

2024

MONITORING OUR CONTRIBUTION TO THE SDGs



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Contribution to the SDGs

The SDGs present a global and joint plan of action to achieve sustainable development through a series of common goals that promote multi-stakeholder partnerships. As actors in this global ecosystem, Grupo Apex is committed to incorporating the principles and objectives set out in the 2030 Agenda and the SDGs into its business model.

To this end, Grupo Apex has carried out an analysis of our value chain in order to identify the main impact, both positive and negative, of our different activities on the SDGs. This identification has allowed us to define the main SDGs that we contribute to (1), which have guided us in setting sustainable development goals for 2025 and others on which we have a more indirect impact (2) but which we also take into account in our business strategy and activities.

Grupo Apex contributes directly to the following SDGs through its business activities:



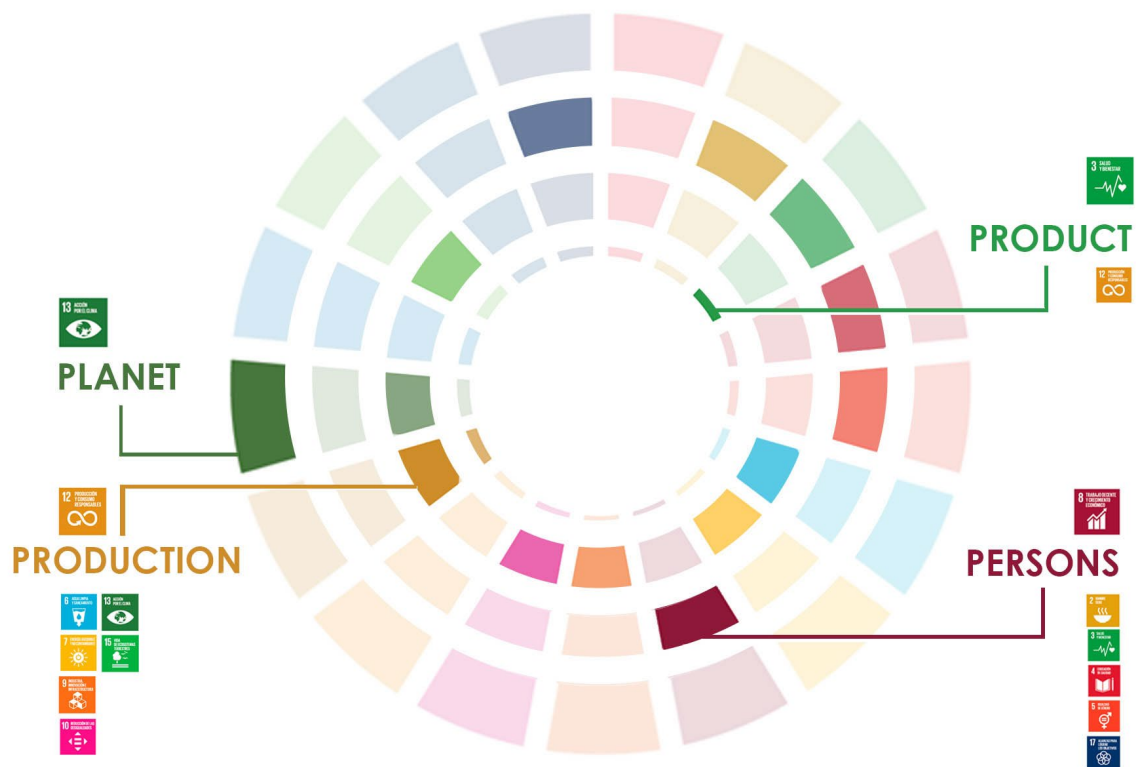
Grupo Apex contributes indirectly to the following SDGs through its business activities:

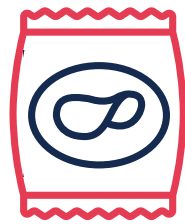


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Our commitment: Objectives and indicators

