

CLIMATE & ENVIRONMENT CHARTER FOR HUMANITARIAN ORGANISATIONS

TARGETS AND YEAR 1 REPORTING

Plan International UK

Plan International UK (PIUK) commitments and priorities align with the Climate & Environment Charter for Humanitarian Organisations. Overall, Plan International’s targets for the Climate & Environment Charter for Humanitarian Organisations are directed by Plan International’s newly launched [Global Strategy 2022- 2027; ‘All Girls Standing Strong’](#) – striving for a just world that advances children’s rights and equality for girls. In line with the global strategy update, PIUK’s Climate and Environmental targets are guided by the [PIUK strategy](#), the PIUK environmental policy and the Plan International Global Environmental Policy (GEP). PIUK will report on the Climate & Environment Charter for Humanitarian Organisations by aligning the targets to those of Plan International Inc.

Charter commitment	Plan International UK Actions
<p>1.Step up our response to growing humanitarian needs and help people adapt to the impacts of the climate and environmental crises</p>	<p>In the new Global strategy 2022-2027, climate change was elevated as a cross-cutting theme, encompassing both development and humanitarian action. Growing the humanitarian programming work remains one of PIUK’s strategic goals, with a strong focus on gender equality, and the impacts linked to climate change and environmental degradations children and girls, in particular. Additionally, PIUK’s focus will remain on Disaster Risk Reduction and resilience and increase the work that recognises the interrelationship between development and humanitarian programming (‘the nexus’). In particular, PIUK will maintain a strong focus on supporting communities so that they’re prepared for and resilient to shocks.</p>
<p>2.Maximize the environmental sustainability of our work and rapidly reduce our greenhouse gas emissions</p>	<p>In 2019, Plan International made a commitment to take-action against climate change. PIUK reflects this action both internally and externally and has established an internal PIUK Environmental Sustainability policy. The aim of this policy is to ‘achieve an absolute year-on-year reduction in its carbon footprint per person’. PIUK has also led the development of the first Plan International Environmental Assessment (PIEA) to support identification, assessment and monitoring of environmental (including climate) risks linked to project activities and operations, as well as existing ones in the context, and is committed to promote its use during project implementation.</p> <p>During the past year, PIUK supported the development of the GEP. The policy, which is the first of its kind in the Plan International’s</p>

	<p>history, provides the frame for all Plan International offices and organisations to identify, avoid, and minimise the negative environmental impact of their operations and programmes including our humanitarian action.</p>
<p>3. Embrace the leadership of local actors and communities</p>	<p>PIUK follows Plan International’s Global Strategy priority which informs our work: ‘To become locally led and globally connected’. Localisation is an approach that is being pushed to the forefront of PIUK’s programming and is expected to be measured through a KPI that will measure the # of climate and environmental action groups capacitated in projects led by PIUK.</p>
<p>4. Increase our capacity to understand climate and environmental risks and develop evidence-based solutions</p>	<p>Under the newly approved GEP one of commitment include: conducting environmental screening, and if necessary, participatory impact and vulnerability assessment; and addressing potential negative impacts and environmental risks in projects. The PIEA includes a component aiming at identifying, assessing and monitoring climate and weather-related risks. PIUK co-led the consultative development of the PIEA and piloting in several country programmes. The next phase will include roll out of the tool across Plan International offices and organisations. PIUK has also been growing the collaboration with scientific organisations (academic and non-academic) to promote evidence-based actions.</p>
<p>5. Work collaboratively across the humanitarian sector and beyond to strengthen climate and environmental action</p>	<p>PIUK is committed to working collaboratively with actors from multiple sectors, including government, civil society, multilaterals, scientific institutions, and has built strong relationships with local and Southern-based actors. PIUK is also an active member and partner of networks, hubs and communities of practice including the Anticipation Hub, DEC Environmental Group, Start Network, Adaptation Research Alliance, EHAN among others.</p>
<p>6. Use our influence to mobilise urgent and more ambitious climate action and environmental protection</p>	<p>Plan International’s Global Advocacy Strategy include a climate goal which informs our advocacy work: ‘Girls and young women in all their diversity can anticipate, adapt and transform in the face of climate impacts and have opportunities to engage in the development, implementation and monitoring of key climate strategies and action, in all development and humanitarian settings’. PIUK has integrated a new KPI to measure the # of newly awarded projects including an outcome focused on climate and/or environmental influencing.</p>

<p>7. Develop targets and measure our progress as we implement our commitments</p>	<p>PIUK will align with the commitments and targets of PII. PIUK will follow the GEP and the PIUK environmental policy and will work collaboratively to set targets to reduce GHG emissions and other targets for reducing the environmental impact of operations. Additionally, PIUK will follow the Plan International's Resilience Framework to help people adapt to the impacts of climate and environmental crises and have agreed to integrate at least one of the five pathways in all new projects by 2027, including indicators to monitor the impact.</p>
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