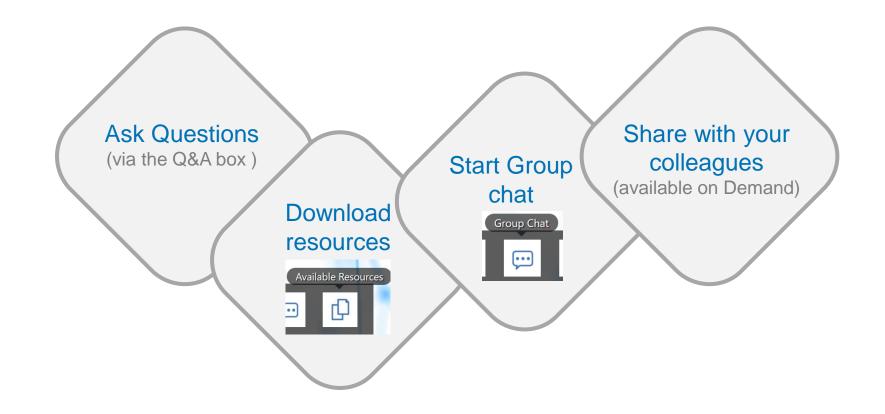


# Taking An Inclusive Approach To Mental Health And Well-Being: Insights From Nestlé

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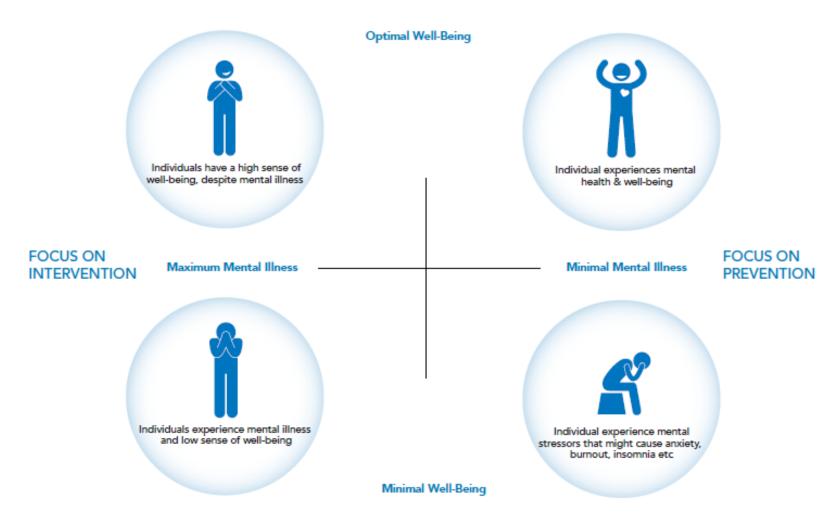


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## An inclusive culture shifts the emphasis from mental ill-health to mental well-being, where all employees can thrive, regardless of their mental health challenges

#### Experience of Inclusion : e.g. openness, empathy, support



Experience of Exclusion: e.g. stigma, prejudice, discrimination



# A new opportunity to put the DE&I into mental health & well-being

#### **Diversity**

 Diversity – ensuring mental health interventions meet the needs of all employees, including those from underrepresented groups

#### **Equity**

 Equity – ensuring workers with mental health challenges (either temporary or on-going) are not penalized but have equal access to employment and career opportunities

#### Inclusion

 Inclusion – ensuring a culture of inclusion which enables individuals to be open about their mental health needs and confident they will receive tailored and appropriate support





#### **Related Resources**

- https://www.conference-board.org/publications/inclusive-approach-to-mentalhealth-in-the-workplace-publication
- https://conference-board.org/publications/Workplace-Wellbeing-Mental-Health
- https://www.conference-board.org/topics/Workforce-Well-being/Holistic-Well-Being-at-Work-research
- Leveraging Total Rewards Strategies to Improve Employee Well-Being and Navigate Business Changes
- Developing Resilience to Move Forward through Uncertainty to New Beginnings
- Addressing Stigma and Discrimination during Times of Crisis
- Supporting Employee Wellbeing and Mental Health





