ZOOMING ON SDG TRENDS IN LEBANON
As we approach the fourth anniversary of the inclusive adoption of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) by UN member states in September 2015, we are still far away from meeting any of the 17 goals rooted in the UN 2030 agenda. However, this is not an end-point!

Instead, we embark today on a transformational point in our time as we witness a substantial increase in the investment of private businesses, from all around the world, in sustainable and value-based policies that benefit both their companies and communities. In Lebanon, specifically, we have more than 150 businesses registered as either participants or signatories of the Global Compact Network Lebanon, among other actors from the public sector, all working effortlessly towards a sustainable country and eventually for a prosperous planet.

Stipulated by the UN 2030 agenda, business collaboration is an indispensable component in operationalizing sustainable measures that meet the SDGs. As the government designs and institutes appropriate strategies and policies, the advent of private businesses can contribute to the optimal implementation of such plans through the abundance of their resources, ideas, and operational mechanisms.

The Global Compact Network in Lebanon has proven itself as a fundamental engine in this global movement, and we couldn’t have achieved this without the generous contribution and vigorous efforts of our growing network members, SDG pioneers and ambassadors, the SDG Council, Board of Directors, and our very own staff. Together, we are doing an excellent job in raising awareness on the SDGs and the 2030 agenda.

To some extent, and allow me to positively reflect on this: we might be lagging behind in the implementation of concrete sustainable strategies that completely eradicate hunger or stimulates economic growth. But this is a global challenge, rather than a local drawback! And by continuously tracking our progress locally, and weighing it against universal accomplishments, we are encouraged to perform better towards achieving the SDGs, and beyond.

Through this publication, we aim to shed light on our collective progress by introducing our network members’ commendable initiatives and achievements in line with the ten principles of the UN Global Compact and the 17 Sustainable Development Goals. Additionally, we hope to attract further innovative ideas to bridge the gap between our current standing and the one required by the 2030 agenda.

With utter compliance to the international principles and standards of the United Nations, and through our local network, we definitely can make “Global Goals Local Business”. Whether you work at a small startup company, or you head a large corporation, your contribution will make a difference.

Eventually, we need pioneers from all kinds to help us achieve the SDGs and create a just society, sustainable for generations to come.
Global Compact Network Lebanon (GCNL) is one of the 68 Local Networks around the world that operates through a signed Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the UN Global Compact HQ (HQ). We are independent and self-managed entities with the unique mandate to provide direct local support to UN Global Compact participants based in our respective country with direct communication and guidance from UN Global Compact HQ.

Global Compact Network Lebanon (GCNL) works closely with the UN Global Compact (UNGC) headquarters to provide opportunities for learning, policy dialogue, and partnerships on the Ten Principles of responsible conduct and the 17 Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

**Vision**

An engaged Lebanese community of businesses and civil society organizations that advance sustainability practices nation-wide.

**Mission**

- Mobilize businesses, civil society organizations, local authorities and the broader Lebanese society to work together towards the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and the 2030 Agenda.

- Encourage participants to mainstream the United Nations Global Compact’s Ten Principles in their daily activities and report on their implementation.

141 Businesses

230 Members

89 Non-Businesses
As we celebrate 25 years of success since the launch of the 1st mobile network in Lebanon, we are proud of our contribution to restoring hope in the telecom sector through the sustainable technological development we achieved. With Alfa Chairman & CEO, Marwan Hayek leading on SDG9 on the national level, Lebanon & Alfa network occupied in 2018 the 3rd rank in the Arab world & 28th worldwide in 4G network speed. This achievement resulted from the tremendous network evolution as we moved from 2G to 3G+, 4G & 4G+ in less than 5 years. We were the 1st operator to launch these technologies. With the 1st VoLTE live call & the first 5G experience in Lebanon at a 25 Gbps record speed, we marked new milestones which put us on a pioneering track to 5G. On the innovation level, we marked the 1st move to content through Alfa Sports app. We widened our Market presence with 6 new Alfa Stores.

Our core values have always been the engine of our sustainability, driving us to invest in, and empower our people, enhance customer experience and encourage innovation and entrepreneurship, and always opt for socially and environmentally responsible practices.

Our sustainability strategy has evolved over the years by adopting emerging best practices in sustainability and by creating new ones. Our holistic approach to sustainability is crucial to our business model, integrated into our operations, and guided by our communities and core competencies while remaining aligned with a global sustainable development agenda. This year is the third year in which we are reporting according to the Global Reporting Initiative (GRI) Standards. We continue to be pioneers in the transition to these Standards, which we hope will enable us to continue enhancing our sustainability efforts in a more effective, stakeholder-focused and comprehensive manner. We conducted a Total Impact Assessment to measure the total monetary value of all of our impacts, economically, socially and environmentally, and became one of the first multinational corporates in the MENA region to conduct an expansive externally validated Human Rights Audit of our operations and suppliers. In addition to this, Aramex continues to further support the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals with a particular emphasis on UNSDGs 4, 8, 13, and 17 and having impact on most of the other goals.

This is also the first year in which we are reporting to satisfy the requirements set forth by the International Integrated Reporting Committee (IIRC), which will facilitate the availability of the information in the format the investment communities would require. We achieve this in part by reporting our value creation across the Six Capital: Human Capital, Intellectual Capital, Social and Relationship Capital, Financial Capital, Manufactured Capital, and Natural Capital. Renewable and clean.

As leaders in sustainability, the board members have each embraced and devoted their business towards fulfilling a particular Sustainable Development Goal, as precisely shown in the icons below.

In addition to their overall Board responsibilities, the civil society and labour constituency groups provide close liaison to their communities and share insights into the most recent trends and best practices of corporate sustainability in their respective domains.
At BL Bank, our CSR commitment is a long-term project covering 4 main axes: Our Business, Our People, Our Environment and Our Community serving all stakeholders.

In the past 2 years, we were keen to focus on major SDGs impacting our axes and reflecting how we do our business responsibly. On one hand, we focused on SDGs 7, 11, 12, 13, 15, 17 in terms of our credit and procurement policies, as well as developing a corporate environmental policy and collaborating with reputable environmental NGOs. SDGs 3 & 4 were highlighted in our internal activities, our partnerships and initiatives to provide employees and clients with both education and health benefits. Besides, SDGs 1, 8, and 9 were emphasized by ensuring financial inclusion and anticorruption regulations, empowering SMEs through financial and non-financial services in addition to showcasing their innovative companies at the Brilliant Lebanese Awards.

On the other hand, SDG 5 was our main focus. Since 2012, BLC Bank was the first bank in MENA to launch a program dedicated to women’s economic empowerment, the We Initiative. Moreover, we were the first bank in MENA to join and chair the Global Banking Alliance for Women (GBA), to sign the UN WEPs principles and join the UN WEPs Leadership Group. Internally, BLC Bank provided equal opportunities for all employees regardless of their gender at all stages of their journey within the bank and was the first bank to offer a fully paid nursing schedule and maternity leave.

