

Position on Supporting the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals

Background

The United Nations Agenda 2030 is underpinned by 17 Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) that were ratified by UN Member Countries in September 2015. The SDGs together form a roadmap for global prosperity that can only be achieved with a concerted global effort led by national governments and supported by nongovernmental organizations, civil society and business enterprises. Each UN Member Country is committed to advancing Agenda 2030 and has developed plans to make progress in alignment with national priorities, periodically reporting to the UN High-Level Political Forum on progress. While the SDGs are far-reaching and depend on governments to drive this global effort, the endorsement of the business community around the world has been enthusiastic. Leading corporations have publicly committed to this ambitious initiative.

Relevance

As the largest and most diversified healthcare company in the world, with operations in more than 60 countries, reaching more than a billion patients and consumers each day with our medicines, consumer care products and medical devices, Johnson & Johnson plays a major role in advancing health and wellbeing. The achievement of SDG 3 (Good Health and Well-being) depends upon the efforts of many stakeholders, including governments, nongovernmental organizations, multilateral groups, the private sector and others. With our unique products, services and capabilities, we are positioned to advance SDG 3 as well as other goals (e.g., SDG 5 on Gender Equality and SDG 17 on Partnerships) where our history and track record demonstrate our commitment to making a difference. We believe in the shared responsibility of all players to advance the SDGs, and offer our partnership and support; consequently, we also will benefit from the shared prosperity that ensues.

Guiding Principles

At Johnson & Johnson, we believe we are uniquely positioned to bring together science, people, technology and the ideas needed to profoundly change the trajectory of health for humanity. That scale and reach come with a huge sense of responsibility—every decision we make can have an enduring impact across the globe. And, every decision is anchored in [Our Credo](#) and our commitments to patients and all who use our products and services, to employees, to communities around the world, and to our stockholders. Our SDGs Commitment is guided by our focus on patients and the positive difference we can make on millions of lives the world over.

Our Position

Johnson & Johnson was one of the first major companies to make a public commitment to the SDGs in 2016 in continuation of our decades of work in public health around the world. We are committed to dedicating our expertise, ideas and ingenuity to catalyze efforts toward achieving key SDGs where the Company's unique constellation of strengths can help create sustainable and scalable impact.

Our SDGs Commitment: We have publicly committed to a set of targets against five aspirations that advance SDG 3 (Good Health and Well-being), SDG 5 (Gender Equality) and SDG 17 (Partnership for the Goals). See our [website](#) for more information, and our [dashboard](#) on our annual and cumulative progress.

Our Focus Areas & Aspirations

Category	Aspiration	Target
Health Workforce	A world where the current and future healthcare workforce has the necessary competencies to deliver high-quality healthcare.	650,000 health workers will have received training to better deliver quality healthcare.
Women's & Children's Health	A world where every woman and child survives and has the opportunity for a healthy future.	60 million women and children will have received support and tools to enable a healthy future.
Essential Surgery	A world where safe, essential and timely surgical care can be accessed by all to save lives, prevent disability, promote economic growth and reduce social marginalization.	50 million people will have had access to safe, essential and timely surgical care.
Global Disease Challenges	A world where innovations and holistic health solutions prevent, control and eliminate global disease challenges and epidemics.	175 million individuals will have benefited from Johnson & Johnson solutions that prevent, control and eliminate global diseases.
Environmental Health	A world where all people have healthy places to live, work and play.	60 million citizens living across 30 cities will have benefited from climate and air quality actions that have the potential to positively impact public health.

Partnerships for the SDGs: It is clear that our aspirations and targets to advance the SDGs require collaboration and partnerships across sectors and countries. Embedded in our commitment is our intention to maintain and expand meaningful partnerships at different levels with like-minded organizations, which will accelerate our progress toward the achievement of our SDGs commitments and targets.

Application

This position is relevant for the Johnson & Johnson Family of Companies, as detailed in our [governance materials](#). We provide updates relating to our progress in supporting the SDGs in our annual [Health for Humanity Report](#).

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