



DANONE SOUTHERN AFRICA

HEALTH JOURNEY REPORT

2023 - 2025





Welcome to Danone Southern Africa’s First Health Journey Report

At Danone Southern Africa, health is at the heart of our purpose and business strategy. This report highlights how health is embedded across our business through our nutritional and health commitments, our governance approach, key health-related initiatives, and the external recognition received for our efforts. Together, these elements reflect our ongoing commitment to improving health through food and creating lasting value for people, communities, and the planet.

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Nyaladzi Moyo,
Managing Director, Danone
Southern Africa



A MESSAGE

From Danone Southern Africa's Managing Director, Nyaladzi Moyo

At Danone Southern Africa, **health is not simply part of our business; it's our purpose.** Every day, we work to bring health through food to as many people as possible, guided by the belief that good nutrition can help people thrive at every stage of life.

In Southern Africa, where communities face a complex mix of nutritional challenges, including undernutrition, micronutrient deficiencies, obesity, and other diet-related non-communicable diseases, the role of nutritious, accessible food has never been more important. As a food company, **we recognise both the responsibility and opportunity we have to contribute positively to the health of the people** we serve.

Our local portfolio has been designed with South African consumers in mind. Through our health-focused portfolio of fermented dairy products, we strive to provide options that combine health, taste, quality, and affordability. NutriDay, one of our flagship brands, is intentionally designed with added vitamins and zinc to help address common nutritional gaps in Southern Africa, making everyday nutrition more accessible for families. Health is embedded throughout our business, from how we develop and formulate products, to how we support nutrition education, engage with healthcare professionals, and partner with stakeholders to address broader public health priorities.

This report reflects our commitment to measuring and strengthening our contribution to health. It showcases the actions we are taking, the progress we have made, and the governance and partnerships that support our health ambitions. Importantly, it demonstrates how our health commitments are translated into meaningful action across our business.

Our impact would not be possible without the dedication of our employees, the trust of our consumers, and the collaboration of our customers, government partners, healthcare professionals, academia, and civil society. Together, we are helping to build healthier communities and more sustainable food systems.

I am proud of the work our teams do every day to bring our purpose to life. While we recognise there is still much to do, we remain committed to continuously improving the nutritional value of our portfolio and contributing to better health outcomes across Southern Africa.

Thank you for taking the time to explore our first Health Impact Report. We hope it provides valuable insight into our journey and reinforces our commitment to bringing health through food to as many people as possible.

A legacy of purpose

Danone’s purpose is rooted in the conviction of its founder that business should be a force for positive change.

In 1919, **Isaac Carasso founded Danone** in Barcelona with a simple but powerful idea: **yoghurt made with cultures from the Pasteur Institute could help children suffering from intestinal infections**. His work was rooted in science and driven by a desire to improve health through food. Decades later, in 1972, Antoine Riboud delivered a landmark speech in Marseille that would define Danone’s identity for generations. He introduced the concept of the **Dual Project: the belief that a company could pursue economic success and social progress simultaneously; that profitability and positive impact were not only compatible but mutually reinforcing**. This philosophy became the foundation of Danone’s global expansion.



ANTOINE RIBOUD
Danone Founder

“A company’s responsibility doesn’t stop at the factory gate or the office door. The jobs we create, the economic and social conditions in which people live and work, the environment we affect—all these things matter as much as profit and loss.”
- Marseilles, 1972



DID YOU KNOW?

Danone’s founder, Isaac Carasso, named his yoghurt “Danone” after his son Daniel’s nickname “Day-no-nee”



Over 100 years later, the essence of the Dual Project lives on in our corporate mission today:
**TO BRING HEALTH THROUGH FOOD
TO AS MANY PEOPLE AS POSSIBLE**

This is not a tagline. It is the organising principle that guides our strategy, our employees, our investments, and our choices, reinforcing the foundational elements of who we are: a science-based, consumer-centric company, with and by people.



Today, the **Danone Impact Journey underpins our mission to bring health through food to as many people as possible**. Focused on three key pillars – Health, Nature and People, it provides a framework for delivering a positive impact as part of our business goals.

Danone Southern Africa at a glance

Our Mission

Bringing health through food to as many people as possible



Our Impact Journey

A framework of our sustainability goals impacting health, nature and people



B Corp certified

Danone Southern Africa is the first multinational in SA to be B Corp certified, meeting the highest standards of social and environmental performance



Market Leader



Yoghurt



Drinking Yoghurt



Custard

Danone History Timeline

1919

Birth of Danone and first Danone Yoghurt in Barcelona, Spain by Isaac Carasso



1929

Danone arrives in France



1995

Danone arrives in South Africa



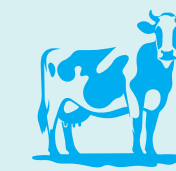
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Danone Southern Africa is proudly B Corp Certified



Our Factory

Located in Boksburg, Johannesburg East



100%

Of our milk is sourced from 11 local dairy farms



Our Head Office

Located in Bryanston, Johannesburg North



80%

Of all our ingredients & packaging are produced locally

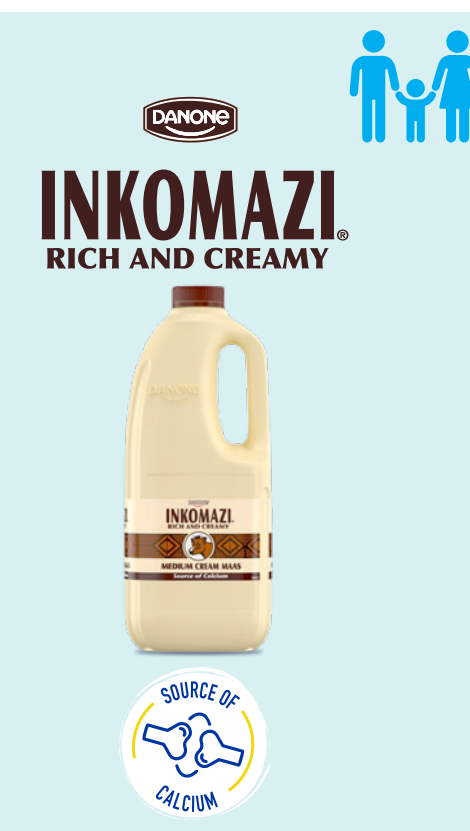
Reaching People Beyond our Borders

EXPORT COUNTRIES

Botswana / Namibia / Mozambique / Angola / Mauritius
Zimbabwe / Zambia / Cameroon (OAPI) / Lesotho / Swaziland

A Portfolio Serving Southern African Health Needs

DAILY DAIRY



DAIRY INDULGENCE



"Daily Dairy" refers to dairy products intended for daily consumption and correspond to Danone's definition for "Healthy Categories"
"Dairy Indulgence" refers to dairy products intended for occasional consumption (≤ 2 times per week).

