

## COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

## A tradition of social engagement

As a part of society, ABB contributes to economic and social progress in many different ways

We take pride in ABB's long tradition of supporting the communities in which our people live and work. Our approach is to combine strategic corporate partnerships with country-level education and healthcare projects. Through our contributions, we support the achievement of SDG 3 (good health and well-being), SDG 4 (quality education) and SDG 11 (sustainable cities and communities), and are making a difference in people's lives and our corporate reputation, particularly in the communities where our business operates.

In 2018, ABB contributed to 620 community projects and charities worldwide. A total of 46 countries out of the 69 reporting on their social activities supported community projects. Employees and ABB's businesses donated approximately US\$12.1 million and provided about 4,500 person-days in volunteer work.

ABB works with students, schools and universities in a variety of ways, to improve research, especially in science, technology, engineering and mathematics, and to extend educational opportunities to more people. A global foundation set up to honor a former ABB Chairman and Chief Executive, Jürgen Dormann, helps talented but financially disadvantaged engineering students to pursue their studies. The foundation has grown steadily in recent years, and scholarships are now granted to students at 14 partner universities in 13 countries.

Our businesses also support local education initiatives that promote diversity and inclusion,

such as a scholarship for female students in Hungary and helping to provide access to education in Pakistan. A long-established program in India supports schools in communities around ABB facilities, while ABB in Brazil provides education and social assistance for underprivileged children. ABB is also involved in a range of projects related to health, such as a medical infrastructure support initiative that donated equipment to a hospital in Egypt that needed to upgrade its electrical distribution network.

ABB has both a strategic and on-the-ground approach to humanitarian assistance. We have a decade-long partnership with the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) that was renewed for three years at the end of 2017, and we are proud to support ICRC's activities related to renewable energy and use of technology in the electrification value chain. In 2018, ABB in the US also launched the ABB Employee Relief Fund, which enables ABB and its employees to provide financial assistance to coworkers in need after a natural disaster.

During the past year, ABB conducted a systematic review of its global community engagement activities to support an internal review of its corporate responsibility approach. The results of this review will help us to restructure our community engagement efforts during 2019, to bring the activities closer to ABB's values and business strategy and to provide value for communities where we operate.



Case study  
**ABB continues to rebuild lives in the Philippines**

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