Strategic Enabler: Community engagement and investment

Our mission and vision for community investment is to create a better future for our communities by making them safer and more resilient to life’s risks, and to provide families with essential life skills that help them have a better, more secure future and get the most out of life. By leveraging our key strengths as a business, including our long-term approach and geographical scale, we are creating a better future for our communities.

Prudence Foundation
Prudence Foundation, a subsidiary of Prudential plc and a Hong Kong-registered charitable entity, was founded in 2011 to develop and deliver integrated regional community investment programmes, and to help our local businesses align and improve their individual community investment strategies. The Foundation’s goal is to maximise positive outcomes in the regions where we operate, and help underserved communities to get the most out of life.

Our approach to community investment
Prudence Foundation’s activities centre on the significant needs of vulnerable communities across our markets in Asia and Africa. We worked with strategic partners and leveraged the knowledge and local expertise of colleagues in our local businesses to initiate our key programmes.

In setting our community investment strategy, Prudence Foundation focuses on the following guiding principles:

- Addressing major societal needs relevant to both Asia and Africa that are priorities for our communities and stakeholders in our markets;
- Leveraging Prudential’s core strengths of providing health and financial security with a long-term lens; and
- Leveraging partnerships to drive impact and scale.

Prudence Foundation ESG objective: Creating a better future, together with you

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SDG link (See https://sdgs.un.org/goals for more information about the SDGs.)
Following these principles, we develop and deliver programmes that fill gaps not being sufficiently addressed, reaching millions of people at scale with the aim of improving lives and making vulnerable communities more resilient. Our programmes are aligned to the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and our three ESG strategic pillars: making health and wealth more accessible; stewarding the human impact of climate change and building social capital.

We focus on health issues that are relevant to our communities, financial education, and building community resilience against natural disasters and climate-related risks. We continue to build on the long-term relationships we have with our community partners, offering both financial and skills-based support.

We are also actively involved in major disaster and crisis recovery programmes and in 2022, Save the Children’s Emergency Fund, which is supported by Prudential plc and helps prevent and respond to crises across the world, provided essential support to children and families in Ukraine and its neighbouring countries with food, clothes and medicine as well as child protection services and education kits. The emergency fund also responded to other natural disasters in our markets, including an earthquake in Cianjur, Indonesia and famine in East Africa. Our employees have also contributed around 18,000 hours of volunteer service in the local communities we operate in.

Monitoring and measuring community investment

In 2022, in our continuous effort to improve our data disclosures, we made some changes to our reporting process. In 2021, we reported only on cash donations made to charitable organisations. From 2022, to reflect fully our actual community investment commitment, we are reporting broader spend related to our community initiatives, including spend with non-profit organisations, NGOs, social enterprises and other third-party suppliers, and the 2021 spend has been restated on the same basis. In 2022, the Group spent $12.2 million on our community investment programmes (2021 (restated): $9.9 million).

Our community investment spend has been defined, calculated and categorised using the internationally-recognised Business for Societal Impact (B4SI) Framework.

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Our governance structure

The Responsibility and Sustainability Working Group (RSWG) oversees Prudential plc’s community engagement and investment activities on behalf of the Board. Prudence Foundation, our charitable subsidiary, is governed by a statutory board of directors that meets regularly to review community investment strategies, initiatives and budgets. Prudence Foundation is also guided by the Group’s ESG strategy framework.

Prudential’s Group-wide Community Investment Policy guides our approach to community investment and engagement and sets out minimum standards, including not permitting any investment or contribution that is prohibited by law or regulation, that falls under the Political Donations Policy, or that is made to any religious organisation whose principal aim is to propagate a particular faith.

It is the Group’s policy neither to make donations to political parties nor to incur political expenditure, within the meaning of those expressions as defined in the United Kingdom Political Parties, Elections and Referendums Act 2000. The Group did not make any such donations or incur any such expenditure in 2022.

Our corporate social responsibility and sponsorship anti-bribery and corruption guidelines state that Prudence Foundation or local business community investment programmes or activities should not be leveraged for sales opportunities.