Taking into account the main impacts of Grupo Apex, we have split our future sustainability challenges and goals into three main areas (product, production and people). These three areas combined contribute directly to sustainable development and, therefore, to looking after the Planet:





PRODUCTS

This area is based on our core value and focuses on innovation to deliver higher quality and healthier products to our customers. We have set key objectives to achieve by 2025 in order to improve the nutritional value of our products and the sustainability of the packaging we use:



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Objective	Objectives for 2025
Improve the nutritional value of our products	Reduce the average salt content of our crisps by 10% and the salt content of our snacks by 5%
Eliminate single-use plastics and reduce the use of plastics in general	0% of our turnover made from non-recyclable products. 20% of our turnover made with alternative references to conventional plastic

In the 2023-2024 financial year, the advances in terms of the **PRODUCT** objectives have been:

Objective	2020-2021	2021-2022	2022-2023	2023-2024	Objectives for 2025
Improve the nutritional value of our products	We achieved a reduction of 1.79% in crisps and 1.04% in snacks.	We maintain the value regarding the previous year in crisps, and improve until reaching the objective in snacks, where we are at our target reduction of 5%.	We improved the salt reduction in potatoes by 3% and continue to improve our goal in snacks, now standing 6% above the set goal.	We managed to reach and surpass the goal set for potatoes, currently achieving an 11% reduction. And we continue to improve our target for snacks, now reaching a 16% reduction (11% above the set goal).	Reduce the average salt content of our crisps by 10% and the salt content of our snacks by 5%
Eliminate single-use plastics and reduce the use of plastics in general	We reduced materials with these characteristics to 3% of turnover.	We continue to reduce our references made with non-recycled plastic, which is currently only 1.8%.	The figure is increased to 2% by the acquisition of new brands with already defined packaging. However, we have improved in the brands prior to their incorporation and we are already working to change the packaging of the new acquired brands.	We continue reducing our products made with non-recyclable plastic, which currently stands at 1.4%.	0% of our turnover made from non-recyclable products
	We launched the first container made with 100% compostable materials in the sector.	We increased our turnover of references with alternatives to plastic, such as our Marinas made with 100% compostable materials, to 1.60% of our turnover.	We continue to increase the amount of packaging with alternative materials to conventional plastic, currently representing 3% of our turnover, while we are also studying new possibilities.	As a result of the increase in other products and the incorporation of new acquisitions, we have fallen back on the target, now standing at 2% of revenue.	20% of our turnover made with alternative references to conventional plastic



PRODUCTION

In the area of production, we have set ourselves the goal of making our production processes more sustainable, reducing resource consumption and waste generation while increasing value for local communities. To monitor our contribution in this area, we have set a number of quantitative targets related to efficient production and consumption:

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Objective	Objectives for 2025
Promote sustainable water management	1% reduction in water consumption per kg of crisps and extruded snacks
Energy: promote energy efficiency measures and the use of renewable energies	1% reduction in gas consumption per kg produced and 2% reduction in electricity consumption per kg produced
	7% of the energy consumed will come from own production

Objective	Objectives for 2025
Reduce raw material losses	1% reduction in the amount of raw material needed to produce one kg of crisps
	1.5% reduction in discarded potato
	1.5% reduction in discarded plastic
	13% to 20% reduction in waste (closer to the established standards)
Support local suppliers	25% of products and services purchased locally (same region as the factory buying them)
	95% of products and services bought in Spain
Support the production of BIO-certified raw materials	Quadruple the amount of material purchased that is BIO-certified
Offer job opportunities for vulnerable groups	Double the number of purchases made from special employment centres
More sustainable distribution of products by making better use of gaps per shipment or lorry	Increase the average occupancy per shipment by 3% per year
Promote innovation	Increase the budget allocated to innovation activities by 15%

In the 2023-2024 financial year, the advances in terms of the **PRODUCTION** objectives have been:

