



Sector: *Electronic & Electrical Equipment*

Employees: *170,000*

Criteria 15: The COP describes core business contributions to UN goals and issues.

Description and implementation process:

Access to Energy Program

In today's world, 1.3 billion people, approximately 300 million households, do not have access to electricity; 590 million people of the total 1.3 billion live in Sub-Saharan Africa, 293 million in India, 88 million in Bangladesh, 63 million in Indonesia and 56 million in Pakistan.

In general, these disadvantaged people live on less than 2 US dollars per day.

Their families' energy cost may run to more than USD 15 per month. Improved access to energy not only improves quality of life, but also facilitates access to healthcare, education and development for those who need it most.

Through its Access to Energy program, Schneider Electric wants to play a major role in helping underprivileged people gain access to electricity.

Schneider Electric is involved in three specific areas:

- Investment: manage an investment fund for business development in the electricity sector;
- Offer: design and deliver electrical distribution solutions for disadvantaged people;
- Training: help provide training for young adults looking to enter the electricity sector. This philanthropic effort benefits from the commitment of the Schneider Electric Foundation and its employees' contributions.

Created in 2008 and launched in 2009, the Access to Energy program illustrates Schneider Electric's desire to create a virtuous circle combining business, innovation and social responsibility.



Challenges encountered and response(s) provided:

One of the most important challenges is to guarantee sustainable economic models that are adapted to local contexts. The deployment of our products is made by our distribution networks, our subsidiaries, some NGOs and local entrepreneurs. To maintain this deployment, we have to develop new partnerships in order to be closer to the most disadvantaged populations.

Impact and results:

Our results from 2009 to 2014 (measured by our Planet & Society Barometer, audited on a yearly basis by a third party):

- 2,4 million households now have access to safe and clean energy;
- More than 73,000 people have been trained for energy jobs;
- 11 investments made in companies based in France, Africa and India.

Links to reference documents / Links for more information:

Link to “Le programme d’accès à l’énergie en bref”: [Click here](#).

Link to report “Strategy & Sustainability Highlights 2014-2015”: [Click here](#).

Link to “Baromètre Planète & Société”: [Click here](#).



Sector: *General retailers*

Employees: 396,662

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Description and implementation process:

“Anti-Waste” Plan: plan to fight against food waste

1/3 of the world’s food is thrown away every year. Faced with this figure, our CEO launched an ambitious Anti-Waste plan at the end of 2012, aimed at reducing all types of waste. This plan was first implemented in France in 2013 thanks to various concrete actions:

- Creation of an anti-waste committee to monitor the effectiveness of “anti-waste” actions
- Appointment of 16 anti-waste coaches throughout France to help stores implement “anti-waste” solutions and ensure the durability of the initiative.
- Systematic donation of food products with short expiry dates to local charitable organisations. In 2014, Carrefour France donated the equivalent of 77 million meals.
- Signature of the national pact to fight against food waste initiated by the Minister of Agriculture and Agrifood in France.
- Raising awareness among own-brand suppliers by introducing an anti-waste award scheme as part of the Carrefour Sustainable Development Awards in 2013.
- Extending the life span of almost 300 key own-brand products. This work was carried out without modifying product formulations and following a number of tests (microbiological and organoleptic).
- Launch of a website offering anti-food waste advice and recipes
- “Anti-waste” awareness-raising actions in stores and among our employees

Impact and results:

- In 2014, Carrefour received the Ministry of Agriculture’s Anti-Waste award;
- Donation of the equivalent of 77 million meals to charitable organizations;
- 50% reduction in food waste in some stores.

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Links to reference documents / Links for more information:

Link to the website of “Anti-Waste” approach: [Click here](#).