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The Climate and Environment Charter for Humanitarian Organizations: Welthungerhilfe's Targets 2030



COMMITMENT 1

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



We lead humanitarian system transformation by mainstreaming anticipatory action, championing localization, and advocating for equitable, timely, and principled crisis responses. WHH moves anticipatory action from pilot to routine across country programs, sharing capacity and advocating with partners through the WHH Anticipation and Preparedness Fund. We promote and scale anticipatory action internationally, advocating for diverse funding. Anticipatory action addresses climate and natural hazards, contributing to resilience, and extends to conflict and displacement. Emergency Preparedness and Response Plans are in place in all program countries, emphasizing inclusivity, protection, and partnerships. WHH promotes strategic prepositioning of relief items at multiple levels for timely localized action. WHH encourages collaboration and synergies in food, WASH, and humanitarian systems transformation.

By 2030, Anticipatory Action is systematically mainstreamed across WHH and is effectively developed, financed, implemented, and advocated for to address imminent risks before they escalate into loss and damage, while sustaining strong emergency response expertise and capacities.

By 2028 5% of humanitarian projects implemented or funded by WHH are anticipatory in nature. By 2030 the target increases to 20%.	By 2028, 85% of WHH country offices (CO) annual program planning will have annually updated Emergency Preparedness and Response Plans (EPReP) based on sound disaster risk analyses. By 2030 the target increases to 90%.

COMMITMENT 2

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



We are committed to reducing our environmental impact and driving positive change toward a more sustainable future. This includes setting standards and safeguards for responsible resource use, emissions, and waste management. Initiatives like sustainable fleet management, green energy in our offices, and a travel policy to reduce flights whenever possible support this goal. Applying a standard environmental and climate screening tool to assess and reduce environmental risks in our overseas projects also support this goal. Measuring our carbon footprint is essential to identifying areas for improvement, and we aim to extend this to include project emissions for a full picture. Our sustainability strategy includes ambitious targets, continuous monitoring, transparent reporting, and local adaptation.

By 2030:

WHH aims to reduce its emissions by 30% compared to the baseline year of 2023.

WHH will assess, reduce and monitor environmental risks in at least 70% of all new projects.

Collect emissions data annually at the office level across all WHH offices using the Humanitarian Carbon Calculator and roll out **carbon footprint calculations** for projects between 2026 and 2028 to gain a comprehensive view of total emissions and introduce targeted reduction measures.	We are reducing our greenhouse gas emissions in Welthungerhilfe's logistics and operations through the measures outlined in the box below. ⇩	WHH will continue to strengthen its environmental safeguards and application of a standard environmental and climate screening tool for application in at least 50% of overseas projects by 2028.

- We will improve the sustainability of our supply chains by developing and rolling out the Welthungerhilfe **Green Procurement** Guideline by 2026. By 2028, we aim to have these green procurement guidelines fully integrated into our tender system.
- As a signatory of the Fleet Forum call to action, WHH has committed to work towards optimizing a **sustainable fleet**.
- We will promote a culture of **waste minimization** by fully implementing our Waste Management Handbook & Garage Waste Management Guidelines. By 2028, we aim to ensure full compliance with these guidelines, including waste sorting, recycling, and minimizing fleet-related waste.
- We will continue to phase out generators for our offices and replace them with solar panels. By 2028 we will have reduced our carbon footprint from generators by 80% compared to our baseline year 2023.

COMMITMENT 3

Embrace the leadership of local actors and communities.

People are at the center of our mission: we work with communities affected by hunger and poverty, often in fragile contexts or crises, including those unable to flee and forcibly displaced persons. Together with partners, we value social cohesion and design programs addressing community specific challenges. Our humanitarian efforts empower local communities as agents of change to inclusively address difficulties. Projects are gender sensitive, people-centered, locally led, and emphasize listening, co-creation, joint reflection, and mutual learning. By championing localization, WHH recognizes the resilience of participants and humanitarian actors, engages in capacity sharing, and advocates for humanitarian system transformation. We commit to protecting the most vulnerable while advocating for environments safeguarding their rights and entitlements.



By 2030, all WHH projects are systematically people-centered and locally led in their design, implementation, and decision-making processes.

All WHH COs and head office apply the Localization Performance Measurement Framework (LPMF) to evidence progress towards achieving localization commitments.	As Grand Bargain (GB) signatory, WHH will continuously be implementing localization commitments in line with WHH GB commitments and actively co-shape and support the GB localization agenda.	WHH will continuously aim for increased use of people-centred approaches to inform programming of WHH and partners.

