



Fact Sheet

Abbott's Approach to Global Citizenship

Global citizenship is an integral part of Abbott's mission to improve people's lives. The company's efforts focus on four key areas: innovating for the future, enhancing access, supporting patients and consumers, and safeguarding the environment. Working in partnership with others, Abbott leverages its core business expertise and resources to create sustainable solutions in countries around the world.

Recent Highlights of Abbott's Citizenship Work:

- *Innovating for the Future* – Abbott focuses on pioneering new technologies and delivering localized innovation across its businesses, advancing new healthcare solutions in diagnostics, medical devices, nutritional products and established pharmaceuticals.
- *Enhancing Access* – Abbott is applying its expertise in science, public health, technology and engineering to find sustainable approaches to global health challenges. In 2011, Abbott and its philanthropic foundation the Abbott Fund also invested more than \$730 million in grants, product donations and partnerships to expand sustainable access to care, reaching millions of people around the world.
- *Supporting Patients and Consumers* – Abbott holds its suppliers to the same high standards for quality, safety and social responsibility that are applied internally, and conducts audits to ensure compliance. Abbott also partners with organizations to support patient and health care professional education around the world.
- *Safeguarding the Environment* – Abbott has three environmental priorities: addressing climate change, reducing water usage and responsible product stewardship. At the end of 2011, Abbott met its multi-year environmental goals to reduce emissions, water use and waste ahead of schedule. Looking ahead, the company intends to further raise the bar on environmental performance.

Recent External Recognition of Abbott's Citizenship Efforts:

- Abbott was included on the Dow Jones Sustainability World Index and North America Index for the eighth consecutive year in 2012 in recognition of continued global leadership in economic, environmental and social performance.
- Abbott was included on the global "100 Best Corporate Citizens List" list compiled by *Corporate Responsibility* magazine for the fourth consecutive year in 2012.
- Abbott was named one of the top three "Best in Class" companies in its industry sector for financial, environmental and social performance by Storebrand Investments, a leading socially responsible investment (SRI) firm.
- Abbott was named to the Maplecroft Climate Innovation Index for excellence in climate-related innovation and carbon management.
- Abbott has been recognized for its sustainability efforts in countries around the world, including Brazil, China, Ireland, Italy, Korea, Mexico, Singapore, Tanzania and the United States.

Abbott's full report of its Global Citizenship performance is available at <http://www.abbott.com/citizenship>