

Tearfund UK Climate Charter Annual Report

September 2021 - September 2022

Climate Charter targets	Tearfund Actions - Progress against targets
<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>We continued to promote Tearfund's Thinking Beyond Response* guide to new staff and teams. We reviewed a sample of our covid-19 projects and analysed them against the EES** principles in the Thinking Beyond Response guide and presented it to the DEC Environment working group November 2021.</p> <p>We designed a simplified environmental assessment tool to prompt environmental considerations in rapid onset emergency response and have incorporated them into Tearfund's Emergency Response Procedures.</p> <p>The Bangladesh team used the NEAT+ tool in Cox's Bazaar and have presented their use of the tool to other country teams to encourage cross-country learning and sharing of good practice.</p>
<p>2. Maximise the environmental sustainability of our work and rapidly reduce our greenhouse gas emissions</p>	<p>Tearfund's environmental policy has been updated and includes new details and indicators of success to help reduce emissions. A new international accountability group 'Walk the Talk' has been established which supports each country to implement the environmental policy.</p> <p>Tearfund is offsetting all emissions in the UK, all international flights and an estimate of what emissions are produced by international offices. Guidelines are being adapted to be able to get a more accurate measure of emissions outside of the UK. A target to reduce flights from the UK has been agreed and is being implemented. Research has continued to improve knowledge of Tearfund's emissions and address data gaps, focusing on flight and fleet emissions.</p>
<p>3. Embrace the leadership of local actors and communities</p>	<p>In the last year Tearfund has been working with 56 movement building allies who are leaders in their local community. We have introduced our partner-led Disaster Management Capacity Assessment (DMCA) tool to two additional regions - Asia and Southern & East Africa. Following review the guiding questions for one of the indicators of the DMCA tool has been edited to prompt more in depth thinking around current practices and environmental impact.</p>
<p>4. Increase our capacity to understand climate and environmental risks and develop evidence based solutions</p>	<p>An 'Environmental Protection in Emergencies' learning topic has been added to the Humanitarian and Resilience online learning page. This gives staff access to internal and external recommended resources, including the Environmental Emergencies Centre e-learning course on Environment in Humanitarian Action. A video explaining the EES guide has been created and added to the platform.</p>
<p>5. Work collaboratively across the humanitarian sector and beyond to strengthen climate and environmental action</p>	<p>Tearfund continues to actively engage with external networks, including the DEC, ICVA, EHAN and Integral Alliance. Tearfund presented the Climate Charter to Integral Alliance members in April 2022. At the time only three other members were signatories; since then four additional members have signed up.</p>

	<p>We engaged with the DEC LSE research looking at ‘Humanitarian Responses and the Environment: Towards Localisation and Accountability’ and facilitated focus group discussions with local partners in South Sudan which fed into the report.</p> <p>In January 2022 Tearfund presented to CKU (Centre for Church based Development) on climate change to help CKU strengthen their members to adapt to the impacts of climate change within their own organisations and programmes.</p>
<p>6. Use our influence to mobilise urgent and more ambitious climate action and environmental protection</p>	<p>During the reporting period, Tearfund influenced 37 pro-poor policy changes to be made. These policy changes relate to climate, waste, clean energy and the environment. This exceeded our target of 25 pro-poor policy changes.</p>

* The ‘Thinking Beyond Response’ guide supports the application of environmental and economic sustainability principles to humanitarian contexts and emergency response.

** EES stands for Environmental and Economic Sustainability