Since the launching of WE Initiative, our women SME loans increased by +56%, our women outstanding deposits portfolio by +78%, and more than 50 women entrepreneurs have been granted all media visibility at the Brilliant Lebanese Awards. As well, today, 53.5% of our employees are women.

Our aim is to remain Responsible Corporate Citizens.

To reduce inequalities in the community, BLF increased its spending on social and humanitarian causes by 53% from 2014 to 2018, impacting more than 2,183,270 beneficiaries in 2018. Besides being a Goal Leader in the GCNL SDG Council, BLF is also a member of the sub-committee contributing to the National Poverty Targeting Plan, a program that provides social assistance to the poorest and most vulnerable Lebanese households.

In the marketplace, BLF has driven financial inclusion of Syrian refugees since 2013 through the development of a pioneering electronic solution to digitize food vouchers, helping more than 1,000,000 beneficiaries with $1.4 billion. Moreover, the Bank reduces financial inequalities by granting credit facilities to finance SMEs and start-ups through Kafalat and supporting business incubators such as the Lebanese Cooperative for Development (LCC) which promotes the development of rural areas through microcredits. It also works on the inclusion of clients with disabilities as it rendered 71% of its branches wheelchair accessible.

With ambitions to address all related inequalities, BLF is currently conducting a gap analysis and an internal stakeholder engagement process to further enhance its performance in terms of reducing inequalities.

Despite the importance of all of the UN 17 SDGs, BLM Bank chose to focus on SDG 4, Quality Education, stemming from the belief that providing good education to their children is what gives most parents their “Peace of Mind”. Thus, and since 2017, BLM Bank became the Goal Leader for Quality Education, and Education one of BLM Bank’s four sustainability pillars.

Cognizant that an educated youth represents our future growth and prosperity, BLM Bank supports educational initiatives from grassroots kindergarten level through to University graduation. Because we consider education as one of the foundations of our sustainability strategy, we thrive to provide educational opportunities that can make a difference in the lives of millions of people, pulling them out of the poverty and developing students to reach their full potential. Working hand in hand with NGOs and educational institutions, our philosophy permeates classrooms throughout Lebanon, focusing on helping disadvantaged youth access the resources they need across primary, secondary and higher education.

One of the most recent projects that we conducted is a partnership with Teach For Lebanon. In 2018, BLM Bank’s support for Teach For Lebanon was crucial in enabling the organization to achieve the scale and to ensure that thousands of children from low-income households have access to an inspirational teacher with the skills to increase pupil achievement, aspirations, and access to opportunities. We supported the 2018 theoretical training component during the Summer Institute which enabled TFL to build the capacity of a cohort (cohort 10) of ambitious educators who impacted 2,565 students in 15 disadvantaged schools across the country in 2018. In 2019, we funded the summer school that served students empowered new educators (cohort 11) by providing them with practical training that will enable them, with their peers of cohort 10, to reach around 6,000 students in the academic year 2019-2020.
**Making Communities Inclusive, Safe, and Resilient.**

Our presence across the Lebanese territory gives us the ability to impact the communities we work in and build a sustainable environment. We strive to develop and ameliorate the living conditions of these communities. It is our priority to be involved with the people around us and to make our country a better place to live.

Olive Gardens, a residential compound of 120 apartments in Bcharre is one of the Company’s major current projects. The main purpose of this project is to provide affordable housing in a healthy environment with landscape and rooftop gardens.

Penne rose Hall is a renovation project executed at the American University of Beirut. Penne rose Hall has been converted into a Green Building with LEED Gold certificate that has various green features from the indoor environment quality to its efficiently used materials and resources. It’s important to highlight that 83.36% of the regularly occupied areas within the building have access to quality view, and occupants in individual and shared space have access to interior lighting and thermal comfort controls, which highlights the building’s indoor environmental quality. This sustainable site consists of reflective materials to reduce heat island effect, and exterior lighting designs to avoid light trespass and to reduce uplights; materials and resources as well, such as furniture items in public areas, are selected to be compliant with furniture sustainability standards.

Our “Community Involvement Program” is created to bring positive, measurable change to both the communities in which we operate and to our business. Our strategy aims to get our human resources to give back and invest in building strong partnerships. We have provided safe sidewalks for school students, road safety signs, cleaning of beach areas, lighting for streets, planting trees, equipment, resources assistance and many more.

**Environmental and Social Management System (ESMS) in all our credit processes and are keen on mainstreaming SDG 13 to the private sector, being its national Goal Leader for the year 2018.** Key partnerships with local and international institutions from the public and private sectors are continuously wrapped to provide customers with a global ecosystem.

Many challenges were faced throughout our journey including setting a new culture among employees and clients, gaining the full support of the upper management, convincing the customers of the long-term benefits of green financing, and instilling a legal framework for Green Bonds in Lebanon, as it did not exist before.

By the end of 2018, SEF projects reached USD 120 million for 175 green projects. As for our Green Bonds program, in less than a year, we financed 47 projects for more than USD 44 million (out of the USD 60 million). The Green Bonds program was rated “Excellent” by Moody’s and received the 2019 Green Bond Pioneer Award from the Climate Bonds Initiative and the London Stock Exchange Group.

Internally, we follow a waste management approach to minimize our gas emissions and manage our environmental impact as effectively as possible.
Since its establishment in 1997, Makhzoumi Foundation has worked on promoting gender equality and empowering women via the labor force, and has made great strides to elevate the status of and increase the overall opportunities of women in Lebanon. These endeavors remain a priority for the Foundation which actually tackles almost all the seventeen SDGs through the services of its four programs briefly hereinafter namely: Vocational Training, Health Care, Micro-Credit and Development. However, the main focus is SDG number five since gender equality and women empowerment are central to the work of all the programs.

The President of the Foundation is a woman, Mrs. May Makhzoumi. 70% of all the employees of the Foundation are women and 75% of Program Managers are women. The majority of beneficiaries of all the Programs the Foundation are women. (65% in 2018)

The Health Care Program focuses on providing highly accessible primary health care services based on the Primary Care standards implemented by the Lebanese Ministry of Public Health in coordination with Canada Accreditation.

The Vocational Training Program provides trainees with educational, technical and vocational skills.

The Micro-Credit Program provides financial services to those who are unable to get these services from banks, giving them the chance to increase their incomes and save themselves from poverty.

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GCNL NETWORK MEMBERS

The UN Global Compact is unparalleled in its ability to unite companies with every stakeholder group working to advance sustainable development, including Governments, civil society, investors, academia and the United Nations. Together, through bold actions and collaboration between all sectors of society, we can end extreme poverty and hunger, fight inequalities and address climate change, ensuring no one is left behind.