Financial education

Cha-Ching

Cha-Ching is Prudence Foundation’s flagship and award-winning global financial literacy education and responsibility programme, which provides a tailored curriculum for children aged between seven and 12. The programme aims to address financial literacy gaps across our markets, by providing a blended learning approach, leveraging digital tools and platforms and implementing a classroom-based programme which can be taught by trained teachers in schools. Our focus is to cultivate strong financial literacy foundations, and make the programme freely available and easily accessible to millions of children, parents and teachers.

Prudence Foundation entered into a partnership agreement with Junior Achievement (JA) Asia Pacific in 2016 to develop the Cha-Ching Curriculum. Through government collaboration and strong NGO collaboration, the curriculum has been implemented in schools across Asia and Africa.

The teacher-led Cha-Ching curriculum is now taught in eight markets across Asia: the Philippines, Indonesia, Malaysia, Vietnam, Taiwan, Cambodia, Thailand and Laos. In Singapore, through a volunteer-led approach, we have reached over 16,000 children to date. Our teacher-led Cha-Ching Curriculum programme continued in Africa, where we worked with Junior Achievement Africa to bring this to primary school students in six countries: Kenya, Ghana, Nigeria, Uganda, Côte d’Ivoire and Zambia.

In addition to our partnership with Junior Achievement, to ensure continued mass outreach to our targeted audience, we entered into partnership with Cartoon Network in 2011 to broadcast Cha-Ching cartoons, reaching over 36 million households daily. Cha-Ching content continues to be available online via the website and through digital channels including social media, receiving over 98 million views to date in Asia and Africa.
Cumulatively in Asia and Africa, more than 37,000 teachers have been trained to deliver the Cha-Ching Curriculum in schools, and over 1.2 million primary school students have learnt the lessons of earn, save, spend and donate.

Key awards received in recognition of our continued efforts in the communities we serve:

> Cha-Ching won Best Non-Profit in a Developing Economy award at the 2022 Money Awareness and Inclusion Awards (MAIA) which recognises exemplary work raising awareness on problems caused by poor financial literacy. It was the ‘highest scoring entry in the whole of the MAIA’s this year’.
> Cha-Ching was awarded ESG Initiative of the Year – Hong Kong at the Insurance Asia Awards 2022, for its commitment to increase financial literacy among young people globally.
> Cha-Ching in the Philippines won silver at the 2022 Annual International Business Awards® in the Best Communications or PR Campaign of the Year category, together with Pru Life UK and Junior Achievement.

The Cha-Ching curriculum has been one of the best avenues in providing life-long lessons to our learners regarding an important life skill – financial literacy. The Cha-Ching network in the Bicol Region has continuously worked to innovate and improve the 360-degree implementation approach of the programme, in coordination with the schools and educators of the programme. This is why it is one of our proudest moments and achievements to receive the news that the percentage of educators with loans in the Bicol Region has decreased from 90 per cent to 70 per cent since Cha-Ching’s implementation. This prestigious and international recognition has only fuelled our hopes and drive to decrease this number even further in the coming years, as well as reach more beneficiaries of the programme.

Gilbert Sadsad,
Regional Director, Department of Education, Philippines

I volunteered myself to teach Cha-Ching. Today I don’t regret taking that step. Just the training alone when the Prudential team were taking us through the Cha-Ching curriculum, by the end of the day there was such a paradigm shift. I took two classes, Grades 5 and 6, about 100 out of the 400 learners of the school. When we started the first session, the children were so excited. It has been received so well. I went an extra mile to make sure their parents are aware of what we are doing and they support their children. I will use the opportunity and the training that I have received to invest in the incoming generation so that I can make a change, because it doesn’t cost much to share knowledge and to help young people come to a place of financial literacy.

Madam Benter Okuku,
Teacher in Mombasa, Kenya

Cha-Ching Money Adventures
In 2021, a web-based interactive learning game ‘Cha-Ching Money Adventures’ was developed by Prudence Foundation to complement the Cha-Ching curriculum, foster greater financial literacy for children and encourage family dialogue about financial decisions. It was created in partnership with Two Moos (an Australian-based educational media design studio) and Education Development Center (a US-based not-for-profit organisation).

In January 2022, Education Development Center (EDC) researchers conducted an evaluation study in the Philippines on the game to determine its appeal and effectiveness. Key findings from the study suggest that ‘Cha-Ching Money Adventures is fun and engaging for eight- to nine-year-olds; is effective in improving their financial literacy and helps catalyse parent-child conversations about money’.

