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## **Novartis Responsible Procurement launch – taking our ethical sourcing practices to the next level** <sup>[1]</sup>

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Responsible Procurement ensures that the Novartis commitment to corporate responsibility is reflected in how we select and engage with our extensive network of suppliers worldwide. For Novartis, Responsible Procurement (RP) means working closely with these suppliers, whose contribution is crucial to the Company's success, to ensure that goods and services are ethically sourced. By making sure we "buy responsibly," we are able to protect our patients, our people, and our business.

### **RP policy framework**

Responsible Procurement is governed by the Novartis Global Procurement Policy and the Novartis Supplier Code. Based on international standards, or accepted good practice where no such standards exist, the Supplier Code details the minimum set of ethical standards the Company expects its suppliers to meet.

### **Making a difference**

Recognizing that, in today's global marketplace, it's not enough to simply monitor suppliers' ability to comply with standards, we have designed the RP program to go beyond compliance; it aims to use our expertise to encourage and influence sustainable change that benefits workers and the environment in the countries we source from, changes that make a difference.

Responsible Procurement involves more than ticking the compliance box. It's about taking responsibility to safeguard and improve ethical standards among our suppliers, and using our expertise to help them find lasting solutions to complex issues.

**Phillip Duncan**, Chief Procurement Officer

### **Modular and fully integrated**

RP brings together all five areas where Novartis has corporate responsibility commitments in the supply chain – Labor Rights, Health, Safety and Environment (HSE), Animal Welfare, Anti-Bribery and Fair Competition, and Data Privacy. The RP processes work hand-in-hand with these specialist areas, and are fully integrated with our daily procurement activities. Screening

for ethical risk at the time of supplier selection is an assessment as routine as those for financial risk, quality or deliverability. Most importantly, RP ensures that risk assessment takes place before contracts are signed.

For more information on Novartis Responsible Procurement visit: [www.novartis.com/corporate-responsibility](http://www.novartis.com/corporate-responsibility) [2]

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