Objective	2020-2021	2021-2022	2022-2023	2023-2024	Objectives for 2025
Promote sustainable water management	We reached and exceeded our objective with a 6.18% reduction in crisps. In extruded snacks, we are close to the objective at 0.88%.	We have managed to maintain the reduction versus the initial value in both potato and extrusion, but not compared to the previous year. We are going to make a review in order to get an optimization.	Water consumption has increased both in potatoes and in extrusion due to the increase in production of products with processes that require greater water requirements.	In extrusion, we have once again achieved and surpassed our goal, being more efficient in water usage than the set target. For potatoes, consumption has increased due to the extended hours of operation for the vacuum line and the implementation of a fourth shift for fryers with simultaneous cleanings.	1% reduction in water consumption per kg of crisps and extruded snacks
Energy: promote energy efficiency measures and the use of renewable energies	We improved markedly with 63.43% in electricity/extruded snacks. We reduced in terms of gas and electricity efficiency of the remainder as a result of the introduction of new production lines and processes.	We continue to adjust our consumption, in which we reduce the efficiency of electricity consumption due to the installation of a new vacuum frying production process that triples the current processes needs, also affecting gas, where, however, we did achieve an improvement of 1.96% versus the previous year.	We improved in the indicators compared to the previous year, except in potato gas due to the increase in production of the vacuum line, with greater consumption requirements. In extrusion we managed to reach and exceed the goal in electricity, which also improved in Riego de la Vega and in both cases thanks to the installation of photovoltaic panels.	In extrusion, we achieved and surpassed the gas consumption goal per kilogram produced, reaching a consumption of 0.235 kW. For potatoes, we improved compared to the previous year thanks to technical improvements in the efficiency of the vacuum line, and we continue working to reach the target. Regarding electricity, we remain above the target in extrusion with a consumption of 0.253 kW, and also in potatoes with a consumption of 0.40 kW/kg, thanks to the self-generated energy from solar panels and technical improvements in both cases.	1% reduction in gas consumption per kg produced and 2% reduction in electricity consumption per kg produced

Objective	2020-2021	2021-2022	2022-2023	2023-2024	Objectives for 2025
	We increased to 2.25% towards the objective.	We managed to exceed the objective, placing ourselves at 20% of the energy consumed that comes from our own production in Navarra, with installations scheduled in more plants during the next financial year.	We achieve the objective set in Ribaforada with 20% of energy from our own production and we also extend it to Riego de la Vega.	The goal has been surpassed in Ribaforada. In parallel, there are now three factories with solar panel installations: Ribaforada, Riego de la Vega, and Miramar.	7% of the energy consumed will come from own production
Reduce raw material losses	We are not making progress towards the objective as a result of the increased discards from the 2020 harvest.	We increased the percentage of loss as a result of the 2020 harvest, which affected us in part of the 2021 financial year.	We increased the quantity required due to the potato supply crisis throughout Europe, with the need to use lower quality of potatoes with more losses, having to reach to new markets.	The potato supply crisis across Europe has required sourcing potatoes from new regions. The difference in quality sometimes results in higher discards to ensure a good final product, which moves us away from the goal.	1% reduction in the amount of raw material needed to produce one kg of crisps
	We managed to exceed the objective with a 4.26% reduction in raw and 10.76% in fried.	The quality of the aforementioned 2020 harvest also had an impact on this objective.	The amount of losses has also increased due to the above, which in some cases has also had an impact on having to stop the activity of a certain production centre; in addition to other issues such as the level of customer demand, or the operation of the vacuum line.	Despite the aforementioned, which also affect this goal, we have achieved an improvement of over 5% compared to the previous year in raw potatoes. We also improved in fried potatoes compared to the previous year, getting closer to the objective.	1.5% reduction in discarded potato