BUSINESSES

Arab Printing Press

At APP, we consider Environmental Factors when making planning, purchasing, and operating decisions. APP installed:

- High reflective paint to new building metallic roof to reduce the cooling load in 2013
- Led Lighting in 2014
- a new KBA106 machine in 2014
- a 136.5kW solar photovoltaic station in 2015
- another KBA106 in 2019 (green machines) (both machines replaced older models and saved 30% each in energy consumption)

In addition to:

- Reducing the cooling load, moving all emitting auxiliaries to non-cooled/non-treated areas
- Refurbishing the building with a new eco-friendly material to minimize heat transfer.

Yearly Energy Savings reached 894,100Kwh. Yearly GHG Emission Savings reached 628/Ton_C02.
Our partners also joined the cause, helping us and the Ecoute collect recyclables from over 200 locations across all Lebanese Regions.

This July 24, 2019, the Bank organized a Green Summit aimed at raising awareness on the necessity of Recycling and Protecting the Environment across individuals, corporations and the Lebanese society as a whole. The summit included live talks on various environmental and green issues and upcycling exhibits where the Bank donated 4 vans to the Ecoute. Our continued engagement and commitment to change can catalyze the collective action needed to truly make the Lebanon we want.

Daher Foods
Bank of Beirut

Bank of Beirut Group has been into recycling for several years at various levels: collecting bottle caps to build wheelchairs for those in need, taking part in building the Largest Recyclable Material Mosaic to break a Guinness World Record in 2018. In the past years, all our paper, cardboards, glass, iron and steel are being sent for recycling at industry level. Our industrial and e-waste helped several associations and organizations in their sustainability journey.

Building on our previous initiatives, and within our belief in shared values, we have been recycling this past year for a cause in collaboration with Association de l’Ecoute, an NGO attending to the needs of disabled and less fortunate people by giving them a chance to be productive members in our society. Every single team member of our institution is part of the project in a belief that 1600+ families can make a good impact.

Daher Foods used solar cells to power 30% of our consumption and will avoid 1,575,000 Kg of CO2 emission per year. In total after the delivery of phase 2, it will produce 2,250,000 KWhr/year which it is 50% of our yearly production lines in phase 1 and will power 60% after phase 2.

This electrical solar power project was split into 2 phases:

Phase 1 already done in April 2018. 625KWP, 1953 solar panels 320Wp each installed on our finish product warehouse roof over 5000 square meter, it produced in one year 950,000 Kwhr and till 30-7-2019 it produced 1,325,977 Kwhr which is 20% of our total yearly consumption and avoided 885,000 Kg of CO2 per one year and 928,184 kg of C02 till 30-7-2019.

Phase 2 Project on progress and it should deliver on September first, 2019. It is 865KWP. 2514 solar panels 340Wp each will install on the roof of our new biscuit warehouse building over 6000 square meter. It will produce 1,300,000 Kwhr/year and will avoid 910,000 Kg of CO2 per year. In total, after the delivery of phase 2, it will produce 2,250,000 KWhr/year which it is 50% of our yearly consumption and will avoid 1,575,000 Kg of CO2 emission per year.

Photovoltaic Hybrid Power system which combines solar power with generators or EDL/EDZ. This project did expand energy security and reliability, decreased our energy cost, and of course, reduced environmental impact.

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1. Creating a better learning environment: more comfortable classrooms and spaces, optimized lighting design, thermal comfort, reduced air pollution.
2. Sustainability education and innovation, where environmental culture is integrated within the schools curricula and daily activities.
3. Training of teachers on educating sustainability
5. Empowering Green clubs in schools to work on the school and community level
6. Creating a “makerspace” for students’ robotics projects.
7. Organizing Green Jobs Orientation Field trips to direct the students toward Green careers.

To address global challenges, we take a proactive role in several high-level fora. We collaborate with a wide range of stakeholders to scale the impact of our joint programs and initiatives in areas like climate change, education, human rights, and humanitarian response.

Digitalization creates an infrastructure that can enhance financial and social inclusion, improve access to education and health, and that can aid humanitarian matters as poverty and hunger, refugees, peacebuilding and disaster response.

Ericsson and Alfa partnered under Ericsson’s Product Take-Back Program to minimize the environmental impact associated with the disposal of e-waste. 36 containers of e-waste were shipped by sea from Beirut to Karlstad in Sweden, where the obsolete material is being recycled, thereby contributing to SDG 12.
The engagement and participation of youth is essential to achieve sustainable development. Often the opportunity for youth to engage economically or socially doesn’t exist, and in this increasingly competitive international market, it is no longer enough for students to attain excellence from a disciplined technical point of view without hands on experience in the real world. Fernand Hosri Group launched its Inter-University competition giving the chance to young talents to Unleash their Creativity by working on an Advertising and Marketing Strategy for Local or International Brands. Winning groups get to intern in multinational advertising agencies, or travel to intern in Multinational organizations.

More than 50% of our Administrative staff and around 20% of total staff are women. Fulcrum’s General Manager is a woman and has been recognized as one of the leading women in the hospitality industry in the Middle East and Asia. (Study and ranking conducted by the American University of Beirut) (SDG 5)

One of our main objectives in Fulcrum every year is to reduce wastage and a number of policies and procedures have been established to accomplish that. A great deal of effort is put into matching production with consumption through accurate daily forecasting. SDG 12 can be monitored and measured through wastage percentage calculated by our team on a daily basis.

Regarding climate change or SDG 13, all conventional lighting was replaced by LED lighting in all offices and outlets. In addition, clear policies and procedures have been put in place to reduce energy usage in the kitchen, offices, and outlets. This has resulted in a substantial reduction in consumption, which has substantially reduced our annual energy costs.

We believe that education is crucial. It is the root of everything, it leads to a better life, a better career, and helps to build a better tomorrow. Fulcrum supports the development of all team members through training, coaching and formal education.

The company has set a pre-requisite of a high school diploma for any non-managerial position.

All Administrative staff are graduates. Some hold Bachelor degrees, and others hold Masters, MBA’s, and PhD’s. (SDG 4)

HOLDAL joined the UNGC and GCNL in January 2018. Sustainability, impact, integrity are at the core of who we are and what we do and that has been part of our DNA, values and family legacy since our beginnings.

With the support of the shareholders & senior management, we set up a team of SDG owners with a dynamic task force delivering according to a clear roadmap.

SDG3 – Initiatives ranged from our annual social community day to sports activities, ‘Colgate Bright Smiles Bright Futures’, ‘Donner Sang Comptor’ Annual Blood Drive, Health & Safety Awareness Campaigns…

SDG4 – In 2016, we launched ‘Abtal El Bi’a’ summer camp, an Environmental Championship Program. In 2018, we launched NAJAH, a Funding Program focusing on education in a sustainable and responsible way. In 2019, we launched INNOV8 an innovation boot camp focusing on GEN Z.

