

Christian Aid Commitments under the Climate & Environment Charter for Humanitarian Organizations



Commitment 1. Step up our response to growing humanitarian needs and help people adapt to the impacts of the climate and environmental crises

- As part of our existing integrated approach to emergencies on climate adaptation and resilience thematic focus, we will endeavour to address emergencies that result from climate and environmental risks through our humanitarian programming.
- We will continue to integrate anticipatory action through our longer-term resilience programming as well as the humanitarian response work that we support (for example, through Emergency Response & Preparedness Plans, and the development and actioning of the roadmap for locally led anticipatory action).

Commitment 2. Maximize the environmental sustainability of our work and rapidly reduce our greenhouse gas emissions

- We will implement the provisions of our Environmental Policy for Programmes 2024 wherever relevant.
- We will continue the process initiated in 2005/6 of reducing our greenhouse gas emissions annually towards Net Zero by 2050, and ideally by 2045. For the current carbon reduction plan period, we aim for a carbon footprint that is 45% lower in 2028 than our 2019 baseline¹.

Commitment 3. Embrace the leadership of local actors and communities

- Christian Aid only implements through partnerships. As signatories of the [Principles for locally led adaptation](#), [Charter for Change](#), [Pledge for Change](#), and the [Grand Bargain](#) pledge for at least 25% of humanitarian funding to be allocated to local and national actors, we will continue to ensure that locally led approaches are implemented through our climate, environment and humanitarian work and to advocate for their wider application wherever possible.

Commitment 4. Increase our capacity to understand climate and environmental risks and develop evidence-based solutions

- We will continue to learn from the knowledge and experience of Christian Aid partners and staff, seek to enhance their access to and understanding of scientific knowledge on climate change wherever needed, and support the sharing of results and learning from the climate and environment initiatives they implement.
- We will support partners to access sources of climate science, including through establishing working partnerships with National and Regional Hydrometeorological Agencies and other related sources of climate and environmental science, and use these to implement activities that enhance climate resilience and environmental sustainability of vulnerable communities.

¹ Christian Aid reduced its carbon footprint by 75% from 2009 to 2019

- We will continue to mainstream climate and environmental risks into our programmatic tools and discussions with partners, for example ensure needs assessments, risk registers, and other project tools take full account of these issues by 2027.

Commitment 5. Work collaboratively across the humanitarian sector and beyond to strengthen climate and environmental action & Commitment 6. Use our influence to mobilize urgent and more ambitious climate action and environmental protection

- We will both advocate and support our partners to advocate for more ambitious climate and environmental action, building on the objectives of our Climate Justice and Economic Justice Strategies and the results of our programming, engaging across a variety of forums (including the Rio Convention processes and their COPs) and working collaboratively as members of the [Climate Action Network \(CAN\)](#) and other relevant networks (such as the [Agroecology Coalition](#)).

You can find more details of the work Christian Aid is doing on Climate and Environmental Action in [Christian Aid's Climate Resilience and Adaptation Capability Statement of November 2023](#).