The Danone Impact Journey

Our mission to **bring health through food to as many people as possible** began over 100 years ago when Isaac Carasso created the first Danone yoghurt in Barcelona. It was a simple food, with the aim to improve health. Over the years, as people's lifestyles and tastes have evolved, **Danone has continued to anticipate and innovate to meet people's needs.**

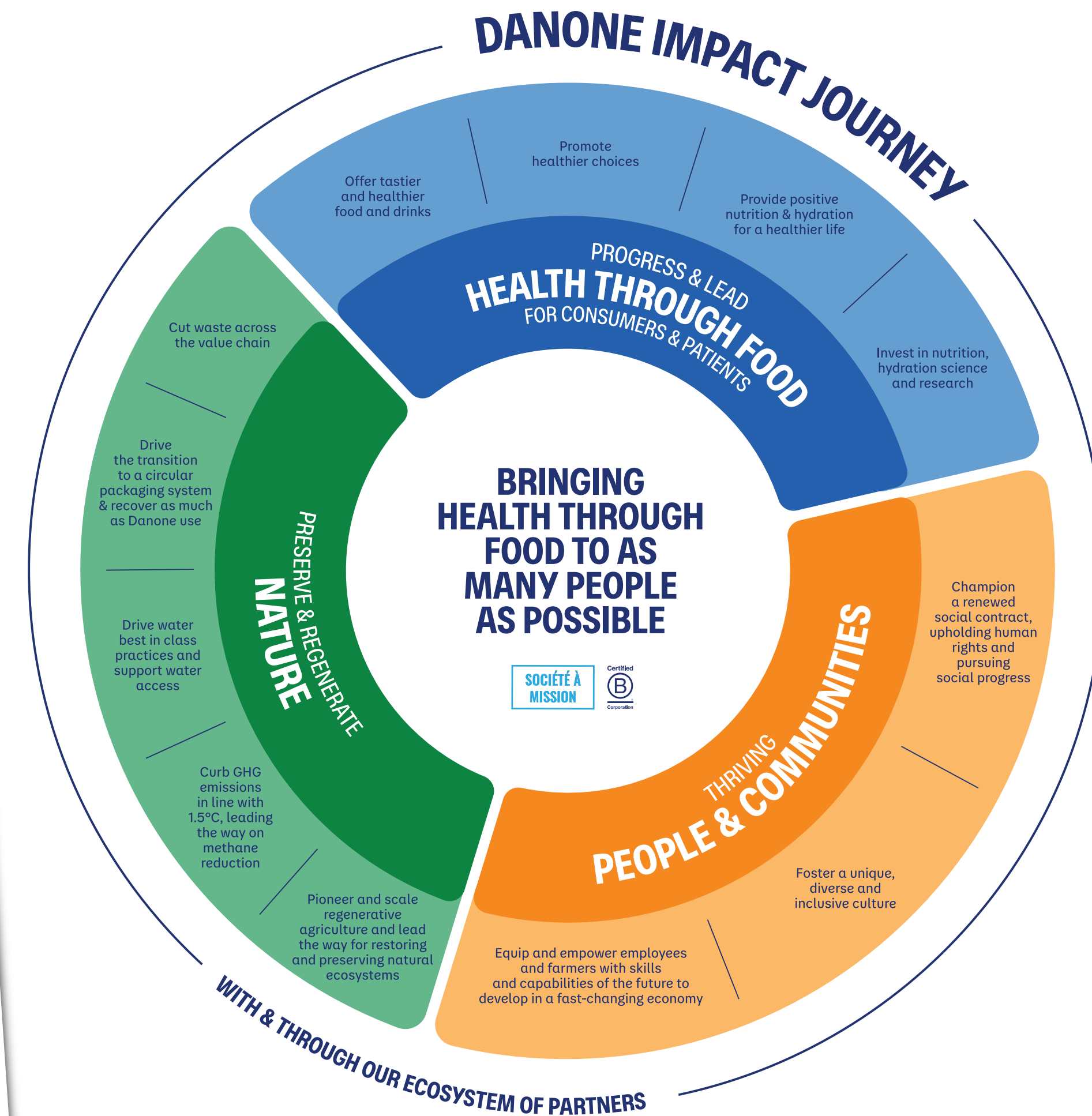
In February 2023, Danone **reframed its sustainability journey as the Danone Impact Journey.**

Across our business and our brands, health is at the cornerstone of our impact. But we know that our health impact is dependent on a healthy planet, as well as thriving people and communities. Thus, the three pillars of the Danone Impact Journey are intimately interdependent. Danone's ambition is to unite sustainability and performance to continue to grow our impact.

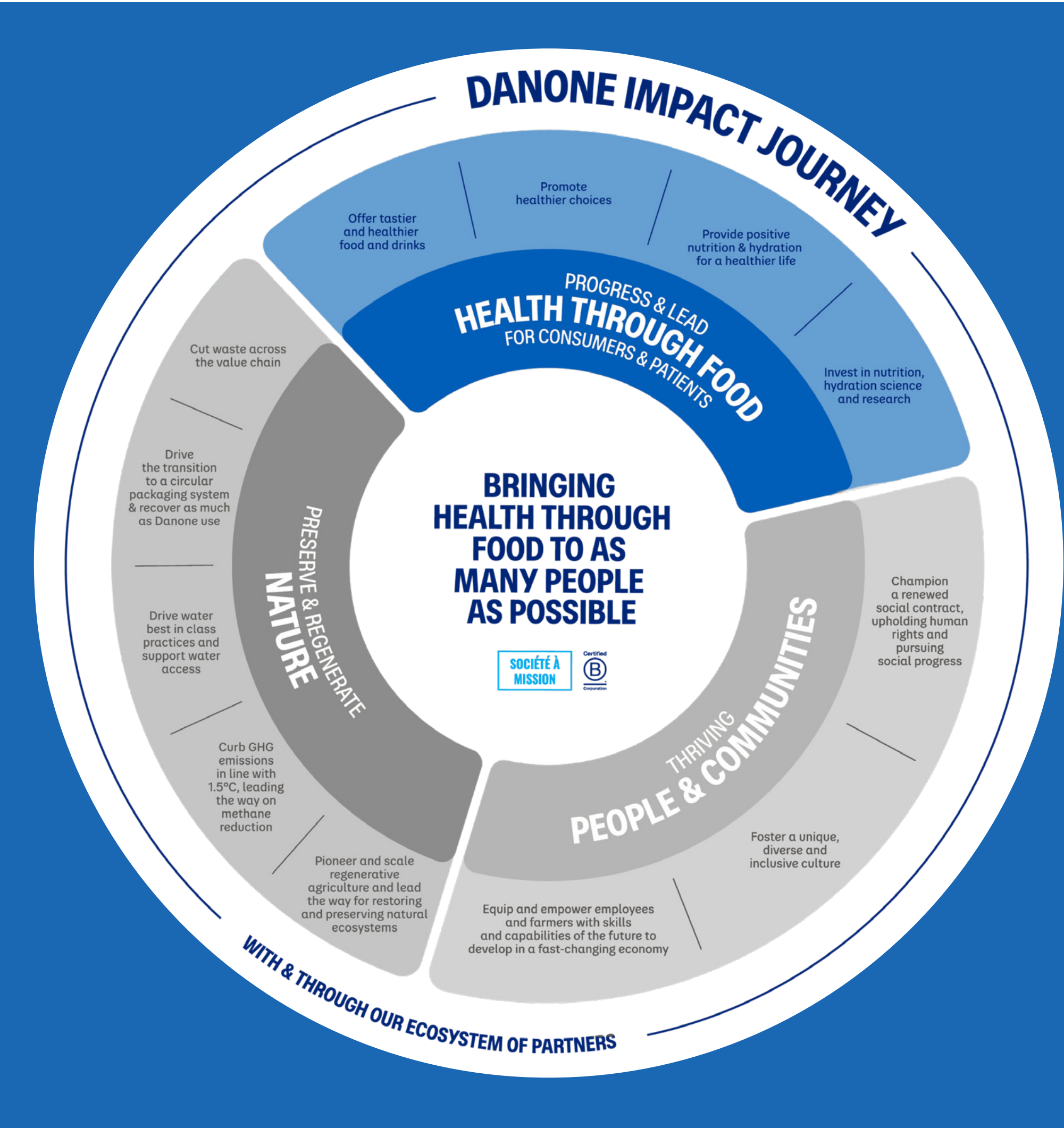
THE DANONE IMPACT JOURNEY IS STRUCTURED AROUND ONE MISSION OF BRINGING HEALTH THROUGH FOOD TO AS MANY PEOPLE AS POSSIBLE, 3 PILLARS, AND 12 PRIORITIES, each with a defined set of key performance indicators (KPIs).

