



OUR COMMITMENT ON CLIMATE

The Climate and Environment Charter for Humanitarian Organisations - August 2024

The IRC's mission is to help people whose lives and livelihoods are shattered by conflict and disaster - including the climate crisis - to survive, recover and gain control over their future. As part of this mission, IRC has been working in climate-vulnerable, conflict-affected communities for decades, delivering wraparound humanitarian services. Working hand in hand with our community and government partners, IRC responds to droughts, strengthens WASH (water, sanitation and hygiene) programming and supports protection and livelihoods—all while putting women and girls' agency at the center of our work.

As part of the Climate and Environment Charter for Humanitarian Organizations, IRC commits to the following efforts to support our clients in the face of the climate crisis:

Commitment 1: Step Up Our Response to Growing Humanitarian Needs and Help People Adapt to the Impacts of the Climate and Environmental Crises

- IRC will facilitate opportunities to design multi-sectoral programming for climate resilience outcomes by the end of 2025.
- IRC will develop and disseminate a global climate programming framework and approach for program design and implementation by the end of 2024

Commitment 2: Maximise the Environmental Sustainability of Our Work and Rapidly Reduce Our Greenhouse Gas Emissions

- IRC will review and revise its organization-wide environmental policy by the end of 2025.
- IRC will be net-zero by 2050.
- IRC will strengthen knowledge and capacity on the understanding of environmental issues and practical actions needed by the end of 2024 and beyond.

Commitment 4: Increase Our Capacity to Understand Climate and Environmental Risks and Develop Evidence-Based Solutions

- All IRC country programs will identify the main climate and environmental risks and strategic priorities related to climate for their programs by the end of 2025.

Commitment 5: Work Collaboratively Across the Humanitarian Sector and Beyond to Strengthen Climate and Environmental Action

- IRC will compile examples of good sustainability practices and make them available to the wider humanitarian community by the end of 2024 and beyond.
- IRC will contribute to sector-wide initiatives, including studies, panels, and events, to support knowledge sharing and catalyze action by the end of 2024.

Commitment 6: Use our Influence to Mobilise Urgent and More Ambitious Climate Action and Environmental Protection

- IRC will advocate for the NCQG climate finance target to acknowledge the limited flow of climate finance to conflict affected countries by the end of 2024.
- IRC will advocate for multilateral development bank climate finance and interventions to be resourced and delivered more quickly and effectively via a diverse range of stakeholders by the end of 2024.