COMMITMENT 4

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



We aim to strengthen our organization's ability to systematically understand, anticipate, and address climate and environmental risks across all programs. This means building robust internal capacities for climate risk analysis, improving the generation and use of evidence, and ensuring that our strategies, program approaches, tools, and decisions are grounded in sound science and local realities. By enhancing our analytical skills, institutional guidance, and data systems, we will be better equipped to design and implement effective, scalable, and context-appropriate solutions that strengthen resilience, safeguard natural resources, and improve the well-being of vulnerable communities.

By 2030, WHH aims to systematically understands and anticipates climate and environmental risks across all programs and uses this evidence to design, implement, and scale effective, context-specific climate-resilient solutions.		
By 2028, 50% of all projects in WHH are working on climate change adaptation and / or mitigation verified by the WHH Climate Marker.	We produce and update strategic frameworks for the integration of climate resilience in WHH core themes (WASH, Food Systems, Skills Development, Market Systems).	We identified and described evidently impactful climate resilience approaches to inform building blocks for project design.

COMMITMENT 5

Work collaboratively across the humanitarian sector and beyond to strengthen climate and environmental action.



WHH builds strong networks with local, national, regional, and international actors, prioritizing local and national partnerships as well as collaboration within Alliance2015 and beyond for complementarity, synergy and greater impact. Our model supports equitable, contextually tailored collaboration and promotes system transformation to achieve Zero Hunger through strategic partnerships at all scales. WHH is a member of the Anticipatory Action Task Force, the Anticipation Hub, the Risk-informed Early Action Partnership as well as VOICE and ICVA and their respective working groups.

By 2030, WHH aims to strengthen the impact of its climate and environmental action by systematically prioritizing meaningful collaboration that creates synergies and leverages complementary strengths.

WHH will continue to strengthen and increase our work in partnership with local and national authorities, civil society organizations and development actors to ensure food and nutrition security wherever we work aiming at decreasing the impact on the climate.	WHH will continue to engage in research partnerships to strengthen climate and environmental action and strengthen our collaboration via existing initiatives like the Anticipation Hub and REAP.

COMMITMENT 6

Use our influence to mobilize urgent and more ambitious climate action and environmental protection.



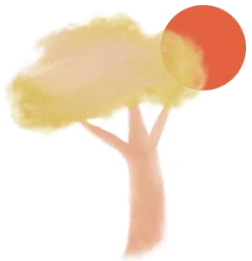
WHH has actively advocated for more ambitious climate action, highlighting the links between hunger, development policy, and climate justice in its Kompass reports. Through COP-related policy briefs, WHH has urged governments to increase climate finance, raise emissions-reduction targets, and embed food systems transformation in climate negotiations. Ahead of COP-29, WHH called on Germany to adopt a new, reliable, and increased climate-finance commitment. For COP-30, WHH emphasized that agrifood systems must be fully integrated into the global climate agenda, given their major emissions contribution and high vulnerability to climate risks.

By 2030, WHH aims to build and deepen inclusive advocacy and expands international, national, and community-based partnerships to drive systemic change.

Elevate partner and community voices into national, regional, and global climate processes (including COPs), with at least 50% of WHH advocacy products on climate justice, hunger and environmental protection co-created with local actors.	Amplify the voices of those we support to illustrate links between hunger, inequality, and climate impacts and to leverage public and political support in Germany and on the global stage.

COMMITMENT 7

Develop targets and measure our progress as we implement our commitments



Guided by our core values of respect, transparency, accountability, curiosity, courage, and commitment, we commit to rigorously measuring and transparently reporting on the impact of our climate and environmental actions. We will conduct a comprehensive mid-term review in 2028 to assess our progress, celebrate achieved milestones, and identify areas needing adjustment. This review will inform a full renewal of our Climate Charter targets in 2030, ensuring our goals remain ambitious, relevant, and aligned with evolving circumstances.

By 2030, WHH will complete a renewal of its Climate Charter targets, informed by a mid-term review process that drives continuous improvement and adapts to emerging challenges and opportunities.

Since signing the Climate and Environment Charter for Humanitarian Organizations in 2021, Welthungerhilfe has continued its commitment to addressing climate and environmental challenges. This document outlines Welthungerhilfe's activities and targets for 2026–2030 in line with the Charter's seven commitments and in alignment with Welthungerhilfe's Global Strategy 2025–2030. Structured around the seven commitments of the Climate Charter, the document presents one main target to be achieved by 2030, along with intermediate sub-goals to be reached by 2028. The development of this document was led by the Sustainability Team and prepared in collaboration with the Humanitarian Directorate, Policy and External Relations Unit, and Sector Strategy, Knowledge & Learning Unit at Welthungerhilfe.