



# Together for the **2030** Agenda

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In September 2015, world leaders agreed on a new set of global sustainable development goals, seeking to address some of the world's biggest challenges. For the first time, all United Nations Member States have agreed on a plan of action for people, planet prosperity and peace, through global partnership: the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, with 17 Goals aimed at ending poverty, discrimination and inequality, and addressing climate change and its impacts.

For all people to thrive and achieve their full potential they must be able to realize their universal human rights. These rights are interrelated, interdependent and indivisible. As responsible partners in sustainable development we are working to transform the ways we work with people and communities to enable them to be leaders for their own and their communities' development.

Multi-stakeholder, and multi-sectoral partnerships, including 'Every Woman, Every Child', the 'Scaling Up Nutrition (SUN) Movement', the 'Zero Hunger Challenge', the 'Global Partnership for Education' and 'Sanitation and Water For All', are encouraging multi-sectoral actions that are transforming the health, nutrition, food security, sanitation and education of individuals, communities and nations. Our collaborative efforts seek to improve the interconnected issues of health, food and nutrition security, sustainable agriculture, sanitation and education of all people, particularly women, children and adolescents.

We are bound by our commitment to work together to support all people to achieve their full potential. Our partnerships are based on the principles of national ownership, of mutual trust, of transparency and of accountability. They are voluntary and collaborative, and include both public and non-public stakeholders. We seek not to duplicate efforts but to benefit from shared efficiencies. We are working together to achieve results, sharing risks and responsibilities, resources and benefits – and we will be judged by the outcomes for people everywhere. Our results and impact will be tracked through Sustainable Development Goal (SDG) review process and will inform progress toward achieving all SDGs.

We share these common values and call on our partners to take action. If we all act on the 2030 Agenda, we can achieve extraordinary results in the next 15 years.



WE  
ARE

**COUNTRY**

LED

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Our partnerships are driven by committed countries and their national priorities. We commit to ensuring that countries are at the centre of all efforts to ensure sustainability.

We are

**RIGHTS**

based

Our partnerships will act in accordance with a commitment to uphold the equity, equality and rights of all women, men and children, (building upon the firm foundation of United Nations purposes and principles, as set out in the Charter, and the rights based instruments that guide our partnerships) – ensuring that no-one is left behind.



# We are **INCLUSIVE**

Our partnerships are open to a broad range of stakeholders, including government, civil society, private sector, academia, donors, United Nations agencies – who demonstrate their commitment to our goals and principles. A multi-stakeholder approach is critical for delivering on the promise of the 2030 Agenda.

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We are

# TRANSPARENT

about our  
**intentions**  
and **impact**

Our partnerships commit to establishing rigorous evaluations of the impacts of collective action and the contributions of our individual partners.







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# We will be predictable and mutually accountable

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Our partnerships will work towards shared outcomes and uphold and strengthen accountability of our partners' commitments and actions.

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WE

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be  
evidence  
-based

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We will pursue and support evidence-based priorities that will achieve the greatest sustainable impact for the resources available.



WE  
WILL

**COMMUNICATE**  
**CONSCIENTIOUSLY**



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Across our partners' countries, sectors and stakeholders we will strive to learn and adapt our ways of working, through the sharing of lessons on what works and what does not - informing progress toward achieving all SDGs.


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We will  
**act** with  
**integrity** and  
in an **ethical**  
**manner**

Our partners will manage personal and institutional conflicts of interest with integrity, be consistent with national laws and national development strategies and plans, and align with the priorities of countries with whom we are working.

# We are **mutually** **RESPECTFUL**

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Our partnerships will collaborate in a way that builds trust and respects the contributions and perspectives of other stakeholders.



# WE WILL DO **NO** **HARM**

We will encourage actions that contribute to improving the well-being of all people, with careful consideration about negative consequences to people and planet, and clear mitigation strategies.

