



MTN POSITION STATEMENT

Corporate Social Investment (CSI)

The issue

MTN understands that it can flourish only when the communities and ecosystems in which it operates are healthy and thriving. Many of the markets MTN serves face significant socioeconomic challenges, including high levels of unemployment, inequality and limited economic participation. Youth account for a large percentage of the population across MTN's markets, making youth empowerment critical to long-term social stability, economic development and inclusive growth. These realities shape MTN's approach to corporate social investment.

Linking the issue to our strategy

MTN strives to leverage its core capabilities to contribute meaningfully to the socioeconomic development of the communities in which it operates. MTN's CSI strategy focuses on youth empowerment, while also supporting women, national development priorities and disaster relief, as key contributors to inclusive growth and sustainable development.

MTN's approach is guided by globally recognised standards and frameworks, including ISO 26000 on Community Involvement and Development, the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (UN SDG), King IV, the Global Reporting Initiative and the Ten Principles of the UN Global Compact. These frameworks anchor MTN's commitment to ethical conduct, transparency, measurable impact and responsible corporate citizenship, and inform how CSI initiatives are prioritised, designed and assessed.

Scope

This position statement applies to MTN Group and all its operating companies. MTN's CSI approach extends to organisations and partners involved in the delivery of CSI programmes funded or supported by MTN, in line with the Group's internal Corporate Social Investment Policy.

MTN's CSI activities are implemented in the countries where the Group operates, considering local laws, regulations and development priorities, such as those detailed in National Development Plans.

This position statement reflects the intent of MTN's internal Corporate Social Investment Policy and provides a public-facing overview of MTN's approach to CSI.

Our commitments

Direct operations

MTN commits to:

- Implementing CSI programmes that leverage the organisation's core capabilities to enable socio-economic development in the communities where it operates.
- Conducting CSI initiatives ethically and transparently, in line with MTN's values and its zero-tolerance approach to bribery and corruption.
- Ensuring CSI activities comply with applicable laws and regulations in the countries where it operates.
- Making certain that CSI programmes are measurable from both qualitative and quantitative perspectives, demonstrating alignment with relevant UN SDGs.



Value chain

MTN commits to:

- Focusing CSI efforts on reaching vulnerable, marginalised and underserved communities, with the aim of leaving no one behind.
- Encouraging employee participation and volunteering, including through initiatives such as 21 Days of Y'ello Care and beyond, recognising employees as important contributors to CSI outcomes.

Systems change

- MTN will align CSI interventions with national development priorities in the countries where it operates, while contributing to the achievement of the UN SDGs.
- MTN will pursue partnerships with communities, governments, the private sector and civil society, recognising that sustainable development outcomes require collaboration.
- MTN will advance youth empowerment by supporting access to skills, knowledge, tools and opportunities that enable economic participation.
- MTN will support women's empowerment, investing in programmes that enable girls, young women and women to participate fully in, and benefit from, ICTs and their applications.
- MTN will respond to disaster relief and humanitarian needs, including disaster prevention, response and rebuilding efforts, recognising that such interventions are typically short term or one-off in nature.

Accountability

- MTN's CSI approach is guided by internationally recognised standards, including ISO 26000, the UN SDGs, King IV, the GRI and the Ten Principles of the UN Global Compact.
- MTN seeks to ensure CSI initiatives demonstrate positive social, environmental and economic impact in the markets where it operates.
- MTN supports its CSI commitments through internal awareness and capacity-building to enable employees to contribute effectively to CSI programmes.
- MTN commits to ongoing improvement of its CSI approach.