**American Red Cross Update:**

Climate change is a humanitarian crisis. Every day, the American Red Cross sees the heartbreak of families and communities trying to cope with more intense storms, heavier rainfall, higher temperatures, stronger hurricanes, and more devastating wildfires. And for the vulnerable communities who are disproportionately impacted by the increased and virtually chronic frequency of these events, help cannot come soon enough.

 As a result, the American Red Cross is committed to doing our part to reduce the current and future humanitarian impacts of climate change globally in alignment with the Climate and Environmental Charter through the following efforts:

1. Creating new sustainable organization-wide standards, workforce education and training opportunities, and potential business process changes.
2. Training and engaging youth leaders worldwide to inspire grassroots climate actions.
3. Making strategic investments for community-based adaptation initiatives both domestically and internationally in countries that face significant climate risk and high levels of social vulnerability.
4. Implementing pre-disaster anticipatory actions, such as early financial assistance, grants and technical assistance helping those at greatest risk of long-term displacement and economic hardship.
5. Building partnerships with regional health, housing and hunger organizations to expand and enhance capacity, strengthening the American Red Cross’ ability to respond to the increasing number of large-scale, global disasters together.
6. Increasing energy efficiency, purchasing green energy, and lowering carbon emissions across the organization’s utilization of fleet, facilities, water, waste, and supplies.
7. Publishing an annual Environment, Social and Governance (ESG) Report.

In upholding these commitments, guided by the principles of voluntary service and unity, The American Red Cross is eager to continue its participation as an integral part of the critical efforts to fight climate change and alleviate human suffering for today and for the generations that follow.