Intersection Between Inclusion and Mental Well-being

## We promote inclusion through our culture, our work in society and with innovation

Culture
The way
we work
together

on the diversity & inclusion of employees

Society The way we act Acting and engaging with society and stakeholders

Innovation
The way
we think

Developing products/services for diverse needs of consumers & customers

## We focus our inclusion efforts on 4 key pillars of diversity



**Gender Balance** 



**People with Disabilities** 



**LGBTQ+ Community** 



**Race & Ethnicity** 



## **Driven by Purpose, Guided by Values**

Our values are rooted in

RESPECT.











# Mental Health – a pandemic within the pandemic



Closely trailing in the wake of the COVID-19 pandemic is a global mental <u>health crisis</u>.

During the pandemic, around four in 10 adults (in the US) reported symptoms of anxiety or depressive disorder, up from one in 10 in 2019.

A recent global survey of 1,500 people from 46 countries

shows that, overall, perceived well-being has declined by 85% in the past year.

Women and minorities are disproportionately affected.

Source: Prof. Alyson Meister, Breathe in the A.I.R., IMD Magazine

# Nestlé Roadmap for Employee Health 2021 – 2023

1. Respecting privacy

and personal choices.

At Nestlé, the general understanding has evolved from mental health as an individual challenge to a collective priority across all levels of the organization.

#### Our vision

Inspiring and empowering our people to choose a healthier future for themselves, their families and our business.

#### **GOVERNANCE &** HEALTH COMMUNICATION & **FOUNDATIONS CAPABILITIES PROMOTION** NETWORKING Evidence based approach **Education and awareness** Driving actions through programs Physical activity Healthy eating Mental Health Comprehensive health checks Our principles

2. Enabling informed decision

making.

3. Supporting a healthy working environment and healthy working

conditions.

## HealthTalks

**Workplace Impact 2021** 

employees reached (unique views)

















3.8K

Total viewers **#1 Mental Health** & Well-being Webinar 3K

Total viewers #2 Sleep Webinar 2.5K

Total viewers #3 Physical Activity & **Active Breaks** Webinar



Total viewers #4 Emotional Intelligence and building resilience

**1.3K** 

Total viewers **#5 Maintaining good** relationships in a hybrid world



Total viewers #6 How to cope with the mental load of parenting

#### Our impact in numbers

- 10'420 employees reached (unique views) on the Employee Health & Well-Being workplace group
- 14,480 total video views generated from the 6 events (41% LIVE) - higher than average events
- Engagement: 1,265 comments and 1,168 reactions accumulated in total

#### **Key success factors:**

· High and positive engagement; inspired and proud employees – showing enthusiasm for the initiative

## **Global Mental Health** week

**Impact Summary** 

In the context of World Mental Health Day celebrated on October 10, we focused a whole week on this very important topic and ran an internal campaign from October, 8-15.



employees reached via Centre activities Global + Employee Health & Well-Being Workplace groups



Total viewers during the HealthTalk held in that week



total engagement Global + Employee Health & Well-Being Workplace groups



total views \*the sum of views for all post in the campaign



open rate for our *Focus* Newsletter • +8,500 readers



Workplace posts on #MentalHealth

#### **Key success factors:**

- Voluntary basis campaign for Markets.
- Positive engagement; impacted and proud employees showing interest in this topic.
- People going back to the previous webcasts to watch them again.
- Rebranded the Employee Health Nest page where people can find all resources available at global level
- Communication on screens was powerful and employees enjoyed the new branding of employee health.

### Global Mental Health Week campaign

#### **Focus Newsletter**



Following our Mental Health Week, this 'Focus' is dedicated to helping you and your colleagues stay healthy with tips, advice and resources to build resilience and protect your mental health.