SDG5 – Women are everywhere at HOLDAL especially in leadership positions. We invest time on awareness campaigns i.e. harassment in the workplace, the impact of stereotypes, pay benchmark, laws to defend women’s rights…

SDG12 – Holdal Recycling Program is in its 9th year of implementation and continuously improving. Our next aim is to rethink our consumption and production processes as well as our real estate and supply chain impact.

SDG17 – HOLDAL has partnered with over 25 public and private institutions for the last 10 years to enhance the procedures, laws and regulations and to increase the impact on our community.

As industrial manufacturers, INDEVCO’s primary SDG focus is on SDG12 Responsible Consumption and Production. We source and use sustainable raw materials, power our plants with renewable energy and eco-friendly energy products, and manage a circular economy of plastic to recycle plastic waste and manufacture new recycled plastic products. INDEVCO sources FSC and PEFC-certified paper from companies that trace their products to timberlands that are reforested. Paper is a major raw material for our tissue, paper, and corrugated packaging plants.

PV solar power systems are installed across our packaging plants. As industrial manufacturers, INDEVCO’s primary SDG focus is on SDG12 Responsible Consumption and Production. We source and use sustainable raw materials, power our plants with renewable energy and eco-friendly energy products, and manage a circular economy of plastic to recycle plastic waste and manufacture new recycled plastic products.

Moving from a take-make-use-dispose mentality, the circular economy of plastics is concerned with diverting waste from landfills and the marine environment to use as raw materials to create new products. At our plastics operations, we manufacture recycled plastic resins and renewable natural mineral fillers that are used to replace fossil fuel-based materials in plastic films and packaging. These alternatives reduce both energy use (million BTU) and greenhouse gas emissions (MTCO2E).

Recycled plastic resins are used to produce plastic films (for example, agricultural films like mulch film and silage covers), as well as thermoforming sheets, bitumens (pavements), plastic grates and pallets, garbage bags and bin liners, and irrigation pipes.

Visit: http://sustainability.indevcogroup.com/
The UN Global Compact Academy Introduces the Academy Learning Platform

The UN Global Compact Academy is designed to help business gain the knowledge and skills they need to meet their sustainability objectives, mitigate business risk and achieve long-term growth. All Academy ‘How-to’ sessions are designed with three touch points: pre-engagement material, live session with expert interaction, and a toolbox to help Participants apply learning within their company.

UN Global Compact Academy Features:

Virtual Live Sessions are interactive and expert-led, designed to help your company align its business strategy with the Ten Principles of the UN Global Compact and the Sustainable Development Goals.

On-Demand Sessions are available whenever, wherever.

Influencer Series lets you access some of the most prominent leaders from the United Nations and companies shaping the sustainability agenda.

E-learning Tool equips you with the foundational knowledge on how to take action on Sustainable Development Goals.

Essential Guides give an overview of actions you can take to apply learnings within your business practices and a list of applicable tools and resources.

Online Community provides you with access to a global community of like-minded professionals.

Tools and Resources: https://www.unglobalcompact.org/sdgs/sdg-toolbox
More than 25 percent of Lebanese citizens live in poverty. This encouraged L’Oréal to contribute to eliminating poverty, by providing equal rights to economic resources and securing basic social services such as education.

As part of L’Oréal’s sustainability program, “Sharing Beauty With All”, the Group has devoted itself to a series of tangible commitments for 2020. Among these, is enabling 100,000 people from underprivileged communities to gain access to employment. In line with its field of expertise, L’Oréal Liban’s network of hairdressers, helping them become financially independent and able to support their families, it does not end there; the team continues their follow-up on the graduates, through high-quality tuition-free training in the beauty care professions (hair care, make-up and beauty care).

Lebanon was among the first countries in the world to launch this social education program in 2014, by opening a hairdressing academy in partnership with SOS Children’s Villages Lebanon followed by another one in 2018 with Kayany Foundation, enabling, until now, around 200 persons to become financially independent and able to support their families. It does not end there; the team continues their follow-up on the graduates, guaranteeing a stable career.

During the holy month of Ramadan, we hosted more than 10,000 orphans and unprivileged kids and offered them healthy iftars to support (Zero Hunger) goal, in addition to raising awareness around other goals through several events and activities (Good Health and Well Being, life on land, life below water...). The continuous and consistent delivery of our corporate responsibility activities is paired with a non-stop training for our team and employees to act ethically and with utmost integrity. KidzMondo Beirut contribution in giving back to the community went beyond the city’s borders to support many associations and non-profit organizations. We believe that every kid has the right to play, to have fun, to smile, to be happy and to visit KidzMondo Beirut city.

KidMondo Beirut’s success is due to the strong partnership established with local organizations, and especially that the Group relies on to achieve this goal. Deployed in 25 countries around the world, its strategy is to always innovate, this is why we chose SDG 9 “Industry, Innovation and Infrastructure” as our primary SDG focus. Since sustainability is our core concern, we decided to take the next step by being the First Integrity network in Lebanon to introduce fast EV chargers branded e-medco. We expanded and reached 8 e-medco service stations to date and are in the process of expanding our EV charging network. In order to bring awareness, we participated as the title sponsors in the MEDCO e-motorshow, first motorshow for electric cars which gathered more than 10,000 visitors in 5 days. SDG 13 Climate change is also important to us, therefore weekly meetings are being held at MEDCO Innovation Center (MIC) in the presence of Environmentalists and MEDCO employee’s representative from each department to discuss environmental topics and find sustainable solutions such as:

- Reducing plastic and paper consumption in offices
- Recycling of plastic bags and printer toner in offices

Awareness Campaign on being an eco-friendler corporation lead to:
- Yala Stop e-stores have started using environmentally friendly cututery in the catering services
- IT department have started to spread the news about toner recycling solutions
- MEDCOers have started spreading awareness about plastic consumption. Leading to decrease in the plastic consumption in departments
- Tablets covers used at the stations are made from recycled Wheels
- Placing Arc en Ciel bins at the station to encourage recycling

Nutrition and Diet Center is committed to developing good health and wellbeing. These initiatives are divided among several spectrums from creating healthy programs, incorporating the latest scientific developments in our practice and nutrition education among various communities.

In these past two years, we developed the Debloat program which is tailored for those who have severe irritable bowel syndrome and the Uremic program tailored for those suffering from Chronic Kidney disease. That way patients suffering from these conditions can have the comfort of knowing that they are receiving clean, tasty, and medically suitable food.

Moreover, we incorporated the DNA test as part of personalized nutritional services where through genetic testing we can identify what is the ideal for the client to have a healthy weight and the range of vitamins and minerals they need moving from general recommendations to individualized plans.

We remain committed to nutrition education. For the elderly, we gave talks in the University for Seniors and Ajajinsa about the MIND diet and mental health and food safety practices at home for the latter. For children, we gave activity-based presentations on healthy eating for schools like Lycee Abdel Kader, Dar Al Aytam, International College, and Algia School. For dietetics students, we also developed a training program where they can benefit and learn outpatient care and we receive interns from AUB, LAU, and BAU among many others.

