Merck Publishes Corporate Responsibility Report

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Report Illustrates How Merck Creates Sustainable Value for Business and Society


“Our company has an important role to play in tackling some of humanity’s greatest challenges,” said Kenneth C. Frazier, chairman and chief executive officer, Merck. “By fostering a long-term, strategic approach to our business and our contributions to society, we can not only strengthen our future as a company but also fulfill our commitments to make this a better, healthier world for all.”

The report highlights Merck’s approach to creating social, environmental and economic value for the company and its stakeholders and the company’s commitment to operate ethically and transparently. For the first time, the report includes cross-references to the Sustainability Accounting Standards Board (SASB) metrics. The report also highlights the company’s contributions to the United Nations’ Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), the international community’s aspirations for improving the lives of the world’s population – especially the poor – by 2030.

Highlights from this year’s report include:

- Merck research in oncology has continued to advance, providing hope to a growing number of patients with different cancers.
- Approximately 65 percent of our vaccines were distributed outside the United States in 2017, up from just 28 percent in 2010, contributing to the global fight against disease.
- We have expanded the MECTIZAN® Donation Program to reach up to 100 million more people per year through 2025 as part of the global effort to eliminate lymphatic filariasis.
- Through Merck For Mothers, our 10-year, $500 million global initiative to end preventable maternal deaths, we have improved access to quality maternal healthcare and modern contraception for more than 6 million women around the world.
- In 2017, we achieved a 31-percent increase of spend with diverse suppliers, after a 57-percent increase in 2016, exceeding our corporate goal to achieve $1.2 billion in spend with minority-owned, women-owned, veteran-owned, LGBT-owned and disability-owned business enterprises.
- We progressed toward our 2025 goal of having more than 50 percent of our purchased electricity come from renewable sources by signing a virtual power purchase agreement (VPPA) with Invenergy.

Learn more about Merck’s approach to Corporate Responsibility and progress on key initiatives in the 2017/2018 global Corporate Responsibility Report.

About Merck

For more than a century, Merck, a leading global biopharmaceutical company known as MSD outside of the United States and Canada, has been inventing for life, bringing forward medicines and vaccines for many of the world’s most challenging diseases. Through our prescription medicines, vaccines, biologic therapies and animal health products, we work with customers and operate in more than 140 countries to deliver innovative health solutions. We also demonstrate our commitment to increasing access to healthcare through far-reaching policies, programs and partnerships. Today, Merck continues to be at the forefront of research to advance the prevention and treatment of diseases that threaten people and communities around the world - including cancer, cardio-metabolic diseases, emerging animal diseases, Alzheimer’s disease and infectious diseases including HIV and Ebola. For more information, visit www.merck.com and connect with us on Twitter, Facebook, Instagram, YouTube and LinkedIn.

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