

Vodafone Group Plc Sustainable Business Report 2017

Vodafone Group Plc has published its Sustainable Business Report 2017, the second report under its sustainable business strategy that was launched in 2016. The strategy sets out to ensure an even closer alignment between Vodafone's core commercial goals and the maximum possible social and economic benefit achievable as a consequence of those goals.

The Report, for the financial year ended 31 March 2017, contains an overview of Vodafone's ambition and what it aims to achieve, together with its progress to date. Vodafone's Slavery and Human Trafficking Statement 2017, which sets out how it addresses the risk of slavery across its businesses and supply chain, and its Conflict Minerals Report 2017, are also published.

At the centre of Vodafone's sustainable business strategy is their intention to work towards three global transformation goals in:

- women's empowerment
- energy innovation
- youth, skills and jobs

as each of these goals has the potential to deliver significant socio-economic benefits for its customers and wider society, while delivering business value.

The strategy also sets out Vodafone's strong commitment to responsible behaviour and its corporate transparency programme which addresses four specific areas that are often the focus of intense public debate:

- tax and total economic contribution
- supply chain integrity and safety
- mobiles, masts and health
- digital rights and freedoms

The Report provides greater insights into the ethical challenges that inform Vodafone's principles and practices, along with the controls that are in place to ensure it operates responsibly.

The Sustainable Business Report 2017 is available at www.vodafone.com/sustainability/report2017

About Vodafone Group

Vodafone Group is one of the world's largest telecommunications companies and provides a range of services including voice, messaging, data and fixed communications. Vodafone Group has mobile operations in 26 countries, partners with mobile networks in 48 more, and has fixed broadband operations in 17 markets. As of 31 March 2017, Vodafone had 515.7 million mobile customers and 17.9 million fixed broadband customers. For more information, please visit: www.vodafone.com.

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