Our aim is to continue giving back to the community by disseminating evidence-based practice and recommendations to the community.
Sacotel’s SDG focuses on Poverty by financially supporting EYWA (Dar al Hadana) charity association, allowing working mothers to go on with their productive lives by giving them the opportunity of placing their kids at relatively free of charge in a fully equipped and staffed nursery offering toddlers education, play and love. Sacotel also Created Queasine a kitchen offering healthy home cooked meals free to the children at the association and at extremely affordable prices (4500 LBP) to families of working mothers alleviating her home duties and allowing her more quality time with family and better life standards. Queasine is lead by a team of professionals, whereby all food orders are managed by a dedicated person, and delivered through a team that works exclusively for Sacotel.

S-miles is a specialized inclusive center and includes individuals between 3 and 25 years of age, with and without learning difficulties (LD) and mild special needs. S-miles center offers early detection and intervention for nurseries, academic programs (tutoring & intervention), social & life skills, consultancy/workshops for nurseries, schools and parents, individualized therapies, research-based extra-curricular therapeutic activities (targeting both leisure and intervention purposes simultaneously. It’s fun and therapeutic at the same time), and a transition program: academic, recreational, social, emotional, and vocational goals simultaneously. We emphasize on the holistic development of each person (Individualized plan for each student) including moral, intellectual, social, emotional, physical development and well-being. S-miles is founded based on the following:

- Lack of services for an individual with mild to moderate cases.
- Regular coaches are not qualified or equipped to reach to the specific needs and individual pace of those students.
- Kids spend their time on “one on one” therapy sessions, and have very scarce opportunities to enjoy fun activities as their regular peers.
- Lack of participation in fun activities within a group leads children to feel different and neglected.
- Lack of participation in age-related fun activities might lead to the refusal of other therapies and regression.

As of the age of 14, many students with LD and special cases might stop benefiting from the services offered at schools. Thus, they require a special program that combines academic, functional, and vocational goals simultaneously.

Founded in 2009, The Little Engineer is a Beirut-based educational center geared towards engaging youth in science, technology, engineering, and mathematics. Using hands-on learning activities, The Little Engineer unchains children’s full potential by developing skills in robotics, renewable energies (SDG7, SDG13), technological innovation, presentation, and leadership.

We developed a K-12 STEM curriculum hoping to be integrated in private and public schools to enhance the quality education (SDG4) in STEM field (Science, technology, engineering, and Mathematics). Our content was tailored with passion to aspire and inspire boys and girls (SDG5) to the world of innovation.

Our dream is to spread our curriculum in all schools giving the same opportunity to all learners in urban, peri-urban and rural areas. (SDG10). We aim inspire youth about emerging jobs and the skills needed to face tomorrow’s challenges. We have to prepare a pool of talents, the future generation needed for emerging jobs and the 4th industrial revolution. We need to procure decent jobs and contribute to the economic growth (SDG8) locally, regionally and globally. Alone as a company in the private sector we cannot do it unless we strategically partner with people, NGOs, Banks, foundations and other companies who have the same vision and values for a better tomorrow (SDG17). And the best we can do is the private and public sector partnership to give equal opportunities for the quality in education to all learners in Lebanon by reducing inequality between urban, rural and underprivileged areas (SDG10).
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TheLittleEngineer

TheOtherDada’s primary goal is SDG 13: To take urgent action to combat climate change and its impacts.

tOD implements this goal through its operations and services by producing projects that go beyond conventional sustainability. By following a holistic and alternative integrated approach, tOD actively considers the community, economy, and environment. tOD’s services include Architecture, Afforestation, Master Planning, Art and Environmental Consultancy. Through design, we implement solutions that respond to climate change by reducing the carbon footprint and introducing adaptation and mitigation measures, such as efficient water and energy systems, biodiversity regeneration, sustainable and healthy materials.

We measure our impact by calculating the energy and water consumption, renewable energy, and CO2 emissions. We track our sustainability key performance indicators by updating our environmental audit annually.

To ensure that our work is aligned with the SDGs, we have created significant suppliers’ guideline to evaluate their compliance with the 10 principles of the UN global compact.

We implement integrated strategies that improve our environment and serve as catalysts for social change, as we strive to create a significant positive impact, ambitiously moving the world from EGO to ECO. We carefully explore the natural ecosystems of sites in order to devise new, innovative and sustainable living habitats fueled by the power of biomimicry: finding solutions to human challenges by emulating nature.

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Additionally, touch has introduced Smart Quality Management System, digital kiosks, and interactive touch outdoor screens, allowing customers to process payments, address issues and concerns, and browse the internet for the latest services.

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ABAAD advocates for the development and implementation of policies and legislations that enhance women’s protection hence effective participation, through an inclusive rights-based approach that would bring about tangible change to gender justice in Lebanon & MENA region. In 2018, ABAAD led a nation-wide campaign in Lebanon under the title “A White Dress Doesn’t Cover the Rape (522)”, which led to the repeal of Article 522, the infamous “rape-marriage law”, from the Lebanese Penal Code. With the purpose of ending gender-based violence (GBV), ABAAD adopts a holistic care approach to provide protection and support services to GBV survivors/right holders during times of war, and disasters. ABAAD projects and activities have a broad reach and include refugees and right holders regardless of their gender, age, nationality, and special needs. The organization currently operates 12 Women and Girls Safe Spaces (WGSS) and Family Support Units (FSUs) across Lebanon, in partnership with the Ministry of Social Affairs (MoSA), in addition to 3 Men Centers providing psychological rehabilitation services for men with violent behaviors and 3 Emergency Safe Shelters for Women and Girls survivors of GBV in life-threatening situation. For those unable to access ABAAD centers and services, ABAAD goes to them through the Mobile Bus “Jina Al Dar Programme”. The bus tours in the most marginalized areas, towns, and villages with a specialized team that provides services aiming at preventing and reducing all forms of violence against women and girls and promoting social stability and cohesion. The impact is measured by the number of individuals reached, the percentage of right holders reporting satisfaction from services along with attitude and behavioral change assessed at the level of targeted groups.

Our main action plan involves partnering with the public & private sectors and civil society through workshops, conferences and awareness sessions. Building partnerships with stakeholders in the public/private sectors and civil society.

Proposing supportive regulations and bylaws

ACT Food project focuses mainly on achieving SDG #1, hence working towards achieving SDG #1 and 2. Our projects and activities focus on:

• Implementing grass-root projects
• Developing capacities by providing workshops, conferences and awareness sessions
• Building partnerships with stakeholders in the public/private sectors and civil society
• Proposing supportive regulations and bylaws

Our main action plan involves partnering with local national hypermarkets and bakeries to collect and distribute unsold veggies, fruits and bakery products on a daily basis from 11 branches extending on major areas of Lebanon. Distribution is made by ACT volunteers or beneficiary charities according to a time-schedule (2 to 3) week, depending on branch capacity. measured results of food saved & distributed:

- 25 tons of veggies & fruits/month
- 5 tons of Bakery products/month (60 tons/year)
- number of beneficiaries / social impact:
- 22 charities and associations
- 3500 Lhs

Quantities of organic waste reduced/environmental impact:

- 30 tons/month
- 380 tons/ year

In addition to this, various events were organized around rescued food lunches, dinners and iftar that we have offered to our beneficiaries, stakeholders and relevant partners in the scope of our awareness objectives. Number of event beneficiaries 2017-2019:

- 530-550 individuals

We believe in the collective power of communities to bring positive change.