In October 2022, Cha-Ching Money Adventures was launched globally, following the success of a soft launch in the Philippines in conjunction with Cartoon Network in July and August. Work is currently under way to ensure the game is available in multiple languages.
**Digital initiatives**
In 2022, we continued to actively drive digital initiatives as part of our efforts to increase the reach and impact of Cha-Ching.

- The Cha-Ching Financial Literacy Global Conference 2022 was hosted virtually in February 2022. The purpose of the two-day conference was to highlight the importance of financial literacy and explore key global questions around the topic. Educators, policy makers, academics and industry experts came together to provide insights on the role financial education plays in enhancing individual and collective development and the opportunities this presents. Over 1,000 people attended via Zoom, with over 5,000 more people viewing through other social media platforms.
- The virtual 2022 Global Money Week campaign led by the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) celebrated its tenth anniversary. Ten of our markets participated, including Indonesia, the Philippines, Vietnam, and Uganda, holding Cha-Ching webinars, competitions and digital campaigns to raise awareness of the importance of financial literacy for young people.
- Roll-out of the online Cha-Ching Financial Accreditation (CCFA) programme continued in 2022. This online assessment is endorsed by education authorities and was developed in alignment with the OECD Core Competencies Framework on Financial Literacy for Youth and the ASEAN Teachers Competency Framework. The Cha-Ching teacher network was strengthened through the CCFA programme, and online CCFA webinars were held in the Philippines and Indonesia. To date, over 14,000 teachers have registered and 8,700 have completed the CCFA online assessment since its inception in 2020. 8,000 teachers have passed the CCFA and have received accreditation.
- Cha-Ching videos and parent resources have been made available for free on the Pulse app across markets including Singapore, Vietnam, Cambodia and the Philippines.

**PRU e-FinLit**
We continued to provide our support for financial literacy programmes via our Online Professional Certification Training Program (PRU e-FinLit) for Philippines and Indonesia in 2022. In Philippines, we expanded the certification programme to cover government workers from the Metro Manila Development Authority (MMDA). In Indonesia, in collaboration with Sharia Economic Community (MES), Prudential Indonesia held a series of financial literacy webinars with the objectives of increasing women’s knowledge of basic financial management and increasing awareness of sharia-based financial services.

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<td>› A Smart Kids Smart Money Competition and Cha-Ching Day were held.</td>
<td>› 4,600 students participated in the competition.</td>
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<td>› Collaborated with Human Capital Excellence Center under the Ministry of Education.</td>
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<td>› Cha-Ching programme approved by Minister of Education.</td>
<td>› Over 16,000 students completed all six modules in the programme and over 400 teachers were taught the curriculum.</td>
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<td>› Digital materials and video distribution to teachers and students.</td>
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<td>› In September 2022, we partnered with Akili Kids free-to-air TV Network to air Cha-Ching’s 18 episodes. (#1 TV channel in Kenya in households with children and youths under 18 years of age).</td>
<td>› Audience of 6.7 million children and 4.9 million adults with children weekly.</td>
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| Nigeria and Ghana | › Cha-Ching Money Show, a Cha-Ching TV programme discussing financial education, was developed, filmed and launched in 2022 in conjunction with Junior Achievement Africa and Ultima Studio in Nigeria. The programme features two teenage hosts, a live audience, the Cha-Ching videos, games and interviews with special guests including the Chief Commercial Officer, Prudential Zenith Insurance. | |}

**Safety**

**SAFE STEPS**
To promote the resilience of communities we run SAFE STEPS, a global programme that provides education, awareness and life-saving tips, including information on climate and disaster risk preparedness, road safety, first aid and Covid-19. Developed in partnership with the International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies (IFRC) and National Geographic, the programme continues to reach millions of people in Asia and Africa through our many media partnerships and government collaborations.

The programme’s reach continues to be significant:
- SAFE STEPS programmes reach over 136 million people in Asia and Africa via various media partnerships in 2022;
- SAFE STEPS Kids has a TV reach of 36 million households every day via Cartoon Network; and
- On social media, SAFE STEPS Kids has reached over 33 million people, and its videos have been viewed over 12 million times across all digital platforms since its launch in 2019.

