

Plan International Finland One Year Progress Report

July 2021 – June 2022

Climate and Environment Charter for Humanitarian Organisations

Plan International’s targets for the Climate and 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, Plan International Finland prepared its new strategy. Plan International Finland will report on the Climate and Environment Charter for Humanitarian Organisations by aligning these to targets of the Plan International Inc.

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Charter https://www.climate-charter.org/	Plan Actions – Plan International Finland
<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 strategy 2022-2027, climate change was elevated as a cross-cutting theme, encompassing both development and humanitarian work. Growing our humanitarian portfolio remains one of the three focus areas in the new strategy of Plan International Finland, with a strong emphasis on equality, and the special needs of girls and other vulnerable groups in humanitarian crises, including those that are climate induced.</p>
<p>2. Maximize the environmental sustainability of our work and rapidly reduce our greenhouse gas emissions</p>	<p>During the past year, Plan International Finland supported the drafting of the Global Policy on the Environment. The policy, which is the first of its kind in the Plan’s history, provides the frame for all Plan offices to identify, avoid, and minimise the negative environmental impact of their operations and programmes including our humanitarian action.</p> <p>The policy has two commitments directly referring to maximising the environmental sustainability of our work.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Monitoring and reducing Plan International’s greenhouse gas emissions by at least 55 % by June 2031, which accounts to 7% annual reduction, compared to 1999* levels, including direct and indirect emissions. The target is a shared first step towards climate neutrality. We commit to disclosing the progress annually. (* measured from July 1998-June 1999 due to PII’s fiscal year)¹ • Preparing and implementing at Plan International Entity level locally defined targets for reducing the environmental impact in most relevant categories that could include energy; cooling and heating; business travel and commute; procurement and supply; waste; divesting from fossil fuels; data management.

¹ Plan International has calculated its GHG emissions twice in 2015 including all entities of the organisation and in 2019 including only National Offices. In the coming year, we will use the estimates from 2019 as the basis to calculate a more comprehensive **organisation-wide GHG baseline** following the Greenhouse Gas Protocol Standard for FY2019 (period of the fiscal year from July 2018 to June 2019). This organisation-wide baseline is then used to start tracking the progress towards the 55% emission reduction target defined in the policy.

	<p>In line with the Global Policy, the new strategy of Plan International Finland (2022-2027) states that Plan International Finland will reduce our own emissions in all our operations. Environmentally Friendly Practises guidelines are used to promote environmental sustainability, and we have a Green Team to bring forward the guidance. We use renewable energy for heating and cooling, recycle office waste, purchase certified products for cleaning and office supply, and offer virtual meeting options to reduce travel in Finland.</p>
<p>3. Embrace the leadership of local actors and communities</p>	<p>Plan International Finland has actively promoted partnerships with local organisations and works through 18 local organisations in the current framework programme (2022-2025) supported by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs from Finland. Furthermore in 2021 Plan Finland conducted a mapping of youth-led movements for climate resilience. The results were summarised in the Rising Tides – Mapping Youth Movements for Climate Resilience publication, now guiding our work to increasingly engage with youth-led climate action groups in the programme countries.</p>
<p>4. Increase our capacity to understand climate and environmental risks and develop evidence-based solutions</p>	<p>Global Policy on the Environment also outlines a commitment</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> to conducting environmental screening, and if necessary, participatory impact and vulnerability assessment; and addressing potential negative impacts and environmental risks in projects. <p>To facilitate the screening Plan International Finland supported the drafting of the Plan International Environmental Assessment (PIEA) tool and tested it in the design of six SRHR-themed projects with Plan Ethiopia, Mozambique, Uganda, Zimbabwe, Laos and Myanmar. Plan International Finland continues to facilitate the use of the tool in the organisation and will use the tool in all future projects by 2027.</p> <p>Likewise, in 2021, Plan International Finland also supported the training of project personnel in six projects to access and analyse secondary climate information and environmental and land-use change-related spatial data.</p>
<p>5. Work collaboratively across the humanitarian sector and beyond to strengthen climate and environmental action</p>	<p>In the next strategy period 2022-2027, Plan Finland has committed to becoming a strong actor in humanitarian crises. To realise this, we need to work in collaboration with other actors including those involved in climate and environmental action.</p>
<p>6. Use our influence to mobilise urgent and more ambitious climate action and environmental protection</p>	<p>In 2022 Plan International drafted a new Global Advocacy Strategy, which includes a dedicated goal for climate change advocacy and a climate influencing plan for the next two years.</p> <p>Together with Finnish NGOs who advocate for climate justice, Plan International Finland influenced the Government of Finland to: introduce new climate policies, strengthen the Climate Change Act and enhance transparency, accountability and development of the principles of the International Climate Finance.</p>

	<p>Young Climate Activists, affiliated with Plan International Finland, campaigned to raise awareness of decision-makers in relation to climate crises, youth and humanitarian crises.</p>
<p>7. Develop targets and measure our progress as we implement our commitments</p>	<p>Plan International Finland will follow the commitments of the global policy and set a timebound target for reducing GHG emissions and other targets for reducing the environmental impact of operations.</p> <p>Most of the direct emissions of Plan Finland come from flights (up to 90%), and according to the current guidelines, we set annual targets for reducing the emissions from flights. Due to the travel restrictions, there were no flights in 2021. All emissions from the flights of Plan Finland are compensated since 2019.</p> <p>We follow 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>