



Position Statement on Access to Clean Water

Abbott recognizes that:

- Water is a critical natural resource essential to sustaining life, human health, economic growth and ecosystems.
- Clean, safe water is becoming an increasingly scarce resource in many parts of the world, due to factors such as growing populations, climate change/drought, industrial expansion, water pollution and intensive agriculture.
- Water is needed in the manufacturing and use of our products, and in some cases as an ingredient in the products themselves.

Abbott is committed to maintaining sustainable, efficient and comprehensive water management programs that are respectful of the needs and concerns of the communities where we operate. To meet this commitment, we will:

Reduce: Continuously work to improve water use efficiency in our operations.

Prevent: Manage water discharges that could adversely impact human health or the environment.

Engage: Develop and apply key water management principles and best practices across our company.

Educate: Emphasize to our employees and suppliers the importance of protecting groundwater and other water resources vulnerable to overuse or contamination, and the role they play in doing so.

We will focus our actions on the following key elements:

Water Management: All Abbott operations must comply with our internal global technical standards and programs established for responsible water management. Abbott's water standards set forth specific requirements for effective water management, minimization of adverse water impacts (quantity and quality) and the identification and reduction of business risks associated with water use and discharges. All Abbott sites are routinely audited to ensure compliance with these standards. Global Water Tools will be used to assess current and future water stress ratings where our plants operate. Water management plans will be implemented in high-use facilities and in facilities located in water-stressed regions.

Stakeholder Engagement: We strive to enhance awareness of global water issues, share best practices and learn from the successes of others on water management. We work with stakeholders to address economic, environmental and social issues where we can make a significant contribution, including access to water.

Performance Metrics: We will collect key water data across Abbott operations and monitor our performance against long-term goals. We will continually strive to meet or exceed the goals we set as a company.

Transparency: We are committed to public reporting about our performance on

water management, including reporting our water performance relative to company targets or goals.

Supplier Performance: We expect our suppliers to be transparent in their water management practices and to embed sustainable water management principles into their own operations and supply chains, as established in Abbott's Supplier Guidelines. Abbott's supply chain water resilience is assessed annually, along with supply chain risks associated with global water use.

Guided by our commitment and strategy, Abbott will continue to strive toward the ultimate goal of facilitating access to clean water in the communities where we operate.