Each of the priorities within the Danone Impact Journey on health, nature, and people & communities is structured around programmes, with leads, teams and governance to progress towards its priorities.

Decision-making on Danone Impact Journey priorities is embedded in the governance at all levels of the organisation.



Health Journey Highlights (2023 – 2025)



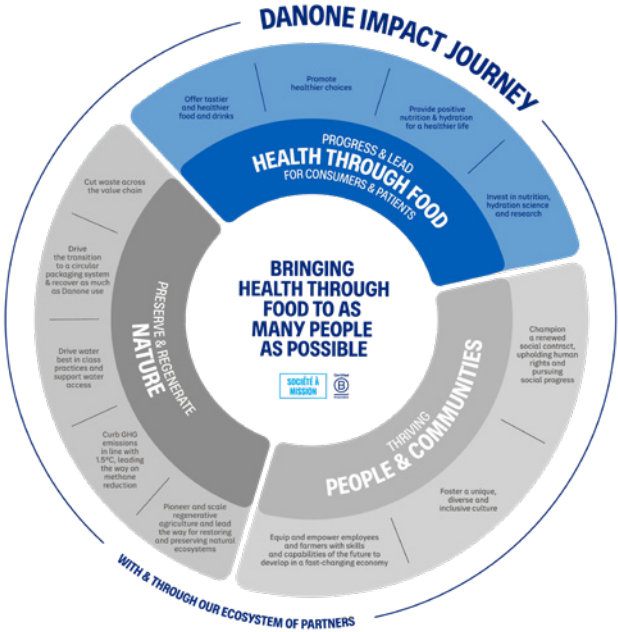
Health	100% of our daily dairy products have a health star rating ≥ 3.5
100% of our kids' products contain ≤ 10g total sugars/100g	100% of our kids' products are enriched with relevant nutrients known to be lacking in the local diet
We've published interpretive nutritional information online for all our products	We've reached over 245 000 learners through nutrition education programmes from 2023 - 2025



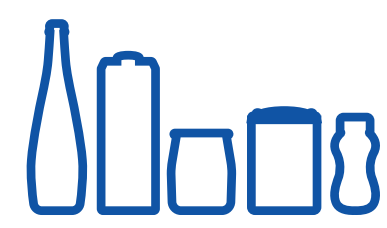
How we are delivering on health

Health is at the heart of our mission. We have built a unique health-focused portfolio and keep improving it, while maintaining consumer preferences. Our health KPIs act as a guide to ensure that we improve on these high standards year-by-year.

GOAL	Global KPI	Global 2025 target	South Africa 2023	South Africa 2024	South Africa 2025
 OFFER TASTIER AND HEALTHIER FOOD AND DRINKS	Volumes of dairy, plant-based, water and aquadrinks rated ≥ 3.5 stars by Health Star Rating	$\geq 85\%$	89%*	69%	72% of total portfolio 100% of daily dairy products
	Volumes of kids dairy and plant-based $\leq 10g$ total sugars/100g	$> 95\%$	100%	100%	100%
 PROMOTE HEALTHIER CHOICES	Volumes of dairy, plant-based & aquadrinks products with on pack/online interpretative nutritional info	$> 95\%$	0%	0%	100%
 PROVIDE POSITIVE NUTRITION & HYDRATION FOR HEALTHIER LIFE	Volumes of kids dairy fortified with relevant vitamins & minerals	$\geq 85\%$	27%	47%	100%



Only the Danone Impact Journey KPIs relevant to the portfolio of Danone Southern Africa have been showcased. [Click here to view the Danone Global Health Impact report.](#)
*The difference observed from 2023 to 2024 is attributable to strengthened KPI assessment criteria introduced in 2024. This reflects a more robust and demanding evaluation process rather than a deterioration in performance. "Daily Dairy" refers to dairy products intended for daily consumption and correspond to Danone's definition for "Healthy Categories".



Offer

Tastier and Healthier

Food and Drinks

Our products are **consumed regularly by millions of people across Southern Africa.** By focusing on healthy categories, we can, and want to, **have a positive impact on nutrition and health.** We develop delicious and enjoyable products that meet the preferences and evolving nutritional needs of consumers throughout their lifespan and contribute to a balanced diet. Our everyday products strive to bring key nutrients like calcium, protein, vitamins, and minerals, whilst **limiting added sugar, saturated fats, energy and sodium.**

DanUp – Fuelling Your Energy with Filling Nutrition

Uniquely South African, DanUp was created to deliver lasting energy, satisfying fullness, and a smooth, tangy texture reminiscent of a homemade brew with creamy maize.

The answer was DanUp: a multigrain medley of maize, sorghum, oats, and barley blended with yoghurt – ingredients working together to nourish, sustain, and satisfy.

Low in fat, cholesterol, and sodium, it's designed to hit the hunger spot while keeping you moving forward.

