

# ESG Index: Supply chain and sourcing

## Novartis External Partner Risk Management (EPRM)

We are committed to working with third parties who operate in a manner that is consistent with our values and ethical principles. While interactions with third parties at Novartis are broadly defined by our Third-Party Code, we identify, assess, monitor, and mitigate risk associated with suppliers through our External Partner Risk Management (EPRM) framework.

Our EPRM process promotes ethical behavior and fosters sustainability across our supply chain by addressing risk areas such as: anti-bribery; labor rights; global trade sanctions; information security; data privacy; animal welfare; health, safety, and environment (HSE); contractor safety; substances of concern in products; business continuity management and raw material certification. Human rights aspects are integrated in several of the mentioned areas including raw material certification and labor rights.

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