Supporting sustainable development through our tax contributions

The tax we pay is a critical part of our commitment to grow in a sustainable, responsible and socially inclusive way for the benefit of all stakeholders.

Corporate tax paid by region
Showing the three largest tax payers per region

- USA 16%
- Brazil 4%
- Mexico 3%
- Netherlands 7%
- France 2%
- UK 2%
- India 17%
- China 5%
- Indonesia 5%

Total Americas: 30%
Total Europe: 18%
Total Asia Pacific Africa: 52%

During 2022, we made global tax payments of €4.4 billion.

Our total tax contribution – including taxes collected by Unilever is €8.6 billion

6% customs duties
9% sales taxes
14% employment taxes
7% other taxes
64% corporation tax
1% property
3% other taxes
12% sales taxes
14% corporation tax
7% employment taxes
6% other taxes

Governments use taxes to incentivise investment in critical infrastructure, research and development, employment and training. They can also use taxes to encourage positive social or environmental outcomes, such as encouraging healthy eating or the adoption of more sustainable technologies, or as a means to redistribute resources.

‘Other taxes’ includes sustainability taxes which represent 3% of our total taxes paid (€125 million), such as: environmental, packaging, energy and green taxes. It also includes food & beverage taxes and excise duties levied on specific products such as sugar, ice-cream and soft drinks.

Endorse We endorse the B-Team Responsible tax principles which were developed by leading companies (including Unilever), civil society, investors and representatives from international institutions.

Support We support the OECD international tax reform work on Base Erosion and Profit Shifting (BEPS) and urge tax policy makers to implement international tax reform in a coherent, co-ordinated way.

Act We are transparent about our approach to tax. We help tax authorities develop expertise and understanding of our industry and in partnership with the OECD Tax & Development team have run business sector knowledge sessions for tax authorities in Africa and Latin America.