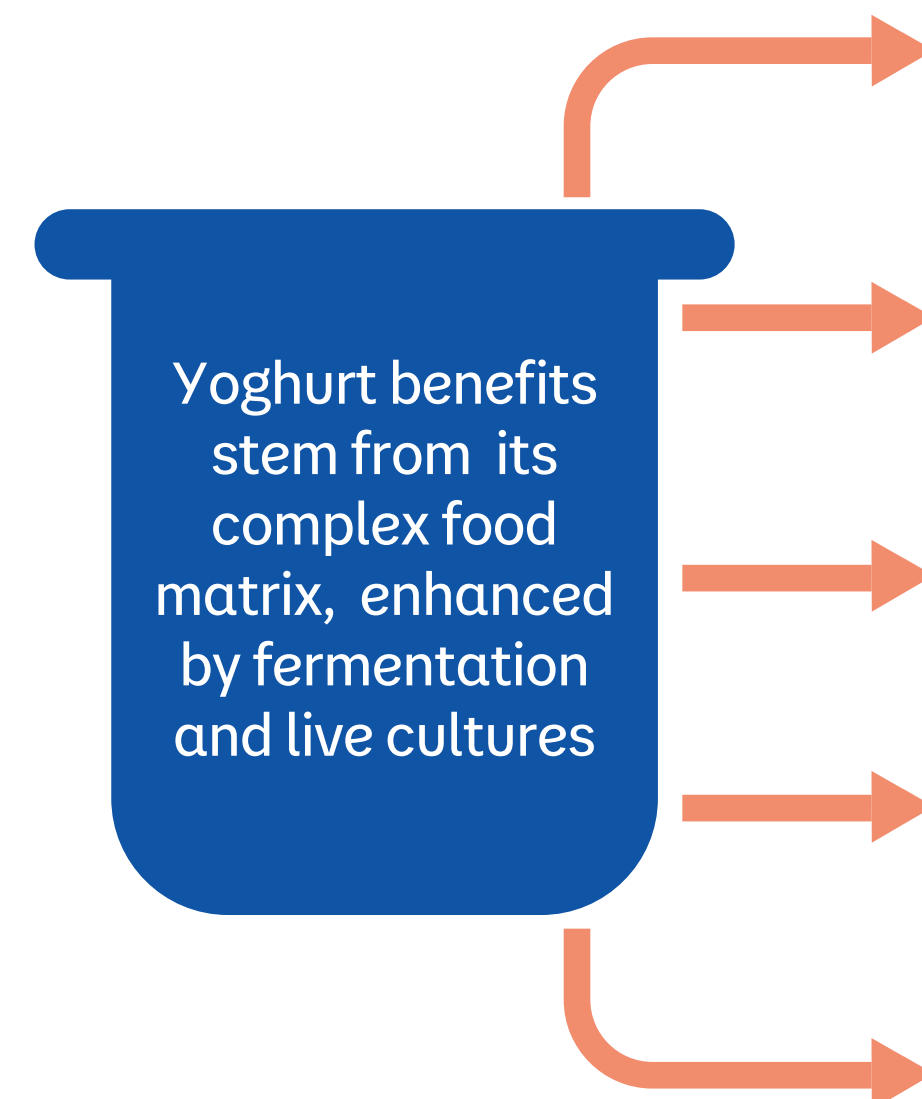




Tastier and Healthier Food and Drinks

Key Takeaway

- 1 **Yoghurt's benefits are backed by growing science.** As we learn more about nutrition and health, yoghurt is increasingly recognised as a simple, everyday food that supports overall wellbeing
- 2 Thanks to fermentation, **yoghurt contains a unique mix of nutrients** that work together to help nourish your body and support good health
- 3 In today's world of both under-and over-nutrition, **yoghurt is a practical, nutrient-rich option that helps fill nutrient gaps** while supporting healthy weight and lifestyle choices



Yoghurt's health benefits

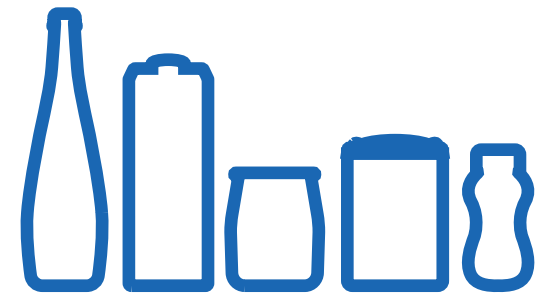
- Nutrient-dense, naturally offering protein, calcium, iodine, phosphorus, potassium and B vitamins
- Live ferments contribute to the synthesis of vitamins like B2 and B12 – adding nutritional value
- Fermentation boosts nutrient bioavailability and reduces antinutrients – enhancing overall digestibility
- Yoghurt cultures break down lactose – making it more tolerable for sensitive individuals
- Clinical studies link yoghurt to reduced Risk of Type 2 Diabetes, Healthy Weight Management & Reduced Risk of Cardiovascular Disease



Local dietary guidelines recommend three servings of dairy per day

One of which could be 200g of fermented dairy (yoghurt or maas)

200g of yoghurt is the equivalent of 2 small tubs in South Africa



Offer Tastier and Healthier Food and Drinks

The majority of our portfolio (72%) qualifies as a healthier choice, assessed against reference indices, such as the Health Star Rating.

Danone supports clear, science-based nutrition labelling to help people make healthier, informed choices. Globally, we use the Australian Health Star Rating (HSR) – a government-endorsed, internationally recognised system that provides a simple, consistent way to assess and compare the nutritional quality of packaged foods and beverages.

The HSR rates products from ½ to 5 stars, with more stars indicating a healthier choice. Products rated 3.5 stars or higher can be promoted as healthier choices in public settings.

Our commitment is clear:
From 2025 onwards, 100% of our daily dairy products and 100% of our kids' products achieve an HSR of 3.5 stars or higher.

DAILY DAIRY



DAIRY INDULGENCE



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Offer Tastier and Healthier Food and Drinks



We offer tasty, delicious products and strive to maintain consumer preference whilst delivering high nutritional quality.

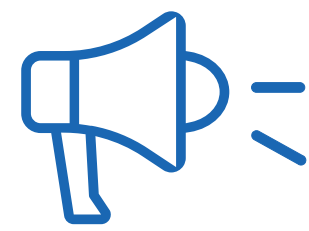
In 2005, Danone defined comprehensive internal nutritional standards to continuously improve the nutritional quality of its products. These are regularly updated with the latest knowledge. A summary of the company’s nutritional standards is published in the publicly available document “Danone Nutritional Targets”.

This document aims to disclose the objectives for product development for the most material nutrients to our portfolio. They include nutrients to limit and nutrients to encourage relevant to their food categories and target population. They apply to the whole Danone portfolio, in all geographies, and are regularly updated to reflect evolution in nutrition science and dietary guidelines. These guidelines are closely monitored during innovation, product development and reformulation process.

The table alongside offers a snapshot of our performance in the daily dairy category, with significant achievement in meeting the targets for energy, total sugars, saturated fats, sodium, protein, other micronutrients, industrial trans fatty acids and the Health Star Rating ≥ 3.5 . A roadmap has been defined to achieve the calcium target across the daily dairy portfolio by 2035.

