEN rating in the global World Vision Safeguarding audit. In addition to strong Safeguarding, we have strengthened our due diligence, safeguarding, and labour policies.
- From July 1 October 2022 to 30 September 2023, we received 39 safeguarding reports, all were closed after investigation.
- All staff, Trustees and relevant third parties are required to confirm that they will adhere to our behaviour protocols.
- In our overseas programmes, safeguarding is placed at the centre of our work. Children and communities are provided with training, materials, and guidance on their rights to be protected from harm, and how to speak out if they have concerns.
- We have robust processes in place to investigate and report incidents as required and we provide survivor-centred support to those who may be affected.

Through our Citizen Voice in Action work, we seek to empower communities to hold governments, policy makers and stakeholders to account as we seek to end poverty, sexual violence, slavery, trafficking, and harmful and exploitative practices of forced and child labour and child soldiers.

Environment Principles: 7, 8 & 9: monitoring our environmental impact.

During the period of this COE World Vision UK has not been subject to any investigations, legal cases or incidents involving environmental violations.

World Vision UK has an active Green Working Group who undertake and measure outcomes across the following parameters, as an organisation we have committed to tracking and monitoring the following as part of our environmental commitments:

- To comply with all applicable legal and other environmental requirements.
- To promote environmental responsibility and seek to improve environmental performance.
- To minimise our production of waste and recycle our waste, as practically possible.
- To promote energy efficiency and to reduce our CO2 emissions, as far as practically possible.
- To increase awareness of the impacts of environmental issues with employees.
- To undertake periodic reviews of progress against our green and environmental plans.

Anti-Corruption Principle: 10: *monitoring our anti-corruption processes.*

During the period of this COE World Vision UK has not been subject to any investigations, legal cases or incidents involving Anti-Corruption violations.

World Vision UK ensures our suppliers comply with HMRC regulations and audits annually to ensure suppliers are working within the defined guidelines of Anti-Corruption and Money Laundering regulations.

Other ways we measure outcomes for ethical, effective financial management and anti-corruption are:

- All new joiners are, as part of their induction, required to complete online training on anti-money laundering and bribery and modern slavery.
 - Between 1 January 2022 to 31 December 2023, 84 employees completed this online training.
- Between 1 January 2022 to 31 December 2023, 9 incidents of fraud/corruption were reported to us through our serious incidents reporting mechanism.
 - Of these 9 incidents, 7 have been fully investigated and resolved, and new mechanisms have been introduced/existing mechanisms reinforced to prevent reoccurrence of similar incidents.
- Between 1 January 2022 and 31 December 2023, 93 new suppliers were onboarded following our new supplier onboarding process which required due diligence to be conducted on all new suppliers, including an assessment of the supplier's compliance with anti-bribery and fraud laws and any conflicts of interest, prior to their engagement.
- All our employees receive free access to the 'Preserving Integrity: Anti-Corruption Training' online training module by World Vision International through our integrated eCampus system.
- Internal communications published on 31 March 2023 encouraged all employees to undertake this training, read our anti-fraud, anti-money laundering and anti-bribery policies, and report any concerns.



Part III: Achieved Outcomes:

World Vision UK's outcomes and progress against UNGC principles and concluding remarks.

Part III. Achieved Outcomes:

We have engaged our partners in policy and influencing of government and state actors. World Vision UK, with the support of our child sponsors, supporters, and youth we have worked collaboratively to influence, inform, and shape practices, attitudes, and policies in climate, environment, and human rights, also evidencing our support for the UN Global Compact.

World Vision UK has achieved the following progress against these UNGC principles:

Human Rights and Labour Principles; 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 & 6

- Following the successful completion of the **PACE Programme** (Partnership Against Child Exploitation Consortium) in 2022 we presented key learning from the programme in 2023 to the FCDO Modern Slavery and Supply Chains Team with whom we had worked and partnered with.
- We produced evidence and learning from the PACE Programme to inform future policy and programming focused on reducing child labour developing a paper called ***'How can we protect children from the worst forms of labour? Learning from the Partnership Against Child Exploitation Consortium.'*** This paper summarised our learning and recommendations.
- In addition, to the above paper, key learning was summarised in the **Programme Closure Report**, shared with FCDO on lessons learned from the PACE Programme, how to disseminate learning more widely for impact and how to improve programme performance.

Policy Outcomes

In 2023, World Vision UK was central to the UK Government's Preventing Sexual Violence in Conflict Conference, hosting survivors from Uganda and three advocates from DRC.

- We demonstrated the impact of our programmes with faith leaders to address the stigma faced by sexual violence survivors and chaired the launch of a global platform for action for children born of conflict-related sexual violence.
- The launch of this platform, the first to shine a spotlight on this marginalised group of children, was the culmination of five years of advocacy and was created by a World Vision expert.

Advocacy Outcomes

The World Vision UK ENOUGH campaign was launched late 2023 to coincide with the Global Food Security Summit, supporting our commitment to human rights.

