

Social and environmental performance

UN Sustainable Development Goals

Vestas is committed to supporting the UN Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). Six SDGs have been identified, which support the approach on how sustainability is powering development for Vestas and for its stakeholders, including the many communities where the company is present. With SDG No. 7, Affordable and clean energy as the overarching goal, the other five selected SDGs are: Quality education (4); Decent work and economic growth (8); Responsible consumption & production (12); Climate action (13); and Partnerships for the goals (17).

How does Vestas work with the SDGs?

On an operational basis, Vestas works with the SDGs in connection with the construction of wind parks around the world. A recent example of putting the goals into practice is the 100 MW Taralkatti wind farm, a turnkey project in India which was commissioned in May, where Vestas worked specifically with SDGs No. 4 and 8.

India, despite being the fastest growing economy in the world, is faced with many development challenges, especially in rural areas, where Vestas builds wind farms. To ensure the success of a wind power project, it is furthermore important to gain the acceptance of local community and minimise potential resistance that can affect the project's development and create delays.

In conjunction with the project team, Vestas' CSR team assessed that the key needs in the surrounding villages primarily evolved around education and skills training. During the construction, initiatives were started that focused on:

- Education: Students from local schools gained access to a solar-powered digital content platform which is used to teach the local school curriculum
- Skills training: Young rural women have learnt skills in tailoring and stitching and can now generate income for themselves sitting at home
- Critical material support: Machinery and computers have been provided to a local training institute to improve the quality of learning among the young rural population

During the construction period of 12 months, Vestas moreover provided employment opportunities to more than one third of the local workforce through its contractors and subcontractors.

Employees

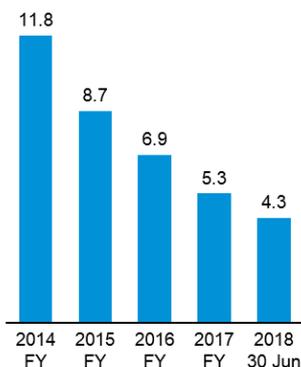
During the second quarter of 2018, the number of Vestas employees increased by 441 to 24,351. Vestas will continue to scale the organisation according to, among other things, the expected activity level.

Safety

In the second quarter of 2018, the number of total recordable injuries decreased to 52 compared to the year-earlier quarter. The incidence of total recordable injuries decreased from 5.1 per one million working hours in the second quarter of 2017 to 3.9 in the second quarter of 2018, within the 2018 target of maximum 4.8.

Incidence of total recordable injuries

Per one million working hours



Environmental performance

The increase that can be seen in the total environmental impact quarter on quarter – the waste generation and energy and water consumption from Vestas' manufacturing and service activities – stems from an continued increase in production and service activities in the second quarter of 2018.

Renewable energy

Vestas has achieved 100 percent sustainable renewable electricity consumption, partly by purchasing renewable electricity when available, and partly by compensating for the consumption of non-renewable electricity with Vestas-owned wind power plants.

In the second quarter of 2018, 45 percent of all energy consumption came from renewable energy sources, which was lower than the year-earlier period due to increased activity in second quarter of 2018. The decrease in the share of renewable energy for the quarter compared to full year is attributable to seasonality.

Renewable energy

Percentage of total energy consumption

