



H. E. António Guterres
Secretary-General of the United Nations
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Your Excellency!
Dear Mr. Secretary-General Guterres!

We, HUMANA People to People – Verein für Entwicklungszusammenarbeit /further: HUMANA Austria/, are happy to confirm our ongoing commitment to the 10 principles of UN Global Compact. The fight for the worldwide implementation of human rights, the creation and improvement of decent working conditions, the protection of our planet and the fight against corruption and mismanagement are the core of our philosophy and the motivation for our daily actions: protecting the planet, building communities and supporting people by developing their potential for positive change and action. We share this agenda with our partners at all levels.

In the past two years, our social enterprises maintained our environmental service for the people of our country – despite difficult external working conditions – and put around 15,000,000 kg of used clothing to ecologically worthwhile reuse. In doing so, we did not only contribute to curbing climate change, but – as in all the years before – generated funds that we invested in development in southern Africa and Asia. Here are just a few examples:

We work together with our partners in the International HUMANA People to People Movement in to implement the SADC-campaign at government level against HIV / AIDS "Elimination 8". In partnership with the City of Vienna and our respective national HUMANA sister organizations in the south, we implemented projects based on the "Three Star Approach for W.A.S.H. in Schools" developed by UNICEF and the German GIZ for the gradual improvement of water-sanitation-hygiene conditions at low cost, in the last years in India and actually in Zimbabwe.

The promises of mass- and industrial food systems have failed for more than two billion people living with food insecurity in 2021. According to IFAD (2021) 80% of food consumption in Asia and sub-Saharan Africa is covered by small scale farmers. They must be encouraged to get organized, to try new farming methods to protect soil, water and vegetation for a healthy environment that feeds everyone. In cooperation with our partner in Mozambique, we work with local farmers to produce and process cashew to increase earnings and improve living conditions.



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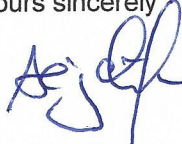
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As we can see from the SDG Report 2021, the global rate of extreme poverty has increased for the first time in over 20 years; 119-124 million people were pushed back into extreme poverty in 2020. According to the report, it is necessary for institutions at all levels in the public and private sector to recommit themselves to guaranteeing that CO₂ emissions are reduced, natural resources are conserved, good jobs are created, gender equality is promoted, growing poverty is tackled and inequalities are fought. HUMANA Austria is ready to do our part – now as in the past and for the future.

With this in mind, we are proud to be part of the large international community UN Global Compact.

Yours sincerely



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