



Water is vital to human and community development. As the primary ingredient of our products, central to our manufacturing process, Coca-Cola HBC Ireland and Northern Ireland recognises its responsibility to protect this valuable resource and strives to limit its impacts on watersheds and promote water stewardship activities in the communities where it operates.

We believe that industry has a key role to play in finding sustainable solutions to today’s water challenges. We recognise that human development and climate change will profoundly influence water availability and will work to mitigate changes and adapt to them.

Coca-Cola HBC is committed to ensuring that our use of water respects the needs of our communities and we continuously implement new technologies to ensure that local water supplies remain plentiful and its quality stays intact.

The direct water impacts of Coca-Cola HBC operations result mostly from the use of water in bottling plants. Indirect impacts result from the virtual water embedded in its ingredients and, to a lesser extent, from packaging production.

As part of our Group’s sustainability targets, known as Mission 2025, Coca-Cola HBC Ireland & Northern Ireland is committed to reducing water use by 20% vs. the baseline of 2017 and to helping secure water availability for communities in those areas.

In accordance with our Environmental Policy, we will:

- Minimise the impact from operations, by decreasing water use and ensuring that wastewater is fully treated to levels that sustain aquatic life.
- Assess future water availability and reduce environmental and social risks linked to our use of water.
- Encourage our employees to identify water saving opportunities
- Work with suppliers to understand the water footprint of raw materials, in particular agricultural products such as sugar and fruit.
- Engage communities to increase awareness and protection of water resources, through local and international partnership programmes.
- Provide emergency supplies of water to communities in the aftermath of disasters.
- Contribute to the development of water standards and policies, locally and internationally, in partnership with key stakeholders.
- Work with organisations and initiatives such as the UN Global Compact Water.
- Share and promote water stewardship practices.
- Implement and disclose progress on water stewardship program(s) to support the Alliance for Water Stewardship (AWS), a global standard for water stewardship outcomes. AWS goals will be aligned to existing catchment sustainability plans.
- Engagement with our site stakeholders in an open and transparent way in relation to the shared water risks/challenges in our catchment.
- Allocation of resources to ensure compliance with the AWS Standard.

We report comprehensively and transparently on our water impacts and activities, under the guidance of key stakeholders.

As Supply Chain Director I am committed to this Water Stewardship Policy which is owned and endorsed by Coca-Cola HBC Ireland and Northern Ireland’s senior management team and our corporate group.

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