**SAFE STEPS Kids**
Following our new SAFE STEPS Kids Health educational series ‘Be Cool Be Clean’ video campaign, launched in 2021 to teach children the importance of good hygiene, Prudence Foundation continued to work with Cartoon Network and IFRC to introduce a 60-second public service video in 2022, titled ‘Stress Busters’. The new video focused on addressing children’s mental health and wellbeing by providing easy-to-understand and relatable tips for children to overcome stress and anxiety.
**Covid-19 Risk Communication and Community Engagement (RCCE) programme**

During the pandemic, Prudence Foundation worked with IFRC Africa to implement a Covid-19 Risk Communication and Community Engagement (RCCE) programme. This was designed to help reduce the spread of infection in Africa by supporting the development of information materials and messages to address misinformation and fears about Covid-19 and vaccines. The RCCE activities were informed by local community insights, and accurate information was disseminated through accessible and trusted mass media channels. The Red Cross National Societies of Cameroon, Côte d’Ivoire, Ghana, Kenya and Togo worked closely with Prudential businesses to develop critical risk communication activities, each informed by local context. The programme used a multi-pronged approach to engage communities through perception surveys, webinars, mass media broadcasts, home visits, community meetings and focus groups, and reached over four million people across five countries in 2022.

**International Road Assessment Programme (iRAP)**

In 2022, Prudence Foundation entered a new partnership with the International Road Assessment Programme (iRAP), a global charitable organisation with the objective of international promotion of road safety improvement and road quality. Prudence Foundation provided funding support to its global Star Rating 4 Schools (SR4S) programme, with an evidence-based tool for measuring, managing and communicating children’s exposure to risk on a journey to school. It supports quick interventions that help save lives and prevent serious injuries. Road crashes are the biggest killer of young people aged from five to 24, and the SR4S programme leverages the iRAP Pedestrian Star Rating to create safer journeys to school.

“The National Traffic Safety Committee highly appreciates the long-term commitment from the donor – Prudence Foundation and Prudential Vietnam. The SAFE STEPS Kids Road Safety project delivered meaningful messages, established a safe environment in and surrounding the school, and at the same time provided traffic safety education for students.”

Ms. Trinh Thu Ha,
Deputy Chief of the National Traffic Committee Office, Vietnam

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<td>- Prudence Foundation renewed its partnership with AIP Foundation for a second term, running from August 2021 to March 2022. The programme aims to improve road safety for the benefit of communities in Hoa Binh and Quang Ngai provinces in Vietnam. Our work included stakeholder engagement, workshops and training for teachers, distribution of good-quality cycle helmets to students, school-based education, infrastructure improvement, communication campaigns, monitoring and evaluation.</td>
<td>- Average helmet-wearing rate of students across the project schools increased from 22 per cent to 76 per cent in Hoa Binh and 40 per cent to 97 per cent in Quang Ngai. - Students’ road safety knowledge improved from 36 per cent to 80 per cent in Hoa Binh and from 61 per cent to 89 per cent in Quang Ngai. - Improvement in safety levels from two stars in Hoa Binh and one star in Quang Ngai to four stars in both provinces.</td>
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<td>Cambodia</td>
<td>- Prudence Foundation expanded its partnership with AIP Foundation in 2022 to implement a SAFE STEPS Kids Road Safety programme in Cambodia.</td>
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<td>Uganda</td>
<td>- In partnership with Uganda Red Cross and Boda Boda Association of Kampala region, we rolled out a SAFE STEPS Road Safety campaign focusing on motorbike boda boda drivers. The programme provides monthly training in road safety and first aid, and those who complete the training receive new international standard helmets.</td>
<td>- Aims to train 10,000 boda boda drivers by the end of the first quarter of 2023.</td>
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<td>Zambia</td>
<td>- Partnerships with Road Traffic Safety Authorities, Zambia Red Cross, Cycling Association of Zambia, Zambia Road Safety Trust and Zambia Motorsports to roll-out SAFE STEPS Road Safety programme, leveraging radio and digital media. - A cycling event was also hosted, to promote road safety and health and wellness.</td>
<td>- Reaches eight million Zambians.</td>
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<td>Kenya</td>
<td>- In late 2021, Prudence Foundation, with support from Prudential Kenya, signed a partnership with Nation Media Group, one of the largest media groups in East Africa, to distribute SAFE STEPS Road Safety in Kenya. The campaign ran for 12 months. - In 2022, Prudence Foundation has engaged Social Impact, a US-based research organisation, to carry out an impact evaluation of the campaign, which will help inform future media strategies for the programme. The report is expected to be completed in Q2 2023.</td>
<td>- The media campaign reached 6.7 million viewers through TV, radio, print and social media platforms.</td>
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Safe Schools
Since 2013, Prudence Foundation, in partnership with Save the Children and Plan International, has been supporting the implementation of Safe Schools in our communities. The programme aims to address the objectives of the Comprehensive School Safety Framework (CSSF), which is supported by the Global Alliance for Disaster Risk Reduction and Resilience in the Education Sector (GADRRRES). CSSF is a global disaster risk management framework that focuses on the importance of safe learning facilities, school disaster management and risk reduction and resilience education. This partnership also supports the objectives of the Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction.