Objective	2020-2021	2021-2022	2022-2023	2023-2024	Objectives for 2025
	<p>We are not making progress towards the objective. Corrective action is being established to review the efficiency of the packaging line.</p>	<p>In discarding plastic, we have improved in comparison with the initial year but we go back vs the previous year. We are going to review again the efficiency of the packaging lines.</p>	<p>We managed to reach and exceed the objective, reaching a 17.5% reduction.</p>	<p>Different changes in product formats have caused us to fall behind the target for reducing plastic waste from product bags and packaging, although we are already working to address this.</p>	<p>1.5% reduction in discarded plastic</p>
	<p>We exceeded the objective with 99.33% in pellets. We are not making progress towards the objective in maize meal as a result of a new line, adjustment and start-up; nor in plastic where we are reviewing the efficiency of the packaging line.</p>	<p>We achieved improvements in pellet and maize meal losses in comparison with the initial year, but going back vs the previous year. We did achieve a significant reduction in plastic, entering into the target range with the 13.20%.</p>	<p>We improved the loss of maize meal and pellets, and we continue staying above the plastic reduction target.</p>	<p>We continue to improve maize meal and pellet waste reduction values compared to the previous period, and we keep on exceeding our plastic waste reduction goals.</p>	<p>13% to 20% reduction in waste (closer to the established standards)</p>

Objective	2020-2021	2021-2022	2022-2023	2023-2024	Objectives for 2025
Support local suppliers	We continue to make progress towards the objective with a 23.59% increase.	22.37% of our products and services are purchased locally. The number decreases compared to the previous year given the casuistry of purchase of cardboard, aromas, plastic and oil, of great presence and normally outside the location of the factory involved.	We are at 22.27%, decreasing due to the entry of new clients and orders with certain specifications.	Our local sourcing accounts are just over 20%, showing a slight decrease in value due to the onboarding of new clients with specific requirements and the impact of drought on raw material supply at both local and national levels (particularly affecting raw potatoes).	25% of products and services purchased locally (same region as the factory buying them)
	We increased to 94.77%, placing us close to the objective.	93.64% in Spain. The figure decreases slightly from the previous year due to the arrival of a new factory to the Group with a significant percentage of its purchases abroad.	We are at 91.45%, decreasing in value due to the entry of new clients and orders with certain specifications.	At the national level, we are at 89%, with a slight decrease in value, consistent with the previously mentioned factors affecting local suppliers.	95% of products and services bought in Spain
Support the production of BIO-certified raw materials	Purchased materials have increased, but do not reflect growth towards the objective as a result of the increase in value during the pandemic, this being the initial reference figure.	We continue the trend of the previous year, but duplicating our investment vs past year ¹ .	We increased the purchase of BIO certified materials by 64.37%, also expanding our portfolio.	We have increased purchases of BIO-certified materials by 85% compared to the baseline year, while also expanding our product offerings. Future growth in this area will depend on BIO demand, which is currently limited.	Quadruple the amount of material purchased that is BIO-certified

¹ The reported values for fiscal year 2022-2023 have been adjusted, which may have differences with the previous monitoring report.

*Production data regarding the objectives "Promote Sustainable Water Management," "Energy: Promote Energy Efficiency Measures and the Use of Renewable Energies," and "Reduce Raw Material Losses" pertain to our primary potato chip and extrusion facilities, Riego de la Vega and Ribaforada, representing over 85% of production at the time the Sustainability Plan and baseline metrics were established.