SDG 3 combines with SDG 11, by providing safe, affordable, accessible, green, inclusive & sustainable transport systems, through target 11.2, and thus ensuring sustainable cities & communities in Lebanon.

Our success is being measured by significantly reducing the level of road crashes at the designated cities in collaboration with local authorities, through data collection and reporting, and thus setting the target cities on the track of sustainability by promoting eco-friendly mobility alongside teaching community stakeholders safe driving concepts.

Adel Metni Foundation has also integrated SDG 4 in its programs nationwide. Our success is being measured by shifting the primary focus from cities to rural areas where road safety doesn’t even exist.

Adel Metni Foundation focuses on multiple SDGs (SDG 3,4,9,11,16 & 17), helping in promoting impactful & sustainable road safety programs in Lebanon & MENA.

SDG 3 is our primary focus. Road safety is a public health burden. It is considered as the number one killer of youth aged between 15 & 29 years old, worldwide. Each day, 3500 lives are lost due to road traffic crashes, and in Lebanon, the status of road safety needs a crucial innovative strategy.

Our foundation is successfully integrating SDG 3 by focusing on target 3.6, aiming to halve the number of global deaths & injuries resulting from traffic accidents by 2030, through educational & defensive driving training programs. Promoting & Executing these programs with multiple stakeholders are the main tool, followed by research initiatives, data collection, and analysis as well as media support.

Adyan Foundation focuses on peace, justice and strong institutions in Lebanon (SDG 16). In addition, and as part of this work, Adyan’s initiatives promote quality education (SDG 4) and sustainable cities and communities (SDG 11). Furthermore, embedded into the core of Adyan and throughout all of its work is a commitment to gender equality (SDG 5).

As part of Adyan’s SDG focus, in 2019 Adyan launched the Forum for Religious Social Responsibility. This forum is a platform for religious leaders to exchange ideas on coexistence and inclusive citizenship and build cross-sectarian partnerships. The aim is to encourage a culture of diversity, social and spiritual solidarity, and national unity.

Also, over the past few years Adyan ran an ‘Interfaith Education on Inclusive Citizenship’ project, which involved reforming Lebanese national educational curricula to incorporate values of civic commitment within the framework of religious education. In 2017, the project successfully resulted in the endorsement of textbooks on key values by religious authorities, launched under the patronage of the President of the Republic.

Since 2007, Adyan has also run ‘Alwan’, a non-formal education program for schoolchildren in grades 10 and 11 that promotes cross-sectarian and inclusive citizenship through clubs and community service projects. In 2018, Adyan expanded the programme with the launch of ‘Alwan Junior’, for third and fourth grades students.

Throughout all of Adyan’s work is a strong emphasis on measuring the impact of initiatives on progress towards the SDGs. This includes documenting all processes, successes and challenges in order to maximize learning opportunities.
Focus Group Reports

GCNL formulated reports on each SDG that were discussed in round table discussions and the outcome of such discussions enabled us to follow through with recommendations.
Since its inception, 20 years ago, Al Majmoua has been providing low-income individuals, particularly women, with affordable financial and non-financial services to fund their activities and build sustainable businesses all over Lebanon. One of Al Majmoua’s main objectives is to ensure and develop better livelihoods and increased prosperity of our beneficiaries by implementing micro-activities that have a macro-impact.

Ajialouna is a non-profit organization that has been operating independently in Lebanon since its inception on March 1st, 1995. Our NGO focuses on charitable, cultural, social, healthcare, and educational programs that aim to attend to the needs of the local Lebanese community and improve their living standards on many levels. We are especially keen on observing many of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) also known as the Global Goals, that were adopted by all United Nations Member States in 2015 as a universal call to action to end poverty, protect the planet, and ensure that all people enjoy peace and prosperity by 2030.

These SDGs represent an unprecedented opportunity for our organization to align our own sustainability goals with broader societal objectives. Zero hunger is a goal that we at Ajialouna take to heart to contribute to ending all forms of hunger and malnutrition by 2030. Being the Goal Leader of SDG 2 and being part of the SDG council in Lebanon, our mission is to ensure that all people in this country—especially children—have sufficient and nutritious food. We wish that our goal will cascade internally among our employees, volunteers, and donors. We will align our efforts, energies, and resources to optimize our work towards this goal.

In 2019 only, Ajialouna provided more than 8,300 food packages to underprivileged families in various regions in Lebanon. During Ramadan, we hosted iftar dinners to more than 16,000 people of which were families, orphans, and widows. And for Eid Al Adha, Ajialouna served more than 3,600 sacrificial meat packages and more than 82,800 bread bundles.

Bassma’s SDG focus is fighting hunger. Bassma’s mission is implemented through the “Food for All” program which includes the “Smile Restaurant” and the “Dinner Delivery” program. We are able to serve 24,000 hot meals to destitute and abandoned elderly, through these two programs. In addition to that, we have the monthly smiles packs that we distribute to underprivileged families which include hygiene and food products. Bassma distributed in one year 4,800 food and sanitary packs, 20,000 fresh fruits and desserts packs, 18,200 bottles of water and milk. Each year, 200 families and other individuals, from babies, children, adults, to elderly, benefit from our program.

On institutional level: In 2011 BAU joined the Global Compact Network Lebanon, in support and commitment of the ten principles of UN Global Compact with respect to the Human Rights, Labour, Environment, and anti-corruption.

In 2019 Beirut Arab University was selected to represent and lead SDG 9 Industry, innovation and infrastructure at the International Association of Universities (IAU) Global Cluster on Higher Education and Research for Sustainable Development (HSED) to advocate for the Key Role that higher education institutions play in achieving agenda 2030.

On awareness level: The Human Rights at Beirut Arab University for two consecutive years organized the annual NGO fair on UN Sustainable Development Goals UNSDGs. The Fair was a platform where we introduced to our students and the community the ongoing work and projects of local and international NGOs and institutions according to the United Nation Sustainable Development Goals.

On strategic level: BAU’s strategy for the years 2013-2020 develops the goals set forth in the strategy of 2007-2012. The next decade will witness various changes for the University with regards to the governance system, excellence in education, academic staff excellence, research excellence, academic and student services, university life, public engagement, alumni and friends network, international relations and financial resources. BAU’s Strategy for the year 2020-2025 will strive to focus on Leadership and Innovation.

