

## **Response for Business and Human Rights Resource Centre**

### **1. Nestlé Response to Oxfam Scorecard April 13<sup>th</sup> 2015**

We commend Oxfam for the constructive manner in which it presents the challenging issues highlighted in this report.

We are pleased that we continue to be ranked among the top two companies in the scorecard. We are also proud to be one of the two companies to receive a “good” score for our efforts to ensure security of land tenure for farmers and local communities. Nonetheless, we recognise that improving food security worldwide requires a lot more work by all stakeholders.

We will continue to support the efforts of Oxfam and other NGOs in making progress toward a sustainable food system. This requires a collaborative effort by civil society, government and business and we believe that the food industry has a vital role to play in accelerating such progress.

We have looked closely at areas where the report has identified room for improvement such as gender issues and will continue to take firm steps in this direction.

In July 2014 ,the Fair Labor Association (FLA) published its assessment of gender issues in our cocoa supply chain in Côte d’Ivoire and we published our action plan of response at the same time. This was updated in January 2015. (Please see link below) . We are also fully committed to further improving the livelihood of small farmers through our Rural Development Framework and the sustainable use of water is one of our highest priorities.

For further information please see our full on line CSV Report 2015 [http://www.nestle.com/asset-library/documents/library/documents/corporate\\_social\\_responsibility/nestle-csv-full-report-2014-en.pdf](http://www.nestle.com/asset-library/documents/library/documents/corporate_social_responsibility/nestle-csv-full-report-2014-en.pdf) (Page 107 Gender Equality in Cocoa)

### **2. Nestlé Response on Climate Change April 13<sup>th</sup> 2015**

Regarding Climate Change we have made greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions reduction and climate change adaptation a focus area in our Nestlé Policy on Environmental Sustainability. We are one of only two companies to receive a “good score on climate in the Scorecard . During UN Climate Week 2014, we endorsed ambitious commitments on climate change. We are especially committed to helping farmers adapt to climate impacts and become more resilient so they can continue to grow crops in the face of changing patterns of agricultural production. Our work to help cocoa and coffee farmers adapt to environmental challenges has been recognised as an example of best practice by the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) and we were invited to share details of the agricultural assistance we provide as part of the UNFCCC Adaptation Private Sector Initiative

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