In 2021, Prudence Foundation supported a global initiative led by GADRRRES and Save The Children, to revise and strengthen the CSSF. The revised Global Comprehensive Safe School Framework 2022-2030 is an all-hazards, all-risks approach in educating and protecting children, offering governments a practical framework to make significant progress across a multitude of children’s rights and the sustainable development agenda. The CSSF 2022-2030 was launched globally on 12 September 2022 via an online webinar attended by over 400 participants, including representatives from governments, NGOs, United Nations agencies and the private sector, galvanizing more action and investment to ensure education is resilient against all hazards and risks.

In recognition of our efforts and partnership with the Philippines’ Department of Education, our partner, Save the Children Philippines, was recognised as one of the United Nations Sasakawa Award winners for Disaster Risk Reduction (UNDRR) in 2022.

At COP27 in Egypt, the Executive Director of Prudence Foundation, presented the new CSSF 2022-2030 plan, where he shared insights on our support of CSSF and how the framework is an effective climate adaptation solution to protecting education systems. Our Comprehensive Safe Schools Ecosystem project was highlighted as an example of CSSF large-scale implementation in the Philippines, with the aim of garnering more support from global actors in its implementation.

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| **Philippines** | > Prudence Foundation partnered with Save the Children and the Philippines’ Department of Education to implement the Comprehensive Safe Schools Ecosystem project. This includes the development of the Disaster Risk Reduction Management Information System (DRRMIRES) designed as a digital platform to gather data for analysis and effective planning to reduce disaster risk, along with training and capacity-building for teachers and local government officials.  
> The system consists of three key components. The Rapid Assessment of Damages Report (RADaR), launched in 2021, is a tool that provides timely and accurate reports to the Department of Education to enable efficient recovery response and ensure minimal disruption to education. The core CSSF system, the second component, was launched nationwide in June 2022. And the last component, a Students Watch App was rolled out in two regions, allowing students to participate in the Disaster Risk Reduction planning. | > Rapid Assessment of Damages Report (RADaR) was used in 17 hazard events by more than 28,000 schools since its launch.  
> The programme will be rolled out to over 47,000 schools nationwide. | > An external independent impact evaluation of the programme is currently under way with the intent to share evidence-based impacts and build a case study for other governments to reduce disaster risk and potentially replicate this approach in other countries. |
| **Thailand**  | > In partnership with PLAN International, Prudence Foundation had successfully developed and implemented a Safe Schools Model with a minimum standards checklist and certification scheme aligned with CSSF in Chiang Rai Province since 2013. | > The programme benefited 50 schools directly. | > Target to roll out Safe Schools to 3,600 schools in 12 provinces in northern Thailand from 2022 to 2025.  
> Aim to develop and pilot a CSSF platform to facilitate e-learning and CSSF certifications, build CSSF capacity for these 3,600 schools and enhance education policies and actions to address children and young people’s needs on school safety.  
> Goal is to have CSSF platform ready for national scale-up within the programme time frame. |
| **Cambodia**  | > Extended our support and partnership with PLAN International to Cambodia, with the overall goal that children in the most at-risk communities would increase their resilience to react to disasters and have a safe and secure learning environment. | > The project has benefited 60 schools in Stung Tieng province.  
> Provided training and technical support to sub-national educational duty bearers to take on roles and responsibilities to ensure that schools are safe for students. | > Continue to support the roll-out of the Safe Schools Programme to new schools in Siem Reap and Ratanak Kiri provinces in the new phase from 2022 to 2025. |
| **Indonesia** | > In 2022, Prudence Foundation expanded its partnership with PLAN International to implement the Safe Schools programme. In collaboration with Ministry of Education and National Disaster Management Office, the three-year partnership will aim to equip two provinces, Yogyakarta and Bali, with minimum standards aligned with CSSF. | > We plan to launch the programme in 2023 and aim to reach over 170 schools in both provinces. |  |
Early childhood development
Prudence Foundation believes that early childhood care and development runs from birth through to eight years of age, and is critical for a child’s cognitive, social, emotional and physical development. To set the child on the right path for future years, it is imperative that quality education, adequate nutrition, healthcare and protection are provided at a young age.