Portfolio achievement towards nutrition targets (2025):		
	Daily Dairy Nutrition Standards	Volume of products in line with nutrition standards
Energy	Adults ≤ 200 kcal/serving Tweens (7-12yo) ≤ 170 kcal/serving Kids (3-6yo) ≤ 140 kcal/serving	100%
Total Sugars	Spoonable: $\leq 10\text{g}/100\text{g}$ Drinkable: $\leq 8.5\text{g}/100\text{g}$	95%
Saturated Fats	≤ 2.5 g/100g	100%
Total sodium (salt equivalent sodium)	$\leq 120\text{mg}/100\text{g}$ (salt eq. $\leq 0,3\text{g}/100\text{g}$)	100%
Proteins	$\geq 2,2\text{g}/100\text{g}$ Or $\geq$ local min value to be “dairy product	96%
Calcium	≥ 120 mg/100g or 100mL (or local “source of” per serving)	23%
Other micronutrients	Kids/Tweens: relevant fortification	100%
Industrial TFA	0g/100g (no production, no use)	100%
HSR	$\geq 3,5$ stars	100%

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Promote Healthier Choices



We engage with consumers, healthcare professionals, and stakeholders in a transparent way to help support informed nutrition choices and healthy dietary habits. This includes providing clear and easy-to-understand labelling, promoting responsible marketing practices, and **driving nutrition education through our communities.**

Transparency through labelling

- The ability to make informed choices about daily food intake is an essential part of

long-term healthy living. **Therefore, we encourage consumers to make healthier choices by providing transparent nutrition labelling on 100% of our products.**

- Since 2025, 100% of our products display online interpretive nutritional information.
- Globally, we use the Australian Health Star Rating (HSR) - a government endorsed, internationally recognised systems that provides a simple, consistent way to assess and compare the nutritional quality of packaged foods and beverages.



AVAILABLE IN:

900 g

FLAVOUR:

Full cream Plain Yoghurt

RELIGIOUS LOGOS:



INGREDIENTS:

Full cream milk, whey (liquid or reconstituted), thickeners (modified maize starch), preservative (potassium sorbate) and yoghurt cultures (*Streptococcus Thermophilus* and *Lactobacillus Bulgaricus*).

HEALTH STAR RATING

The Health Star Rating is used to assess the nutritional quality of products by giving a rating from 0.5 stars (lowest nutritional quality) to 5 stars (best nutritional quality).

TARGET AUDIENCE:

children 3+ years

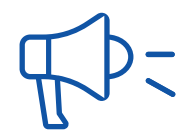
TYPICAL NUTRITIONAL INFORMATION (AS PACKED)
INFORMAÇÃO NUTRICIONAL NORMAL
(CONFORME EMBALAGEM)

	per 100 g por 100 g	% NRV* per serving %VDs* por dose %AJR* par portion
Serving/Dose/Portion = 100g		
Energy/Energia/Calories (kJ)	1298	
Protein/Proteínas/Protéines (g)	2,9	5
Glycaemic Carbohydrate/Glicémicos/Glúcides (g)	7	
of which total sugar/dos quais total de açúcar/dont sucres totaux(g)	4,4	
of which added sugar/dos quais açúcar adicionado/dont sucres ajoutés (g)	0,0	
Total fat/Total de gordura/Lípides (g)	3,5	
of which saturated fat/da qual gordura saturada/dont acides gras saturés (g)	2,4	
Dietary fibre/Fibras alimentares/Fibres alimentaires (g)	0,0	
Total sodium/Total de sódio/Teneur totale en sodium (mg)	47	
Calcium/Cálcio/Calcium (mg)	105,5	8

*NRV's = Nutrient reference values for individuals 4 years and older.
*Calculated using supplier information.
^Refer to individual packs for colourants.
ALLERGENS: Contains cow's milk.
May contain wheat (gluten)



<https://corporate.danone.co.za/>



Promote Healthier Choices

Promoting healthier choices through responsible marketing

- By implementing responsible marketing practices, we contribute to the promotion of better choices and better nutrition. **In 2025, 72% of Danone Southern Africa's product portfolio was rated as healthy (≥3.5 stars) using the Health Star Rating system.** Therefore, the majority of Danone's marketing budget is spent on marketing healthy products
- Danone Southern Africa **is a signatory to the Consumer Goods Council of South Africa (CGCSA) South African Marketing to Children Pledge**, reflecting our commitment to responsible food and beverage advertising to children
- We acknowledge the need to promote healthier lifestyles and choices. We believe in harnessing the power of brands and product communication to make healthy products desirable
- In 2007, Danone global first launched our **Pledge on Marketing to Children**, and in 2024 the **Policy on Marketing to Children** was enhanced in three key areas:

DANONE POLICY ON MARKETING TO CHILDREN



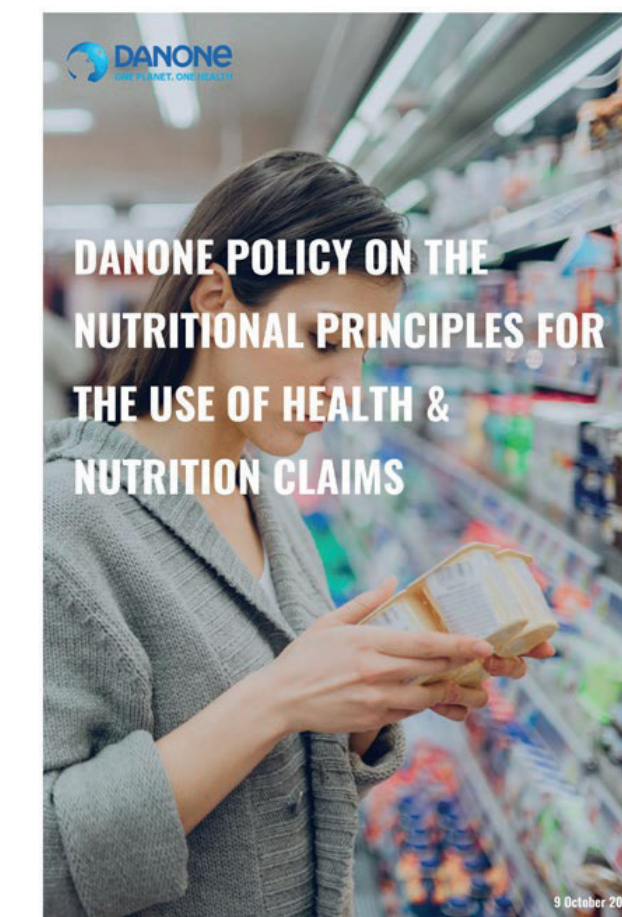
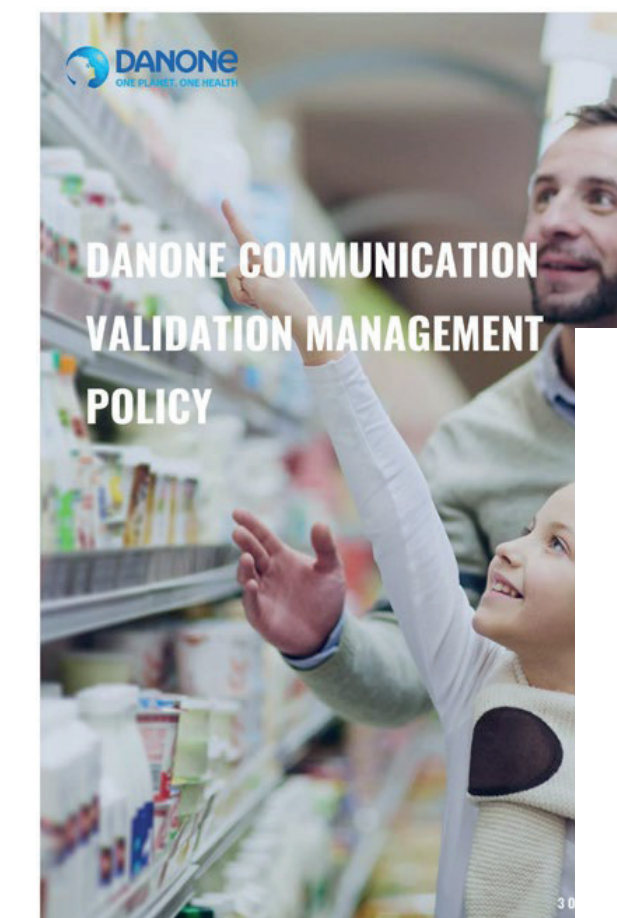
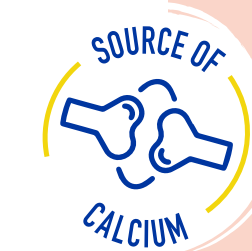
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- We introduced Health Star Rating (HSR) as the Nutrient Profile Model to identify which Danone products can be advertised to children
- Our policy now includes restrictions applying to children below the age of 16
- The audience threshold used to restrict marketing to children has been tightened to 25% below the age of 16 rather than 30% below the age of 13