Objective	2020-2021	2021-2022	2022-2023	2023-2024	Objectives for 2025
Offer job opportunities for vulnerable groups	Although it is maintained, no increase towards the objective is reflected as the initial reference value was a high peak in the purchase of the same	We reduced the figure by reducing the purchase of office supplies due to the increase in teleworking. The initial figure for the definition of the goal was at a peak of investment in office furniture, an issue that compromise the evolution of the objective versus the current reality	We improved by 6% compared to the previous year, although still far from the objective, which was marked by a peak in material purchases	We improved by 38.4% compared to the previous year, though we remain below the established goal. In parallel, this objective is being further supported by hiring individuals with disabilities.	Double the number of purchases made from special employment centres
More sustainable distribution of products by making better use of gaps per shipment or lorry	It has improved by 18%, exceeding the objective, as a result of improved capacity while also improving monitoring for data collection	We continue to improve our distribution. Last year we exceeded the target and we are currently improving that number even further, by an additional 9% in favor of the target	We continue above our objective, improving 4% compared to the previous year, which already exceeded the annual objective by 6%	We continue to meet and exceed our goal, achieving a 4% improvement.	Increase the average occupancy per shipment by 3% per year
Promote innovation	We have increased by 17.14% this financial year.	We continue to bet on investment in innovation, increasing the value vs. the reference year, although with a decrease vs. the previous one given the situation, placing us at the current 11.43%.	In a year with incredible increases in raw material and energy costs, the company has focused on recovering lost profitability, focusing more on current products than on new developments	We are currently holding projects to launch in the 2024-2025 fiscal year, pending the Agro-Food PERTE II. Meanwhile, a new Director of Innovation has joined the team.	Increase the budget allocated to innovation activities by 15%

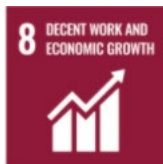


PEOPLE

In the people area, our main objective is to contribute to a more inclusive society by generating economic growth and collaborating with different actors, both internal and external to Grupo Apex, building the relationships needed to promote sustainable development and contribute to the SDGs.

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Objective	Objectives for 2025
Promote gender equality in the workplace	Maintain gender balance in the workforce
Promote a safe and healthy work environment	Reduce the injury frequency rate by 10% Reduce the absence rate by 5.70%
Foster inclusive work environments that respect international rights standards	80% of staff say they are satisfied with the working conditions

Objective	Objectives for 2025
Improve the training of workers on an ongoing basis	Achieve an average of 8 hours training per employee
Contribute to local economic growth	Increase the number of jobs available by 4.5%
Contribute to ending hunger	Outline and implement a zero-waste policy
Contribute to the social development of social communities through partnerships with external organisations	Maintain the percentage of profits earmarked for sponsorships and donations (10%), increasing the total figure each year.
Raising internal awareness of sustainability and the SDGs	100% of internal communication contains content related to sustainability and/or the SDGs
Raising external awareness of sustainability and the SDGs	Referencing our commitment to sustainability and the SDGs in 100% of corporate media

In the 2023-2024 financial year, the advances in terms of the **PEOPLE** objectives have been:

Objective	2020-2021	2021-2022	2022-2023	2023-2024	Objectives for 2025
Promote gender equality in the workplace	Periodic meetings of the equality committee have been established.	The equality commission is maintained for the correct establishment of equality in the company. We also maintain the balance close to 50/50, with a predominance of women in the 54.50% of positions.	The equality commission is maintained for the correct establishment of equality in the company, we maintain the balance close to 50/50, with a predominance of women in 55.44% of the positions.	The Equality Commission remains active to ensure proper implementation of equality across the company. We maintain a near 50/50 gender balance, with women representing 57% of positions, supported by the integration of new factories and their teams into the Group.	Maintain gender balance in the workforce
Promote a safe and healthy work environment	Stagnation is detected in this area, and protocols and the importance of raising awareness at all levels are being reviewed.	Due to the increased detected: we already have increased health and safety training and information to raise awareness; now also with a fixed section in the monthly internal newsletter.	We continue to promote information and training on health and safety given the increase, also activating surveys and suggestion boxes.	We have reduced incidents compared to the previous year and continue to enhance the health and safety sector by expanding the department and increasing the number of the team responsible for prevention.	Reduce the injury frequency rate by 10%
	Progress towards the objective has slowed, largely due to absences related to the pandemic.	We improved the absenteeism rate by 1.8% after a year of increase marked by the pandemic, reaching the current 6.23%.	We achieve and exceeded the objective, reaching an improvement percentage of 4.30%.	We continue to exceed and improve our goal, achieving a rate of 4.27%.	Reduce the absence rate by 5.70%

