COMMUNITY INVESTMENT

2030 GOALS
• Contribute 10 million volunteer hours
• Participate in food donation programs where allowed by law (managed hotels)
• Double our monetary response, empowerment efforts and investment in resiliency against natural disasters (2017 baseline)
• Double Action Grants for hotel-led social and environmental impact projects in our communities
• Promote environmental awareness and open our LightStay technology in school educational programs

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Volunteering

In 2019, Hilton Team Members volunteered

549,887 hours across
107 countries through
10,431 events
1.4M+ volunteer hours since 2017

That’s equal to $14M invested in our communities globally through volunteerism*

130 hotels across the world participated in over 370 clean-up events in 2019, from parks and cities to beaches, helping to keep destinations clean and welcoming for all. In the Middle East, hotels took it underwater, organizing Dives Against Debris in partnership with Project AWARE®, a community movement coordinated by PADI with the purpose of ocean protection and conservation.

*Based on Independent Sector 2019 rate of $25.43 per hour for volunteering.
DISASTER RELIEF
We operate in areas where the risk of natural disaster or other catastrophic losses exists, and Hilton is deeply committed to supporting our Team Members and communities in times of hardship. Hilton and the Hilton Effect Foundation invest in short-term relief and long-term resiliency efforts to support communities impacted by disasters. Hilton also operates a Team Member Assistance Fund that aids Team Members impacted by disaster and hardship. Since 2014, Hilton has raised more than $3.2 million to support these efforts.

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Raised for disaster response to support Team Members and communities

FOOD DONATIONS
We are committed to donating food from our managed hotels, where legally allowable. Our hotels partner with local food rescue organizations to provide excess prepared food to those in need in our communities, and we have developed guidance materials, including a Food Donation Toolkit, to support these efforts. In 2019, we expanded our food donation program to all of our managed hotels in the U.S. and Canada, representing one of the largest hotel food donation initiatives to date. With our food donation program in North America alone, we expect to donate enough food to feed more than 160,000 people while also diverting millions of pounds of food waste from landfills.

INVESTING FOR RESILIENCE AND GROWTH
Hilton invests in our communities around the world through our primary international philanthropic arm, the Hilton Effect Foundation. In 2019, we supported more than 20 organizations to strengthen the positive impact they are creating every day in the communities we serve. From investing in Hawaii watershed improvement projects that increase water conservation to tackling youth unemployment through skills training in Italy, we believe in Hilton’s ability to effect positive change, leaving our communities and the environment more resilient for generations of travelers to come.

COLLECTIVE ACTION TOWARDS THE SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS
- Founded the Hilton Effect Foundation to accelerate our capability to address root cause challenges to achieve the SDGs
- Investing our skills to build capacity for organizations at the front line of fighting poverty and protecting the environment