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FoodBlessed is a local hunger-relief and food-rescue initiative (Reg. Charity #770) aimed at fighting hunger and food waste in Lebanon. We work with the civil society and strategic partners to tackle food waste, food insecurity, and social isolation by diverting food waste to feed those in need. We do so by running soup kitchens, hosting food drives, holding awareness sessions, and running food rescue programs that recover surplus edible food from events and excess/close-to-expiry products across FMCG and retail companies that would otherwise go to waste. FoodBlessed employs food and social responsibility for social good by bringing people together, strengthening the community, and diverting waste. Over the past 7 years, together with our Hunger Heroes and Blessed partners, we’ve successfully distributed over half a million meals to those in need. We’ve also managed to save more than 100,000 tons of food from going to waste.

Fair Trade Lebanon – as an active member of the World Fair Trade Organization and Fairtrade International – adopts the 10 Fair Trade Principles:

- Opportunities for Economically Disadvantaged Producers
- Transparency and Accountability
- Fair Trading Practices
- Payment of a Fair Price
- Ensuring no Child Labour and Forced Labour
- Commitment to Non-Discrimination, Gender Equality, Freedom of Association
- Ensuring Good Working Conditions
- Providing Capacity Building
- Promoting Fair Trade
- Respect for the Environment

Children’s Cancer Center of Lebanon

CCCL is a non-governmental organization that joined GCNL in 2018. CCCL has mapped its existing services, objectives, mission, and vision to the list of 10 principals and 17 SDGs and adopted SDG 3, 5, 8, 13 and 17. CCCL is governed by its Board of Trustees and it is ISO 9001:2015 certified. It believes equally in all adopted SDGs regardless of having SDG3 (good health and wellbeing for all) as a primary SDG. In an effort to reduce inequality and poverty, and having a non-discriminatory approach of treating all children regardless of their social, economic and origin background, CCCL has treated to date over 1,650 children and offered over 4,500 external medical consultations without any discrimination and with no cost on their parents.

It is commonly known that climate change and pollution cause an increase in cancer incidence; hence, CCCL saw it was necessary to act starting with the introduction of an educational and environmental challenge to its employees for 6 months, where all of them compete on reducing the individual carbon footprint by recording both their cars and electricity meters at home and report the numbers to the person in charge of this challenge. The winner is the one who ends up having reduced the highest percentage of carbon emission and will be announced in December 2019. Moreover, in order to do its share of reducing the CCCL’s carbon footprint, the management asked employees to recycle their paper waste, use recycling containers for internal post, remove electricity plugs after office hours, and for the first time in its 17 years of operation, CCCL collaborated with a recycling company for paper collection for recycling.

The Beirut Marathon Association

In an effort towards committing to “responsible consumption and production”, the Beirut Marathon Association has taken various initiatives to reduce the impact of its events on the environment. From reducing water wastes and carbon emission to reducing paper, plastic, and recycling, the steps taken ensure that people become more sensitized to the environmental issues and more involved in the goal towards responsible consumption and production.
YSIP

The Young SDG Innovators Programme (YSIP) is an accelerator to engage your company’s brightest and best talent in not only advancing your sustainability efforts but also driving innovation and delivering tangible solutions with potential market value for your company. During the YSIP, young professionals in Global Compact companies work in teams to explore new innovations and learn how to identify opportunities and develop solutions that are relevant to their companies and advances the SDGs. Companies are able to take advantage of the UN Global Compact’s global-local structure, teams will have the opportunity to work with and learn from other young professional teams and leading sustainability and innovation thinkers in their country and across the world.

WHY YSIP?

Creating an Innovation Culture in Your Company
Encourage cross-functional collaboration and increase the capacity of your employees’ ability to think in new ways and embrace breakthrough mindsets that will support them in developing the new ideas, solutions and models that address your real business needs.

Attracting and Retaining Top Talent
Increase the knowledge and capacity of your future business leaders and nurture “intrapreneurs” within the company by developing their knowledge of sustainable business strategies, drivers and tools.

Futureproofing Your Business
Set your company and employees to be fit to operate in an ever-changing business environment encouraging the development of concrete projects and solutions that respond to present and future challenges and opportunities related to the SDGs.

Seizing SDG Opportunities
Tap into a global Network of young Innovators, experts, mentors with the latest case studies and innovative SDG business solutions to achieve the SDGs and take advantage of the market opportunities they present.

The Program
The programme offers your employees the following blended learning opportunities:

- In-person and virtual learning sessions
  Access to innovation and sustainability thought-leaders to understand breakthrough technologies, industry disruption and business models through a series of learning workshops.

- Team Challenges
  Hands on collaborative learning experiences allowing participants to apply tools and skills to real business problems and scenarios.

- Mentoring and Coaching
  Guidance from ideation and design to development and supporting participants to take their ideas forward within their companies.

- Feedback/Sparring Sessions
  Taking advantage of the collective knowledge and expertise of global participants to challenge ideas, inspire new thinking and test and refine project solutions.

- Live Case Studies
  Insight from real-life examples and field visits to serve as inspiration and models in various context.

Who is Participating:
High-performing employees, 35 years or younger with an interest in business model innovation, sustainability and disruptive technologies from:

For more information: www.globalcompact-lebanon.org
The International School of Choueifat Alumni Association (ISCAA) was created in 2004 to bring together ISC alumni from across the globe. As part of the SABIS® Network, the International School of Choueifat provides top-quality education with a long legacy - since 1886 - of excellent and successful alumni. The ISCAA’s mission is to create and reinforce lifelong intellectual, professional, and personal connections among its members, to serve the community, and to maintain a legacy of excellence in education.

The ISCAA adopted the UN SDG goal number 4, Quality Education. The ISCAA achieves this goal through different means:

• Sustaining quality education by providing scholarships to help financially challenged students to continue their education at a reputable school. The funds are raised through goal-oriented events such as movie premieres and gala dinners.

• Promoting the importance of quality education and raising awareness on its crucial role in leading a successful future by organizing seminars, conferences, presentations, and events such as career counseling sessions and university fairs.

• Creating opportunities to invest the acquired quality education, socially and professionally. This is done through fostering alumni connections, coordinating networking events, acknowledging alumni successes, and establishing grounds to give back to the community during reunions, activities, and meetings.

ISCAA has been working for years on making quality education accessible without fundamentally recognizing the work as an SDG. Focusing on quality education wasn’t a transformational adaptation, but merely a change of discourse towards a more focused goal.

Lebanese Canadian University - LCU

LCU has mainly focused on climate and environmental degradation Goals. LCU is constructing a ‘university campus project’ in Hadath-Beirut in accordance with the best environmentally friendly standards, for this educational facility will have a direct positive impact on promoting and spreading awareness of sustainability and energy efficiency issues to the general public, and to its young students in particular.