Objective	2020-2021	2021-2022	2022-2023	2023-2024	Objectives for 2025
Foster inclusive work environments that respect international rights standards	The portal for workers has been implemented to facilitate management and procedures. Currently enabling a space for surveys in order to measure this and other issues.	We have the portal implemented and we are working to establish satisfaction surveys.	We continue to optimize the portal for the communication with the team, considering starting surveys soon.	We are maintaining the situation from the previous period: we continue to optimize the portal for communication with employees and are considering launching surveys soon.	80% of staff say they are satisfied with the working conditions
Improve the training of workers on an ongoing basis	Working on the improvement for monitoring.	We activate monitoring and we already track a slight increase in hours allocated to training with reference to the initial estimate.	This year the total hours per person increased to 26, due to a training related to a new implementation of systems in the Group.	This year, the total tracked hours per person has been reduced to 5.7 hours due to an issue in reporting training hours, although we know the actual total was higher. We are working to resolve this issue.	Achieve an average of 8 hours training per employee
Contribute to local economic growth	We have increased jobs in addition to announcing expansions of different centres and the purchase of new factories.	This year we managed to exceed our objective by an additional 17%, with a greater increase in jobs.	We continue to expand our team, exceeding our set goal by 30%.	We continue to expand our team, surpassing our established goal by over 59%.	Increase the number of jobs available by 4.5%
Contribute to ending hunger	A policy and protocol have been defined. Start of implementation.	Policy defined and implemented with the aim of reducing product loss. In parallel, and within the framework of this objective, we donated: 23,470 bags of product this year.	We continue to review and enforce the policy. In this year we managed to reduce our surplus, while maintaining donations and collaborations.	We continue to review and implement the policy. At the same time, we maintain our product donations and collaborations.	Outline and implement a zero-waste policy

Objective	2020-2021	2021-2022	2022-2023	2023-2024	Objectives for 2025
Contribute to the social development of social communities through partnerships with external organisations	It was moderated this financial year to 7% due to the growth in the need for investment, especially environmental.	Due to the context (conflict, rising energies...) there has been no benefit and therefore no funds have been allocated to expand our participation in sponsorships and donations. Despite this, we maintain sponsorship of different sport teams as well as of other activities and entities.	We allocate 9% of profits to donations and sponsorships, redirecting us towards the objective.	We allocate 8.5% of our profits to donations and sponsorships. The amount designated for this purpose has increased this year, but the profit has grown at an even higher rate.	Maintain the percentage of profits earmarked for sponsorships and donations (10%), increasing the total figure each year.
Raising internal awareness of sustainability and the SDGs	Sustainability is highlighted as a fundamental and transversal element of the Group. A fixed section of related information has been established in all newsletters.	We maintain regular information on our activity in relation to sustainability and SDGs as well as good practices.	We continue to develop and optimize the communication tools launched.	We continue to develop and optimize the communication tools implemented, and more projects are increasingly linked to sustainability.	100% of internal communication contains content related to sustainability and/or the SDGs
Raising external awareness of sustainability and the SDGs	Information related to sustainability, SDGs and, ultimately, the Group's commitment has been increased in all possible media in order to extend the relevance it has for Grupo Apex.	Sustainability and SDGs are closely linked to our activity in the different communication formats, in addition to actively participating in forums for this purpose, such as the Alliance for the SDGs and promoting their knowledge and practice in companies of Navarra.	We continue to maintain and increase the message regarding SDGs and sustainability, as well as expanding our participation in related groups and forums.	We continue to maintain and enhance our messaging regarding our performance in relation to the achievement of the SDGs and sustainability, as well as expanding our participation in working groups, alliances, and related forums. Additionally, we actively disseminate relevant information, which is integrated into the Group's discourse and presence.	Referencing our commitment to sustainability and the SDGs in 100% of corporate media

This is an annual monitoring document for the Sustainability Strategy set by Grupo Apex in 2020 (2019-2020 financial year).

See the Group's complete Sustainability Strategy and more information about our commitment at: <https://www.grupoapex.es/en/commitment/>



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