Mental health issues are part of life. In any one year, approximately 1 in 4 people experience at least one diagnosable mental health issue, and the World Health Organization forecasts that by 2030 depression will be the single leading cause of the global burden of disease.

This is an important issue that we need to learn to tackle every day.

The long-standing stigma around mental illness means that we still have a huge opportunity to increase our understanding about mental health.



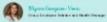
#### WHY NOW? The impact of COVID-19

The COVID-19 pandemic has led to a significant rise in mental health issues. We know that dealing with uncertainty, worry and fear for a prolonged period can take its toll on our health.

At Nestlé, we established mental health as a clear focus area in our Employee Health Roadmap 2021-2023, expressing our commitment to a sustainable healthy workplace. We do hope that all the resources shared during the Mental Health Week and summarized below will help you navigate mental health at work and at Immer, have "R U OK?" conversations, create supportive work environments and establish a culture of connection.



One silver living of all the disruption that COVID-19 brought in our lives, is the normalization of mental health challenges. The general undercanding has evolved from mental health as an individual challenge to a collective priority across all levels in the organization.



#### **Testimonials from employees**



## **Team Well-being Golden Rules**



#### **Leaders Encouragement**











#### **RUOK**

#### **HOW TO ASK RUOK?**

#### SIMPLE STEPS THAT COULD CHANGE A LIFE



1. Ask 2.



2. Listen



3. Encourage action



4. Check in

## Viral campaign asking employees to share their tips



































MENTAL HEALTH WEEK - JOIN THE MOVEMENT







#### TEAM WELL-BEING AND MENTAL HEALTH GOLDEN RULES



#### Agreed time with no meetings



- Identify and agree core common time slots with the team, where team meetings should be avoided. This way, people can have time for focused individual work, reply to emails, manage their personal activities etc.
- This agreement should allow flexibility and accomodate different individuals needs, as possible (e.g., employees that arrive very early; the ones that workout at lunchtime; the ones that need to fetch their kids at school etc).

#### Examples of rule:

- We'll schedule meetings, calls and team-work activities between 9:00 AM 12:00 AM and 2:00 PM and 4:00 PM.
- No meetings and calls before 09h00 and after 16h00, unless for urgent topics (flexibility needs to work both ways!)
- We allow reasonable time for lunch break, to allow various flexible slots during the agreed period.

#### Meetings and e-mails



- Short and effective meetings should be preferred. When possible, 50 or 25 minutes meetings, to allow for healthy and active breaks in between them.
- Do not invite colleagues in hours where their calendar is showing booked. This can be interpreted as disrespectful and it's stressful.
- There is no obligation to read and/or answer emails outside working hours. If something is urgent, agree with the team the best way to reach out to them (call, message etc)
- If you are sending an email outside working hours and you don't need an urgent answer, make sure you use the option «delay delivery», where you can plan for the message to be received at a more convenient time, not distubing your colleagues.

#### **Expected behaviors**



- Employees will be duplicating most of the behaviors they observe from line managers and other team members. Make sure that most of your behaviors are respecting reasonable working hours, with clear priority of your safety and wellbeing.
- Remember to clarify the business reasons when there is a need to «stretch» and find
  reasonable ways to compensate for that (e.g., allow the team to leave ealier or arrive
  later, some other day during the week, if possible.)
- Plan short breaks regularly. Use any chance with the team for an active and fun moment together. Check <u>Pleaz</u> for ideas (username: nestleglobal / password: activebreaks.

#### Well-being check-in





- When we don't see people face-to-face very often, it can be more difficult to observe signals and cues on how they are feeling. Specially to identify early warnings.
- Agree on regular well-being check-in discussions. This could be during 1:1's meetings or informal coffee breaks.
- Check the resources at the R U Ok? webpage for some ideas on how to ask if someone is ok.

