

Human rights in our supply chain



Target

Make sustainable products accessible and affordable for all

1. Ensure international human rights standards are respected at all our supplier sites
2. Focus on the most serious risks to workers throughout our supply chains, working transparently with NGOs, unions and others to identify and address them
3. Support sourcing communities facing complex social and environmental challenges

It's all part of our Little Helps Plan.

Assessing and understanding risk.

We require our suppliers to meet the labour standards set out in the Base Code of the Ethical Trading Initiative.

We regularly visit supplier sites in countries where there is a high risk of human rights abuses, to check that our standards are being met.

If we find any issues then we require these to be addressed. If this doesn't happen then we will stop working with those sites. We apply this process with all suppliers.

Case study

Empowering communities in Africa



South Africa is one of our key sources of agricultural products, from wine to citrus fruit and berries. In 2015, we established the Tesco and Community Fund to support our producers in South Africa

and address some of the complex challenges facing the communities they work with, such as youth unemployment.

With funding from Tesco matched by our suppliers, we have been able to support 42 projects since the Fund was established, benefiting over 200,000 local people.



What else are we doing?

Working with NGOs

We recognise that sometimes human rights abuses are the result of deeply entrenched issues in the countries we source from. Therefore we work with NGOs and the wider industry to help address the root causes.

Working with certification organisations helps us tackle issues further down our supply chains and reassures our customers that the products they buy are produced to high ethical standards. 100% of the [bananas](#) we sell in the UK are Rainforest Alliance certified and all our [cocoa](#) will be responsibly sourced by the end of 2018.

Case study

Supporting UNICEF and the Ethical Tea Partnership

In Assam, we are empowering tea growing communities by continuing our support for a [joint initiative with UNICEF and the Ethical Tea Partnership](#) (ETP).

To date the programme has equipped more than 35,000 adolescent girls with the knowledge and life skills that will help them secure a better future and

reduce their vulnerability to violence, abuse and exploitation.

In the next phase of the programme the partnership will upskill the wider local community on issues including child protection, education, health, nutrition, sanitation and hygiene, and business engagement.

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