We work with our strategic partner, UNICEF, to implement a regional early childhood development (ECD) programme that advances ECD as part of the Nurturing Care Framework. With funding support from Prudence Foundation in 2021, UNICEF completed country rapid assessments on Nurturing Care ECD services in four countries; Cambodia, Indonesia, Thailand and the Philippines.

The findings from the assessments resulted in the following actions:

- Informed and supported the development of the regional ECD strategy, ‘Growing Steady and Strong’, which set up the vision for ECD in the region. This will ensure it is relevant and appropriate to the needs of the countries, and will ultimately result in better outcomes for children and their families;
- We decided to continue our partnership in Indonesia to rebuild ECD centres which were shut during the pandemic, and to support the integration of the Nurturing Care Framework into these centres; and
- A new ECD partnership was signed in late 2022 in Thailand to improve ECD outreach to children and caregivers by integrating and championing nurturing care as well as affordable and quality childcare services, and strengthen the quality of Early Childhood Education.

Prudence Foundation also renewed its support and partnership ECD programmes with China Development Research Foundation (CDRF), which will be implemented for three years from 2021 to 2024 in Guizhou, China; a region with a population of 10 million. Bi Jie in Guizhou is the first state-level experimental reform zone, aiming to explore new development paths to accomplish poverty alleviation.

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Covid-19 relief fund
In October 2022, Prudential plc donated an additional $2 million to Prudence Foundation’s managed Covid-19 relief fund, to continue supporting our communities through the pandemic. In total, $6.5 million has been invested in the fund since its launch in 2020. Our local businesses have used the funds to support vulnerable communities, with activities including communications on the importance of hygiene and sanitation, providing nutrition, and educational programmes.

Key initiatives are:

- Indonesia: A holistic Covid-19 relief programme which includes funding to provide vaccinations for children, personal protection equipment and sanitation for schools, Covid test kits for high-risk groups and skills training in vulnerable, hard-hit areas.
- Malaysia: Prudential Malaysia and Eastspring Investments partnered with local NGOs in four projects to provide food aid and relief to vulnerable communities in Malaysia. A total funding of $181,000 was distributed to overcome challenges caused by the pandemic.
- Uganda: Prudential Uganda is addressing mental health and food insecurity through a partnership with local NGO StrongMinds, to raise awareness around mental health issues brought on by the pandemic and provide support through free teletherapy for 1,500 vulnerable working adults suffering from depression.

Other community investment activity: Taiwan
In 2020, the ‘Protecting Children and Making Their Future’ programme was launched with the aim of engaging the public, the government and NGOs to work together to establish a safe and healthy environment in which children can grow and develop. In partnership with academics and field experts from local Taiwan universities, three white papers and a child health index with continuous tracking, which focused on children’s health, mental health and education, were developed and published.

The white papers aim to promote a healthy environment for children and instil a healthy lifestyle when they are young, to help build the framework for an entire lifetime of healthy habits, both physically and mentally.

In 2022, we leveraged influencers and key opinion leaders to increase awareness, generating close to 92,000 views and reaching more than 253,000 people on social media (Facebook and YouTube). To foster and encourage innovation in the younger population, Prudential partnered with Impact Hub Taipei, a social NGO startup, to kick off a unique cultivation and incubation programme ‘Innovation for Wellbeing’ in December 2021. This programme, themed around health, wealth and community investment, has not only created a platform for young college students to transform their innovative ideas into reality, but also provided them with the resources for implementation. In 2022, twenty teams were selected to join the hack days, doubling the number of 2021 participating teams.