



**Ebtakar**

**Inspiring Entrepreneurs of Afghanistan**

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

Dear Mr. Secretary General,

I am pleased to confirm that Ebtakar Inspiring Entrepreneurs of Afghanistan supports the ten principles of the UN Global Compact with respect to human rights, labor, environment and anti-corruption. With this commitment, we express our intent to support the Global Compact advancing these principles, and will make a clear statement of this commitment to our stakeholders and the general public.

We also pledge to participate in and engage with the UN Global Compact in the following way(s):

- 1) To remove widespread gender inequality from Afghanistan by creating more economic opportunities for the underprivileged and marginalized Afghan women. They should have an equal access to income opportunities and shouldn't be stigmatized for interacting with men while pursuing any business or employment opportunity in a male-dominant .
- 2) To tackle with extreme poverty in the rural communities of Afghanistan through our social business initiatives. According to latest survey by Central Statistics Organization, Afghanistan has 54% of population which lives below the poverty line. The extreme poverty has deprived Afghans from their very basic right to health. According to WHO's National Nutrition Survey, in Afghanistan approximately 41% of children under 5 suffer chronic malnutrition, 9.5% suffer from acute malnutrition and 25% are underweight.
- 3) To empower local women through social businesses to fight violence against women. Their social businesses must act as the proponent of the 5th Article of UDHR "No one shall be subjected to torture or to cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment or punishment."

We recognize that a key requirement for participation in the Global Compact is the submission of a Communication on Engagement (COE) that describes our organization's efforts to support the implementation of the ten principles and to engage with the Global Compact. We support public accountability and transparency, and therefore commit to report on progress within two years of joining the Global Compact and every two years thereafter according to the Global Compact COE policy.

Sincerely Yours,

Farhad Wajdi

Executive Director