The use of health claims

All Danone nutrition and health claims comply with local regulations and are based on scientific evidence. According to our policy, only products which hold a certain nutrition profile (with a HSR score of ≥2.5 stars or more) may carry a nutrition or health claim in consumer communication.

For more information see Danone's Communication Validation Management policy and Danone's Policy on the Nutritional Principles for the Use of Health and Nutrition Claims.





Promote Healthier Choices

Provide Positive Nutrition and Hydration For Healthier Life

Danone Southern Africa believes that improving nutrition outcomes requires more than providing nutritious food. It also requires building knowledge and encouraging healthy habits from an early age.

Between January 2023 and December 2025, Danone Southern Africa **reached more than 245,000 learners through nutrition education programmes**, helping children, educators and communities better understand the role of healthy eating in growth, development and wellbeing. Through school-based initiatives, educational partnerships and community engagement programmes, Danone delivers age-appropriate nutrition education focused on:

- Balanced diets and nutrient-rich food choices
- The importance of dairy as part of a healthy diet
- Sustainable behaviours, including responsible recycling and waste management

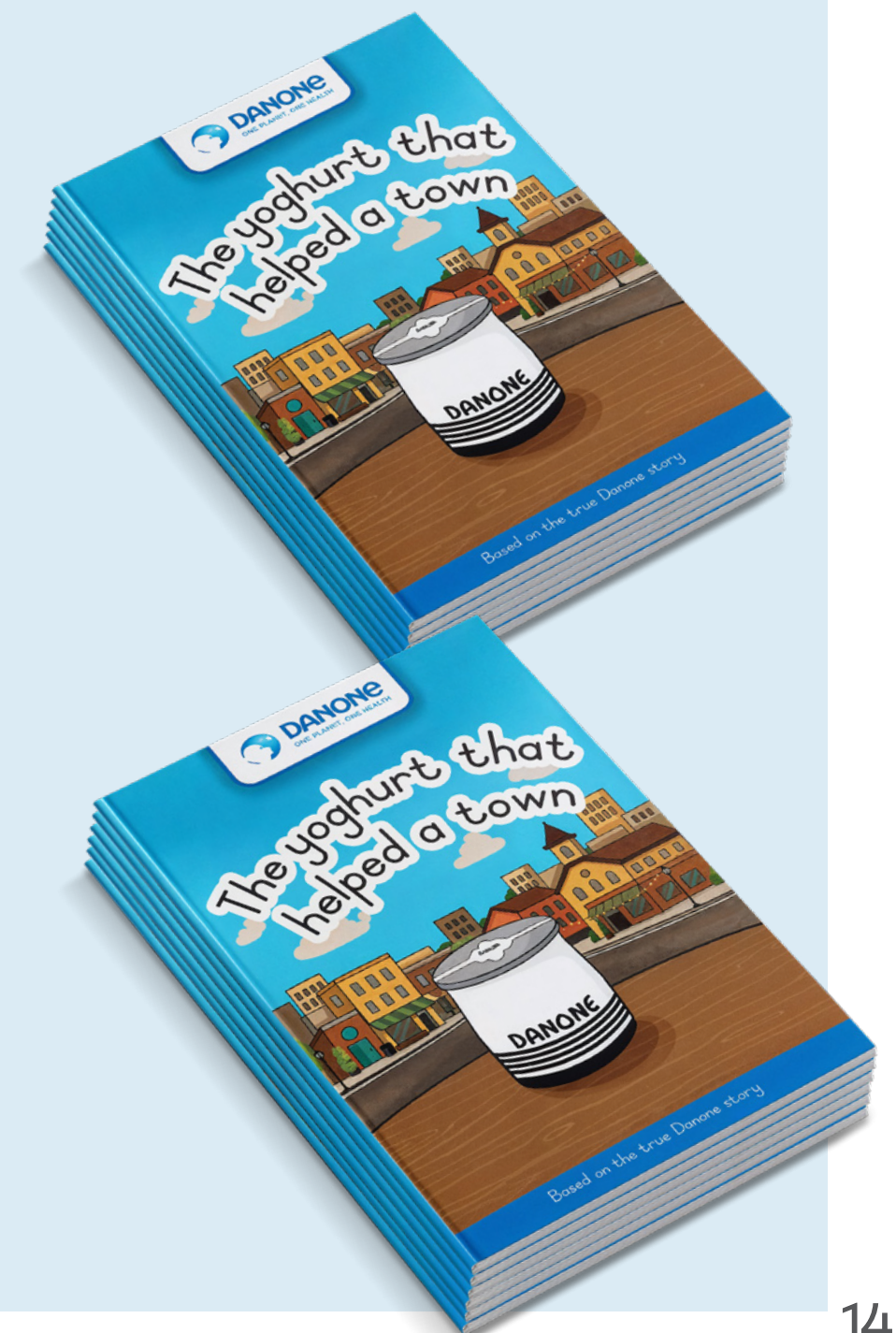


Danone Story Book: Inspiring Healthy Habits Through Reading

In 2025, **Danone Southern Africa partnered with the Pick n Pay School Club to develop The Yoghurt That Helped a Town**, an educational storybook for learners in Grades 1 to 3. Written by experienced authors and aligned with the South African CAPS curriculum, the book combines literacy development with engaging nutrition education, teaching children about healthy eating and the benefits of yoghurt in a fun, age-appropriate way.