#### Leader's Club Train the Trainers



# The impact of COVID-19 on Women at the workplace: At Nestlé, we rise to the challenge, showing our continuous support to women



44% of our promoted employees were women in 2021

(vs 40% in 2019)



Launch of **The Parenting Index** in 2021, aligned to our commitment to support parents in the first 1,000 days of life



**Our Employee Resource Groups** 

(ERGs) led significant efforts to sustain employee morale and enrich internal/ external communities



93% of women who returned from parental leave during 2020 remained employed in the company

(vs 81% in 2019)



#### **Employee Assistance Programme**

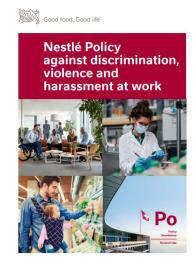
(EAP), available to all employees and their families, promotes free and confidential support on psychological and health difficulties



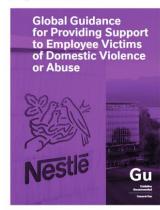
Launch of #HealthTalks in 2021, available to all employees, to educate and raise awareness on mental health, well-being, emotional intelligence and resilience



64% of the countries have already implemented our Nestlé Global Parental Support Policy



41% of the countries have implemented our Nestlé Policy against Discrimination, Violence and Harassment at work



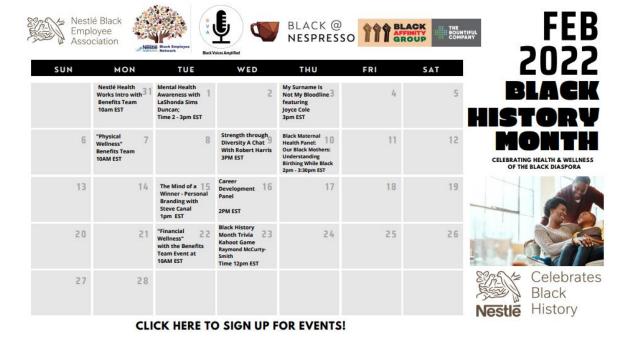
Good food, Good life



### **Examples from D&I & Mental Health initiatives led locally**

Nestlé USA: "The Black at Nestlé" employee resource groups have joined together to launch a 4-week series called "Back to the Basics". This 4-week series will highlight Mental Health, Maternal Health, Healthy Eating Habits, and Career Development.

Nestlé UK&I: A "Time To Talk" Day was organized on February 3rd. The day is about creating supportive communities by having conversations with family, friends, or colleagues about mental health.









## Nestlé in the USA - THE LIFESTYLE SPENDING ACCOUNT (LSA)



Each year, employees get \$500 to spend on whatever wellbeing means to them. At Nestlé, we think of wellbeing in a holistic way.

BECAUSE WE KNOW WELLBEING MEANS
DIFFERENT THINGS TO DIFFERENT PEOPLE.

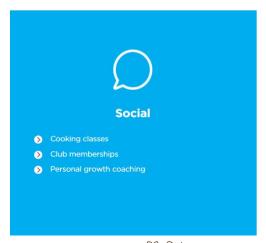


#### THE FOUR CATEGORIES OF WELLBEING











## The Parenting Index

- The Parenting Index is a unique new tool measuring the "ease of parenting" around the world today. It acts as a benchmark to track positive change over time.
- The-first-of-its-kind, the <u>The Parenting Index study</u> talked to over 8,000 moms and dads from across 16 different countries to understand better **the realities of parenting** in the 21st century.



THE PARENTING INDEX IDENTIFIES EIGHT UNIVERSAL FACTORS THAT HAVE THE BIGGEST IMPACT ON THE EASE OF PARENTING TODAY









Absence of Pressure

Financial Resilience

Supports for Working

Easy Baby









Health and S Wellbeing Er Resources

Supportive Environment

Shared Parenting

Parenting Confidence

The Parenting Index has identified the single biggest pain point for parents today: *pressure*.





We continue to be an inclusive organization that draws strength, innovation and inspiration from the diversity of our people and communities.