We successfully advocated with:

- FCDO's Nutrition Team for a Youth Call to Action that would be included in Summit activities and facilitate the development and promotion of the Call to Action.
- WVUK led Youth Advocates from over 28 countries, including our own WVUK Youth Advocacy Network and youth from Save the Children and Sun CSN to develop and film the Call to Action, which was shown at the summit venue and at the receptions and is now available online.
- WVUK organising a 'youth takeover' of the social media channels which highlighted the perspectives and voices of the youth advocacy network.

Environment Principles: 7, 8 & 9

World Vision UK had a significant presence at COP27 where we advocated for ambitious action on climate change for the world's most vulnerable children and their communities. The World Vision delegation for COP27 was larger than the delegation for COP26 in Glasgow. World Vision had 20 representatives from Australia, Canada, Germany, Tanzania, Ireland, Niger, and the UK – increasing World Vision's reputation and allowing access to the restricted negotiation and meeting spaces. The delegation included technical experts, children's representatives, communications, and policy experts.

We co-hosted seven side events on intergenerational dialogues on climate justice, gender-responsive and nutrition-sensitive climate action, nature-based solutions, and farmer-managed natural regeneration.

- We also facilitated Shania, a 15-year-old girl from Tanzania, to attend week one of COP27.
- Shania was able share her experiences in several meetings and spoke at a high-profile event where she raised the importance of listening to the voices of children in climate change decision-making processes.
- 3 meetings organised & supported for 3 WVI child/youth delegates: with Save the Children Global CEO; UK Negotiators; Dan Carden MP
- Tracked negotiations & worked with Child Rights Climate Movement to influence on child rights and participation.

Following on from COP27 we have continued to work with others to engage the UK Government on climate and environment issues, through both the Climate Action Network UK and the Children in a Changing Climate Coalition.

Anti-Corruption Principle: 10

This reporting period has seen a significant deepening in our approach to anti-corruption, anti-bribery, and money laundering processes to ensure ethical and compliant financial controls and standards across our organisation and those we partner with. World Vision UK has achieved the following outcomes, aligning with our commitment to the 10th UNGC principle on anti-corruption.

- On 12 September 2023 we held a compliance training event for our Public Engagement team. The team were divided into four smaller groups and cycled around stations with poster displays of our various policies, including those on anti-bribery, anti-fraud, and anti-money laundering, and where facilitators explained the contents and importance of these policies. Approximately 50 employees attended this event. After the event, soft copies of the posters displayed at the stations were shared with the Public Engagement team for their reference.
- On 21 September 2023 we delivered a modern slavery training presentation for our Policy & Programmes team. The presentation covered the definition of modern slavery, examples of modern slavery cases, an overview of the Modern Slavery Act 2015, potential signs which may indicate modern slavery and how to report any known or suspected cases of modern slavery. Approximately 45 employees attended this presentation.
- We have updated the following policies:
 - Whistleblowing policy- updated June 2022
 - Serious incident policy - updated May 2023
 - Anti-terrorism policy - updated May 2023
 - Anti-bribery policy – updated July 2023
 - Anti-fraud policy – updated August 2023
 - Anti-money laundering policy - updated August 2023

Although not legally required to do so, we publish on our website our modern slavery statement in accordance with the requirements of the UK Modern Slavery Act 2015 and update this statement yearly each November.

Concluding Remarks

This UNGC Communication on Engagement 2022-2023 demonstrates the deep commitment World Vision UK has for the UNGC principles, as outlined in this report. World Vision UK is deeply committed to the UNGC Principles, which are fully integrated and integral to our values and ways of working as a leading international development organisation.

This report is evidence of our robust commitment and belief in the UNGC principles. World Vision UK produces an Annual Report and an Impact Report which goes into great depth on our ethos, evidence, and achievements to transform the lives of the most vulnerable whilst upholding and actively promoting the 10 UNGC principles for World Vision UK, our partners, and stakeholders.

World Vision UK is enormously proud to have LetterOne as a flagship programme from which we are learning, developing, and delivering significant impact and outcomes. We are also proud of the ongoing impact of the PACE programme, working with the UN also, where the learning, growth and transformational change is ongoing.

The last few years have been particularly challenging; globally there has been several conflicts, disasters, and emergencies to deal with, many running concurrently. As such World Vision UK has encountered many demands on our time, resources, and capacity. We are keen to continue and increase our engagement with UNGC and its principles with our strategic partners and corporates.

As we embark into 2024, we look forward to more opportunities to actively engage more broadly. Following the commitment, we made in 2021, World Vision UK established a strategic partnerships division which enables us to engage with greater intentionality and depth with the UNGC and corporate/business partners.

This report outlines the impact strategic partnering has delivered in our work, as per our case study with LetterOne and partnering with BP LightSource and we look forward to sharing more developments in the next UNGC Communication of Engagement Report in 2026.