The story shares Danone's heritage while promoting key messages about live cultures and healthy lifestyles through locally relevant illustrations and storytelling.

In 2025, the books reached 24,000 learners across 20 schools in Gauteng and were also listed in the Johannesburg City Library, helping extend nutrition education to even more young readers. Download your copy of the Danone story book [here](#).



Provide positive nutrition & hydration for a healthier life

Through purposefully enriched dairy products, Danone Southern Africa helps address priority nutrient gaps **by making essential nutrients such as zinc, vitamin A and vitamin D more accessible in everyday diets**, supporting healthier growth, immunity and overall wellbeing across communities, especially children.

Adequate intake of essential micronutrients remains a challenge for many South Africans, particularly among children. Nutrients such as zinc, vitamin A and vitamin D play a critical role in **supporting healthy growth and development, immune function and overall wellbeing**. Yet dietary surveys continue to highlight gaps in the intake of these key nutrients among vulnerable population groups.

In addition to controlling nutrients of concern (sugar, saturated fat, energy and sodium), we aim to deliver important relevant nutrients known to be lacking in the local diet. Danone Southern Africa contributes to addressing these nutritional challenges through a range of purposefully enriched dairy products designed to provide convenient, affordable and nutritious food choices.



NutriDay is unique, offering the **most robust enrichment profile of all yoghurt's available in the South African market**.

A source of 11 essential vitamins and zinc, just 2 servings provides 30% of one's daily requirements for these critical nutrients.



100% of our kids' products are enriched with relevant nutrients.



Snax is an affordable dairy snack which offers a **source of vitamins A and D**.

Source of Vitamins • Fonte de Vitaminas

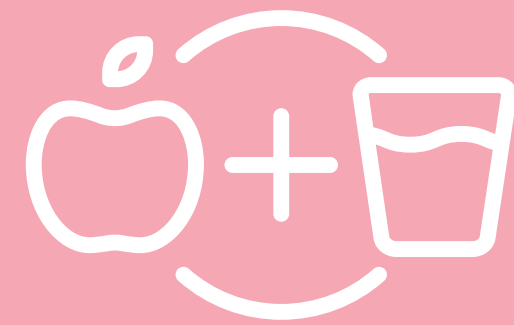



UltraMel Kids is a sugar-reduced custard which offers a source of vitamin D to support healthy bones.



Progress over time towards our 2025 positive nutrition through fortification target

		Global KPI	Danone Southern Africa performance		
 PROVIDE POSITIVE NUTRITION & HYDRATION FOR HEALTHIER LIFE	Volumes of kids dairy fortified with relevant vitamins & minerals	≥ 85%	2023	2024	2025
			27%	47%	100%



Provide positive nutrition & hydration for a healthier life

We pride ourselves in being a force for good, not only for our consumers, but also for our employees, called "Danoners"



The Danone BeWell Initiative is our employee wellbeing programme, designed to support the physical, mental, and emotional health of Danoners. Through a range of health promotion activities, wellness resources, and preventative health initiatives, **BeWell encourages employees to adopt healthy lifestyles and prioritise their wellbeing**. By fostering a culture of health and care, the programme helps our people thrive both at work and in their personal lives, reinforcing our commitment to bringing health through food to as many people as possible, starting with our own employees.



The Danone Nutrition Academy is Danone Southern Africa's flagship employee education programme, designed to empower Danoners with science-based nutrition knowledge and strengthen their role as ambassadors for our health mission and brands. Through engaging learning modules, **employees gain a deeper understanding of healthy eating, the benefits of live cultures, and the nutritional value of fermented dairy products**. By building nutrition confidence across the organisation, the Academy helps ensure that our teams are equipped to champion healthier choices and bring our mission of delivering health through food to life every day.



The first 1,000 days, from conception to a child's second birthday, are critical for lifelong growth, development, and health. **Through our DanBaby policy, Danone Southern Africa supports caregivers by providing nutrition guidance**, essential services, and a family-friendly workplace environment. This includes fully equipped mothers' rooms at both our head office and factory to support the continuation of breastfeeding, including facilities for expressing and safely storing breastmilk. By creating a supportive environment for working parents, **we help give children the best possible start in life while promoting the health and wellbeing of our employees and their families**.

Our Ecosystem Of Partners

Creating meaningful health impact requires collaboration. **Danone Southern Africa works closely with a diverse ecosystem of partners, including government departments, customers, healthcare professionals, academic institutions, NGOs, industry associations, schools, community organisations, and development partners.**

Through these partnerships, we can expand access to nutrition education, support vulnerable communities, advance nutrition science, promote healthier food environments, and advocate for improved public health outcomes. **By working together, we amplify our collective impact and help bring health through food to more people across South Africa.**

We are committed to lobbying only in support of measures to improve health and nutrition, consistent with the public interest. We support evidence-based policymaking based on peer-reviewed science. In our work, we look for consensus scientific positions and expert panel opinions. When and where we engage in advocacy activities, they will be conducted in a transparent, legitimate and ethical manner as outlined in our **Responsible Advocacy Policy**.



basic education

Department:
Basic Education
REPUBLIC OF SOUTH AFRICA



In 2025, **Danone partnered with the Department of Basic Education (DBE) National School Nutrition Programme**, alongside Milk South Africa's Consumer Education Project, to host roadshows and activities for World School Milk Day at primary schools across Gauteng

In 2025 and 2026, we were proud to partner with the **Boxer Youth Leadership Programme**, an initiative that equips young people with the skills, knowledge, and confidence to become the leaders of tomorrow – including nutrition education to fuel success





SHOPRITE

Danone Southern Africa is proud to partner with Shoprite to improve access to nutritious food and promote healthier communities across the country.

The strength of this collaboration was recognised when Danone received the Shoprite Supplier Award for Sustainability in 2025, acknowledging our commitment to responsible business practices and creating shared value through nutrition, health, and sustainability initiatives.



The Danone Impact Summit 2024 united diverse stakeholders, from government and NGOs to healthcare and corporate partners **to collaborate and commit to solutions for better nutrition, reduced food waste, and regeneration of nature**



Healthcare Professional Engagement and Scientific Education

Danone Southern Africa actively engages with healthcare professionals to share the latest scientific evidence on yoghurt consumption and its role in supporting health and nutrition. Through a range of initiatives, including scientific advertorials, Continuing Professional Development (CPD) activities, and university roadshows, **we help translate nutrition science into practical knowledge for healthcare practitioners and future health professionals.** In 2024, Danone participated in the Nutrition Congress, presenting insights on consumer trends and behaviours related to yoghurt consumption in South Africa alongside leading dairy experts and local healthcare practitioners. These engagements contribute to informed nutrition dialogue and support evidence-based recommendations that promote healthier dietary choices.



Over the past decade, **the partnership between Danone Southern Africa and Pick n Pay School Club has grown into a successful collaboration** dedicated to educating and empowering young learners across South Africa. Through a range of educational and sustainability-focused initiatives, the partnership has reached primary school learners with **engaging content that promotes healthy eating, nutrition literacy, environmental awareness, and positive lifestyle habits.**



Our Governance

The Executive Committee is responsible for determining the strategic direction of Danone Southern Africa and overseeing its implementation. This includes considering the social, environmental and economic impacts of the company's activities, as well as the priorities embedded within the Danone Impact Journey across Health, Nature, People and Communities.

