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The Givaudan Foundation has published its 2018 Activity Report

Geneva, 26 March 2019 –The Givaudan Foundation has published its 2018 Activity Report which outlines progress in its support for education, health and the environment and in creating awareness about the three causes that the Foundation champions: communities at source, blindness and family nutrition.

In 2018 there were 21 locations distributed across the world with projects supported by the Foundation. Recent developments include the creation of four school libraries in Indonesian patchouli and vetiver producing communities, a new water and sanitation facility for a group of Haitian vetiver farming villages, a family programme on food hygiene and balanced nutrition in Colombia, and a screening programme to detect and correct vision defects of schoolchildren in Mexico.

Some initiatives have been running for several years, such as the rural development programme encompassing 32 vanilla growing villages in Madagascar that resulted in the building of 26 schools, water wells and annual training of farmers in optimised rice cultivation.

Since its creation in 2013, the Givaudan Foundation has contributed to more than 40 projects in 14 countries, which translates into 17,000 people directly benefitting from the different activities that have been rolled out.

The projects have in common their strong focus on the way they will benefit the communities concerned. To ensure the projects achieve their goals, the Givaudan Foundation engages in partnerships with NGOs and other organisations that bring technical expertise or knowledge of the local context. A distinctive feature of the Foundation is that it works closely with Givaudan employees and volunteers who bring their enthusiasm and expertise to the projects.

“We insist that from the start our projects include clearly defined milestones. This helps us accompany the projects over time and steer them in the right direction to ensure substantial social and environmental results,” said André Hoffmann, President of the Board of Trustees of the Givaudan Foundation.

About the Givaudan Foundation

The Givaudan Foundation is a non-profit organisation created by Givaudan in 2013 as a result of the Company's desire to reinforce its commitment to the communities in which it operates. Its purpose is to initiate and support projects as well as to grant donations in areas defined by its vision and mission. Our vision is to make a difference in the communities where Givaudan is active through contributions that are enriched with sensory expertise and employees' dedication. Our aims are to support education, contribute to health, protect the environment and create awareness about the causes we care for: Communities at source, Blindness and Family nutrition. The Givaudan Foundation works closely with and relies on resources provided by Givaudan to conduct and monitor its projects. It also operates with local partners to ensure the efficient deployment of projects and their relevance for those who are intended to benefit from them. For further details, please consult: www.givaudan-foundation.org.

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