

Media release

DKSH Partners With The Global FoodBanking Network to Reduce Product Waste Through Donations

Aspiring to champion global product and food waste reduction efforts, the Fast Moving Consumer Goods (FMCG) services provider DKSH has embarked on a partnership with The Global FoodBanking Network to scale its endeavors to recover and distribute surplus product across Asia Pacific.

Bangkok, September 27, 2022 – DKSH Business Unit Consumer Goods, a leading partner for FMCG companies seeking to grow their business in Asia and beyond, and The Global FoodBanking Network (GFN), a nonprofit organization that develops and supports food banks in more than 40 markets, have partnered to reduce product waste in DKSH's FMCG locations across Asia Pacific.

GFN is a global nonprofit organization committed to creating, supporting, and strengthening food banks and food bank networks for hunger relief and environmental sustainability through the reduction of loss and waste throughout the supply chain.

Both partner organizations share a mutual goal of ensuring that surplus food and non-food products make their way to people facing hunger and need in communities around the world, reducing waste in the process. With this shared goal, DKSH will engage with GFN member food banks for donations of excess product based on GFN's established procedures for supporting member organizations in capacity development, inventory management, leadership, operational stability, and – most importantly – food safety.

The partnership was kickstarted on August 10, with a product donation to GFN food banking partner Scholars of Sustenance (SOS) Thailand, in DKSH's office in the presence of Kwanchai Assanee, Vice President DKSH FMCG Thailand, Reece Croucher, Vice President Group Sales Operations, Digitization and Sustainability, as well as James Leyson, Managing Director of SOS Thailand. Following this donation, DKSH and GFN will continue to explore opportunities within the scope of this partnership to expand surplus product donations in the multiple markets they both operate in.

"This partnership between DKSH and GFN is the product of thorough and thoughtful planning that ensured our values were aligned from the start, and that our collaboration would be both productive and sustainable," said Douglas O'Brien, GFN Vice President of Programs. "DKSH's extensive business network, coupled with the wide reach of GFN's food bank partners across many of the same markets, offers ample opportunities to learn from each other, as we build more sustainable supply chains and continue to direct surplus products to those who need them most."

Terry Seremetis, Head of DKSH Business Unit Consumer Goods, commented: "We are proud to collaborate with a global organization such as GFN, and this community-led initiative resonates strongly with the pillars of DKSH's Sustainability Framework. The efforts of the local food banks are critical to fighting hunger and reducing greenhouse gas house emissions from landfill sites. Our purpose is to enrich people's lives and supporting the communities in which we operate is instrumental in bringing that purpose to life."

About The Global FoodBanking Network

The Global FoodBanking Network supports community-led solutions to alleviate hunger in more than 40 countries. While millions struggle to access enough safe and nutritious food, nearly a third of all food produced is lost or wasted. We're changing that. We believe food banks directed by local leaders are key to achieving Zero Hunger and building resilient food systems. For more information, visit foodbanking.org.

About DKSH

DKSH's purpose is to enrich people's lives. For more than 150 years, we have been delivering growth for companies in Asia and beyond across our Business Units Healthcare, Consumer Goods, Performance Materials, and Technology. As a leading Market Expansion Services provider, we offer sourcing, market insights, marketing and sales, eCommerce, distribution and logistics as well as after-sales services. DKSH is a participant of the United Nations Global Compact and adheres to its principles-based approach to responsible business. Listed on the SIX Swiss Exchange, DKSH operates in 36 markets with 33,100 specialists, generating net sales of CHF 11.1 billion in 2021. The DKSH Business Unit Consumer Goods focuses on fast moving consumer goods, food services, luxury goods, fashion and lifestyle products as well as hair and skin cosmetics. With around 19,880 specialists, the Business Unit generated net sales of CHF 3.8 billion in 2021. www.dksh.com/cg

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