



## **One Banana Releases Promising Findings in its 2015 Sustainability Report**

CORAL GABLES, FLORIDA, June 22, 2016 – In its ongoing effort to provide the highest quality bananas while fostering social good, [ONE Banana](#), The Better Banana Company's, recently released the findings of its 2015 Sustainability Report of their operations in Guatemala. ONE Banana's Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) efforts – from living wage to healthcare initiatives, from occupational safety programs to potable water projects – aim to improve the lives of its employees, the local communities, and the environment surrounding each farm.

ONE banana strives to care for its employees and provide equal opportunity in the workforce. As outlined in the recent Sustainability Report, in 2015, ONE exceeded the Living Wage by 27% in the southwest region of Guatemala where it operates. By paying its employees a fair and proper salary, ONE Banana is promoting the welfare of its employees and that of the local communities. ONE is also dedicated to achieving gender equality by giving women the same opportunity as men in the regions in which it operates. As of 2015, women comprised 40% of ONE's packing plant workers, 15% of field workers and 18% of the total number of ONE Banana employees. Overall, One Banana generates over 9,500 local jobs in banana operations.

ONE is committed to creating a better life for ONE employees as well as the residents in the neighboring communities of its farms. In 2015, 5,504 people were served at the Human Development Center (HDC) medical clinic. ONE's HDC complex currently consists of a state-of-the-art outpatient medical clinic, onsite research department, clinical laboratory, and a private school. The medical facility, which operates in partnership with University of Colorado Medical School, offers substantially affordable medical, dental, pediatric, maternal care, and pharmaceutical care to employees and residents of surrounding areas. ONE has also implemented the Nutritious School Snack Program, a banana donation initiative in partnership with local public elementary schools throughout South and Western rural Guatemala. By the end of 2015, ONE Banana had donated 318,605 bananas and 2,643 children had benefitted from the program, a 58% jump from 2014.

ONE Banana is committed to supporting the environment by implementing the most rigorous standards of conservation in order to grow the highest quality bananas. As part of their efforts to preserve the environment where their bananas are grown, ONE has signed an MOU with World Wildlife Fund –WWF-, the world's leading conservation organization, to improve agricultural practices. ONE continues to lead by example and has received certifications from the leading environmental sustainability organizations, including Rainforest Alliance, GLOBALG.A.P., BASC, C-TPAT, SCS Sustainably Grown.

Working towards a greater collective good is at the heart of the ONE. "As showcased in our 2015 Sustainability Report, we continue to make CSR programs a priority and believe that taking care of our employees, the environment and the communities in which we farm will have a profound long-term impact and sustained positive benefits," says ONE's Corporate Director Bernhard Roehrs.

ONE Banana hopes to see growth in all aspects of its CSR programs throughout 2016 and beyond. For more information about ONE Banana, please visit their website, <http://www.onebananas.com>.

### **ABOUT ONE BANANA**

ONE BANANA is a family-owned company with operations in the United States, Guatemala, Europe, Peru, Mexico and Ecuador. It has emerged as a leader in socially responsible and environmentally sustainable farming. The Company has implemented rigorously developed workplace safety standards, the latest water conservation and rainwater collection technologies, and industry-leading worker benefits. ONE Banana's corporate social responsibility projects include providing access to medical clinics, nutritional programs, and education that have benefited more than 19,000 people, across twelve rural communities in Guatemala.

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