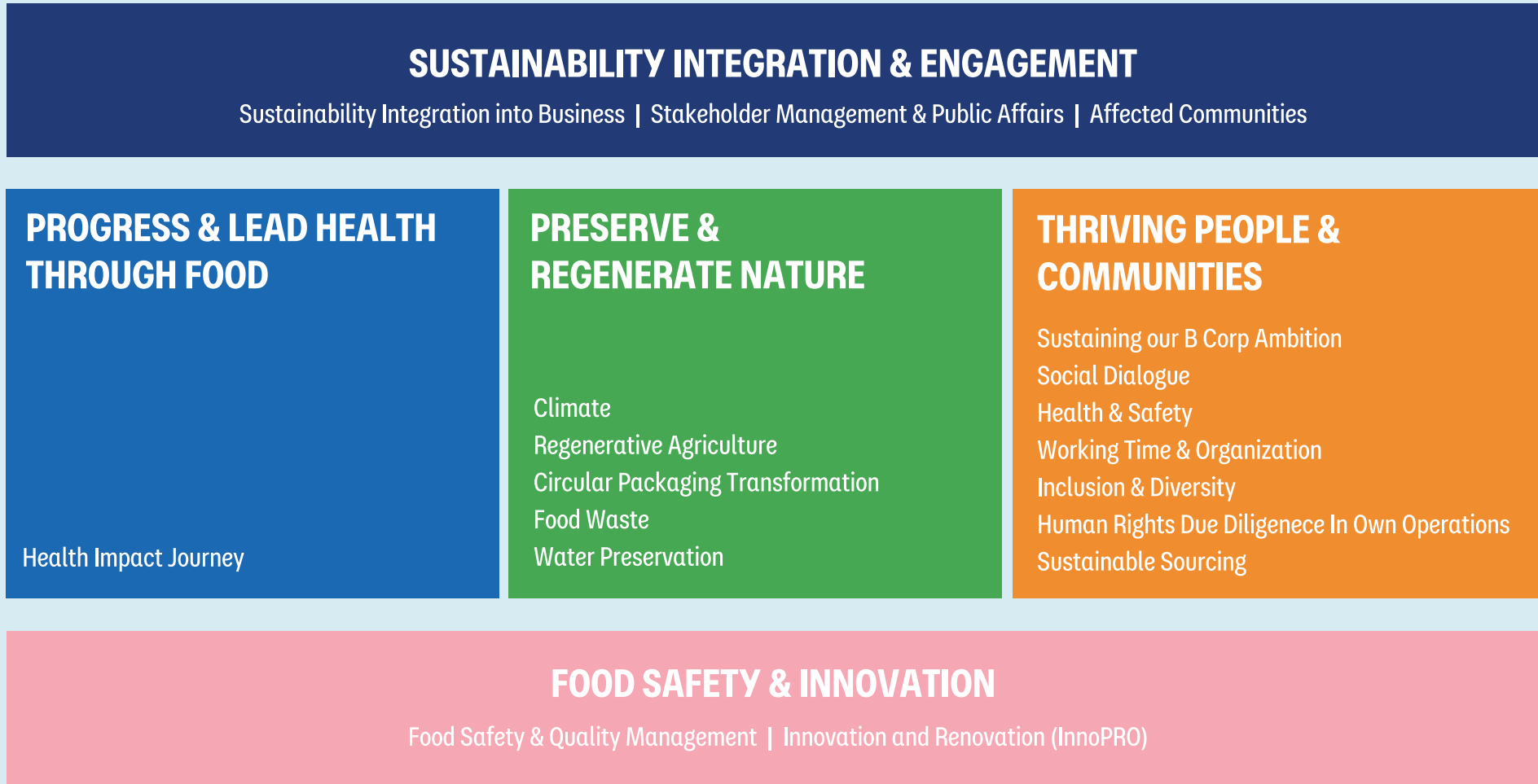
The Executive Committee:

- **Reviews and endorses** Danone Southern Africa's sustainability strategy, commitments, targets and policies
- **Oversees the implementation** and progress of sustainability initiatives across the business
- **Monitors performance** against key sustainability objectives and impact metrics
- **Reviews sustainability outcomes** and contributes to annual consolidated sustainability reporting published by Danone globally
- **Ensures that sustainability considerations are integrated** into strategic decision-making and business operations

ANNUAL DANONE WAY AUDIT

Danone Way is Danone's global sustainability and responsibility assessment framework, **designed to monitor how business practices align with the company's commitments across governance, health, people, environment and communities.** The framework provides a structured approach for assessing performance against a comprehensive set of sustainability, ethical and operational criteria. It enables Danone Southern Africa to identify strengths, monitor progress, address gaps and drive continuous improvement across its operations.

Importantly, compliance is not assessed solely through internal review. **Danone Way assessments are independently audited by external third-party auditors,** providing an objective evaluation of performance and enhancing the credibility, transparency and robustness of the process. The Danone Way topics include the following:



For full details on the Danone global governance processes relating to Danone Impact Journey Health KPIs, please refer to the Danone Global Health Journey Report 2025.

External Recognition



Danone Southern Africa was ranked first in a national public assessment evaluating voluntary industry commitments to healthier food environments. The assessment, conducted by the University of Cape Town in partnership with the South African Medical Research Council and other institutions, reviewed 29 leading food and beverage companies using the globally recognised INFORMAS Business Impact Assessment (BIA) Obesity tool. **Danone achieved a score of 83 out of 100, the highest of all participating companies** – reflecting the strength of its nutrition policies and its mission to deliver health through food to as many people as possible, says Danone. Access the report [here](#).



Since November 2024, Danone Southern Africa is proud to be B Corp Certified, reflecting our commitment to using business as a force for good. This globally recognised certification acknowledges companies that meet high standards of social and environmental performance, transparency, and accountability. As the first multinational company in South Africa to achieve B Corp certification, Danone Southern Africa is committed to delivering health through food while creating positive impact for people, communities, and the planet. Through continuous improvement and independent verification of our practices, we strive to contribute to a healthier and more sustainable future for all. Access our Bcorp Impact report [here](#).



The Access to Nutrition Initiative (ATNi) Global Index, ranked Danone as the #1 food and beverage company globally in 2024. Danone's portfolio was recognised as one of the healthiest in the industry, achieving the highest sales-weighted mean Health Star Rating (HSR) of 3.8 out of 5. ATNi is an independent benchmark that evaluates how the world's largest food and beverage manufacturers contribute to nutritious and sustainable diets. Importantly, the 2024 assessment evaluated Danone's product portfolio across 10 key global markets, including **South Africa**. The inclusion of South Africa in the assessment demonstrates that **our local portfolio contributes to the strong nutritional performance** for which Danone has been recognised globally.



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