

Questions for garment brands re Syrian refugees in Turkey

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Company: Walmart

Walmart did send a short general statement set out below:

As a global company, Walmart monitors and is aware of changing global conditions. Our focus at all times is working to help ensure the safety of our associates and their families across the many markets in which we operate. During this period of unrest in Turkey, through our teams at ASDA, Walmart, on-the-ground in Turkey, and engagement with other brands we are exploring how best to address the risks to vulnerable workers in the global supply chain.

Walmart has Responsible Sourcing associates based in Turkey to help monitor whether our local suppliers understand and are following our Standards for Suppliers, which outlines our environmental and social expectations for suppliers, specifically addressing worker conditions, voluntary labor, foreign workers and wages. Audits of our suppliers' disclosed facilities seek to determine compliance with these requirements, among others.

Walmart also is committed to participating in collaborative efforts with external stakeholders to advance the goal of identifying risk and building a more transparent supply chain.