



Fact Sheet

Abbott's Approach to Global Citizenship

Global citizenship is an integral part of Abbott's mission to improve people's lives. For more than 120 years, Abbott has helped people to meet a fundamental need – good health.

Citizenship Integrated Throughout Abbott

Responsible citizenship is a fundamental part of earning and deepening the trust of the people we serve. We view responsible citizenship as critical to Abbott's long-term strategic competitiveness. It's a business discipline that's applied throughout our operations – including how we develop, manufacture and market our products, run our business, protect the environment and invest in building healthier communities.

Abbott's citizenship efforts are recognized as world class – the Dow Jones Sustainability Index has listed Abbott among the world leaders in economic, environmental and social performance for five consecutive years. To be included, Abbott meets rigorous criteria for marketing practices, corporate governance, environmental policy, management and reporting, social reporting, philanthropy and stakeholder engagement.

Values-Driven Approach to Business

Abbott's mission to improve lives is driven by our core values – pioneering, achieving, caring and enduring. These values also guide Abbott's longstanding commitment to strong, independent corporate governance and ethical conduct and compliance with the law, in every country where we operate.

A critical component of Abbott's approach to citizenship is the company's efforts to integrate values-based decision making throughout all levels of the organization, ensuring that current and future generations of employees and leaders make responsible, sustainable decisions. Abbott also holds its business partners to high standards – the company's supplier code of conduct communicates the company's expectations regarding labor practices, ethical behavior, environmental stewardship, and health and safety practices.

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Going "Green" to Preserve the Environment

Protecting the environment is one of the ways that Abbott fulfills its commitment to improve people's health. The company strives to be an environmental leader by establishing environmental performance goals in areas that are important to society and Abbott's business, including saving water and energy, and implementing innovative programs to reduce environmental impact across the company.

- Abbott became the first and only company to go "carbon neutral" with its entire U.S. vehicle fleet – the equivalent of removing 12,000 cars from the road. Abbott also will be expanding its efforts to reduce vehicle emissions in countries around the world.
- Abbott's new Global Energy Policy includes an aggressive goal to raise the company's greenhouse gas reduction goal from 10 percent to 30 percent.
- The company's conservation efforts are focused on areas where needs are greatest, including installing reducing water usage in water-stressed areas.

Building Healthier Communities Around the World

Abbott and the company's philanthropic foundation the Abbott Fund invest in creative programs that expand access to health care, promote science education and strengthen communities. In partnership with others, we strive to make a sustainable impact on people's lives.

- In 2008, Abbott and the Abbott Fund invested more than \$460 million in funding and product donations to improve the lives of millions of people around the world.
- Abbott provided product donations to support medical missions and other humanitarian efforts in 105 countries in 2008. This included working with key humanitarian organizations to provide rapid relief in response to an earthquake in China, a cyclone in Myanmar, and flooding and hurricanes in the United States.
- Abbott and the Abbott Fund are working to strengthen health care systems and train health workers around the world – to date, Abbott has conducted more than 25,000 health worker trainings in developing countries.
- The Abbott Fund supports efforts to advance the health of women and children, including programs in Afghanistan, Cambodia, China, India, Kosovo and Vietnam.
- A key focus is addressing critical needs in communities where Abbott has a significant presence. For example, Abbott renovated and doubled the capacity of the only free health clinic near the company's headquarters in suburban Chicago.
- Abbott and the Abbott Fund have invested more than \$150 million to fight HIV/AIDS in developing countries, focused on expanding access to testing and treatment, helping prevent mother-to-child HIV transmission, strengthening health care systems and supporting children impacted by HIV/AIDS.

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