The social impact of this project has two sides; on one side we have a project that will consume fewer resources and thus will be truly sustainable. On another side we have a project that will affect its occupants, being future decision-makers/ influencers. In fact, these students would be benefitting from a healthier indoor environmental quality and a better learning environment.

The project is designed to have an efficient envelope comprising of insulated double-walls, green roof, and efficient glazing. This is all complemented by an external skin acting as a shading system that lowers the solar heat gains to the building, at the same time maintaining proper daylight levels within occupied areas.

Youth Leadership and Entrepreneurship Center:
The center works on empowering youth through implementing several programs in partnership with DPNA, LOYAC, SPARK, UNDP and other several organizations and NGOs. The center has several training programs/projects such as the Employability Skills Program (ESP), Youth Leadership Program (YLP) and Innovation and Entrepreneurship (INET) Program. The center training programs/projects mainly works towards three UN sustainable development goals: SDG 4 (primary), SDG 8 (secondary) and SDG 17 (secondary). The main goal of the center is to empower students with the skills required to be effective in the workplace and youth leaders in their communities; develop the skills needed to solve the current global challenges (17 SDGs), and provide youth with ongoing technical support through a series of interactive hands-on learning workshops and mentoring. SDGs have also been incorporated in different courses where students are introduced to the 17 SDGs. Also, new courses were developed in Spring 2018 such as INET D1 (Innovation and Entrepreneurship). These courses in addition to the training programs/projects have helped our students develop innovative solutions for the current global challenges. Students at the end of the courses/training programs have presented their ideas and some students won funds and started implementing their ideas.

Live Love Recycle

We are hitting 8 Sustainable Development Goals and women empowerment since we also create jobs for women who cook for the drivers every day. 436 drivers were trained in customer service, driving in Lebanon and answering any basic questions customers may have.

1- No Poverty: providing jobs for people from vulnerable communities.
2- No hunger: offering daily fresh meals to all workers.
5- Gender equality: employing both men and women.
8- Decent work opportunities in the world’s largest industry.
10- Reduced inequalities: the poorest are harmed the most by poor waste management.

11- Sustainable cities and communities: better waste management is vital for healthy and resilient communities.
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Additionally, MUBS understands that in order for students to thrive, their basic emotional and physiological needs must be met. To address those needs, MUBS founded the National Wellness Network (NWN) and the Student Success Center to support students’ mental and intellectual needs. To measure the impact of our actions and approach, faculty and administrators utilize a multi-layered feedback system of surveys, research studies on the use of specific pedagogical approaches that are published in peer-reviewed scientific journals, data on employment and success rates, and other tools that allow the University to develop its curriculum and community engagement.

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The main goal of the National Diabetes Organization, DiaLeb, is to promote awareness about diabetes. It is important that the community is educated about the signs and symptoms, the risk factors and the treatment so individuals are able to prevent and manage diabetes. To this end, DiaLeb has developed a series of programs under which it works to provide awareness to different segments of the population and efficiently reach those at risk of or living with this disease. DiaLeb also offers community support groups, patient training, an internship program for students, and engages in numerous social activities, all with the aim of promoting diabetes awareness and enhancing the lives of those affected by and living with the disease.

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The Saint Joseph University of Beirut (USJ)’s sustainability model also ensures efficiency, engagement, innovation, achievements, value creation, and change. This model brings together initiatives, aligning the University mission with Pope Francis’ encyclical on the environment and human ecology: “Care for Our Common Home (Laudato Si)!”

The sustainability model includes the following components among others:

- Leadership
- Structure
- Processes
- Strategy
- Measurement

This Model illustrates numerous characteristics and functions of different components that make it a benchmark for HEIs. Starting with leadership, multidisciplinary nature and passion-driven members of a Sustainability Task Force (STF) that fosters Agility and Speed. In addition to constant innovation and urgency on big opportunity, guiding coalition of volunteers, change vision and strategic initiatives, more and more volunteers, barriers knocked down, wins celebrated, relentless action and changes institutionalized. NDU model also comprises clear processes and reporting. Integration in the organization’s Strategic Plan, Partnerships and stakeholders’ engagement.

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Since 1875, USJ has been functioning as a private, non-profit university, keeping society at its core. Its all-encompassing Strategic vision targets inclusion and equitability. USJ prides itself in Eliminating Inequalities through nearly 40 funding programs benefiting 40% of its students, including the integration of marginalized learners and devising the Refugees’ Integration Program. To prepare responsible citizens, USJ runs the Operation Tem7e Jour civic engagement to support people with no access to education and functions through its Citizenship and solidarity commitment program, as well as a plethora of student clubs. Under the umbrella of Education for All, lifelong learning remains to be part and parcel of USJ identity providing continuous education to attendees from all ages, all walks of life, including people with special needs. Moreover, public school teachers and parents are trained in conflict resolution and non-violent communication. Similar outreach programs have also addressed Public officers and adults in Jordan, Syria, Sudan, and the KSA. To further amplify its impact, USJ has implemented a Skills for Employment project, trained advisors and trainers in entrepreneurship, and offered a Ph.D. in Education in remote areas such as Syria, Iraq, and Egypt. As a result, the impact is measured in the strategic planning through learning, teaching, student satisfaction and impact on the community. Last but not least, USJ has been accredited by AQUIN and assessed as Robust in Social Responsibility by VE and the FJUC.

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This Agenda is a plan of action for people, planet and prosperity. It also seeks to strengthen universal peace in larger freedom. We recognize that eradicating poverty in all its forms and dimensions, including extreme poverty, is the greatest global challenge and an indispensable requirement for sustainable development. All countries and all stakeholders, acting in collaborative partnership, will implement this plan. We are resolved to free the human race from the tyranny of poverty and want and to heal and secure our planet. We are determined to take the bold and transformative steps which are urgently needed to shift the world onto a sustainable and resilient path. As we embark on this collective journey, we pledge that no one will be left behind. The 17 Sustainable Development Goals and 169 targets which we are announcing today demonstrate the scale and ambition of this new universal Agenda. They seek to build on the Millennium Development Goals and complete what these did not achieve. They seek to realize the human rights of all and to achieve gender equality and the empowerment of all women and girls. They are integrated and indivisible and balance the three dimensions of sustainable development: the economic, social and environmental.
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10 Principles

HUMAN RIGHTS
High-performing employees, 35 years or younger with an interest in business model innovation, sustainability and disruptive technologies

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Make sure that they are not complicit in human rights abuses

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LABOUR
Businesses should uphold the freedom of association and the effective recognition of the right to collective bargaining;

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The elimination of all forms of forced and compulsory labour;

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The effective abolition of child labour; and

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The elimination of discrimination in respect of employment and occupation

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ENVIRONMENT
Businesses should support a precautionary approach to environmental challenges;

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Undertake initiatives to promote greater environmental responsibility; and

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Encourage the development and diffusion of environmentally friendly technologies.

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ANTI-CORRUPTION
Businesses should work against corruption in all its forms, including extortion and bribery.

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