

<u>Compass Group Foundation surpasses £1</u> <u>million charitable funding milestone</u>

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In support of its mission to improve the lives of people through education and innovation, <u>Compass</u>
<u>Group</u>'s independent charitable foundation, the Compass Group Foundation, is proud to have exceeded £1 million in grant funding and charitable donations since its launch just over one year ago.

The Foundation, which is an independent charity registered with the Charity Commission in England and Wales, provides grants to non-profit organisations in countries where Compass Group operates. Its priorities are to create inclusive job opportunities, empower local suppliers, and to provide urgent support in the case of global emergencies.

In 2022, the Foundation's first action was to donate £250,000 to the Disaster Emergency Committee in support of the Ukraine humanitarian emergency.

Following its official launch in January 2023, the Foundation provided further funding of more than £500,000 in its first full year of operation, as detailed in its first annual impact report, <u>published today</u>.

In the 12 months to 30 September 2023, the Foundation awarded funds to 14 not-for-profit organisations in eight countries, ranging from charities supporting people with disabilities to helping improve the livelihood of small farmers. In response to the devastating earthquake that hit southern Türkiye and northern Syria in February 2023, the Foundation also provided a grant that contributed towards the creation of temporary accommodation during the recovery and rebuilding phase following the earthquake, in coordination with Sofra Compass Group in Türkiye.

Since then, the Foundation has committed an additional £240,000 in support of existing charity partners and a further seven not-for-profit organisations across 10 countries, bringing the total Foundation support



since its first donation to over £1 million.

The Foundation taps into Compass' existing networks and expertise, enabling charitable partnerships and employee volunteering opportunities that amplify the positive social and environmental impact that Compass Group already makes within its local communities.

In the year ended 30 September 2023, the Foundation's grants helped to improve more than 2,800 lives – both direct and indirect beneficiaries – while supporting 62 small to medium sized enterprise supplier businesses. In the same period, Compass colleagues provided more than 8,400 volunteering hours for the community in support of the Foundation's charity partners.

Further details of the impact, projects and people that the Compass Group Foundation has supported in its first full year of operation can be found in its 2023 Impact Report. <u>Download a copy here.</u>

Robin Mills, Chair of the Compass Group Foundation, said: "I am incredibly proud to see the positive social and environmental impact that Compass Group is driving on a global scale for local communities. None of this impact would have been possible without the dedication of our colleagues who have contributed their time and expertise to partner with the charities we support.

"As we look ahead, we are excited to work with and support even more not-for-profit organisations that share our vision of a more sustainable and equitable world. We believe that by leveraging the resources, networks and influence of Compass' businesses, we can make a positive difference to the lives of people in the communities where the Group operates."