



**COMMUNICATION ON  
ENGAGEMENT (COE)**

**CSR Centre**

Period covered by this Communication on Engagement [Ideally the two years prior to this report]

From: 2022

To: 2024

**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.

Dear Mr. Secretary General,

The CSR Centre is pleased to continue its support and engagement with the UN Global Compact and uphold the ten principles on human rights, labour standards, environment and anticorruption. Through the eleven years of collaboration with the UN Global Compact we have continuously based our work on the UNGC Principles and in the last five years with the SDGs. We have been a full-fledged member of the UNGC Local Network from April 2010.

We have since aligned all our implementation work in accordance to the ten principles of the Compact. Through research, capacity building and policy dialogues on various thematic issues and projects we have been able to introduce and disseminate the global agenda of UNGC into the local framework and actively engaged with not only businesses in Bangladesh but also the development sector, civil society and the Government in supporting the UNGC Principles in Bangladesh. We have been successfully advocating and engaging with private sector to implement the SDGs.

We hereby submit the COE for the CSR Centre to further contribute to the global agenda on sustainable development in Bangladesh and globally.

*Sincerely,*

*Farooq Sobhan*

*Chairman, CSR Centre Board of Trustees*



## **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](#).*

### **About the CSR Centre**

The CSR Centre is an organization dedicated to raise awareness about Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) and encourage responsible business practices in Bangladesh to achieve Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). The CSR Centre was established in 2007 initiated by the private sector of Bangladesh to encourage and expand on strategic CSR practices in Bangladesh and globally.

The primary objective of the Centre is to become the prime source of information, resources, and advisory services on CSR in Bangladesh, and the operational principal is to contribute to achieving the development targets set in the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) through private sector led growth.

CSR Centre provides capacity building initiatives on CSR and other social compliance issues, private sector engagement and multi-stakeholder dialogue for development partners, national and international companies and works closely with relevant Government Ministries.

The CSR Centre launched the UN Global Compact in Bangladesh in 2009 which is the largest official platform for corporate engagement and CSR in the globe led by UN Secretary General. The Centre is the hosting organization for GCLN Bangladesh and works along the UN initiatives nationally, regionally and globally.

#### **Mission**

To be a leader in the sustainability space.

#### **Vision**

Achieving organization excellence by promoting, guiding and supporting sustainability issues for our stakeholders.

#### **Key Activities and Services**

- Projects on CSR & SDGs
- Facilitation for private sector engagement in SDGs
- Organize dialogues on sector specific engagements
- Initiate sustainability reports for companies
- Matchmaking for companies and development partners
- Develop strategies for CSR practices & sustainability
- Disseminate & share CSR best practices in Bangladesh



### 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.

The CSR Centre has been actively engaged in upholding and implementing the 10 Principles of the UN Global Compact in the past 2 years. What follows is an overview of the projects and activities of the CSR Centre from **August 2022-July 2024**.

In collaboration with North South University the CSR Centre initiated a Project titled “**Youth Development for Tomorrow’s Leaders**” in 2022. The objective of the Project is to build the bridge between academia and employability by engaging industry experts with the youth to reduce the skill gap and enhance job opportunities for the students of North South University. University graduates need to have practitioner knowledge to access the job market. The necessity to engage the youth of Bangladesh on global & national issues that lead to good citizenship & leadership roles in near future. The Project offered trainings and mentorship Programme to the students of to develop their professional and analytical skills that provide better knowledge for employability.

The CSR Centre conducted trainings in the RMG factories in Bangladesh for “Grievance Mechanism” Project initiated by a German retailer Kik in 2024. The objective of the Project was to introduce, train and get feedback on KIK’s Grievance Mechanism Channel under its Speak Up Policy to the management & the workers (both male and female) of its sourcing factories. To promote SDG 8, The CSR Centre conducted 40 trainings in 20 RMG factories located in Dhaka, Narayanganj, Savar, Gazipur and Mymensing. Under the Project the team managed to train 1068 workers (both male and female) and 635 representatives from the factory management.

In collaboration with amfori the CSR Centre is implementing a supply chain grievance mechanism Programme named “Speak for Change” in Bangladesh in 2024. The objective of the programme is to provide efficient and immediate remediation to affected workers and stakeholder of the amfori member companies. Being one of the major handlers of this programme, the CSR Centre facilitates a sustainable solution through independent investigation and remediation in the RMG factories in Bangladesh.



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