

Japanese Red Cross Society

Climate Change Response Policy

Climate Change is a Humanitarian Crisis

The impacts of climate change, including severe floods and extreme heat, pose a threat to many people. As a humanitarian organization dedicated to help the people in suffering over the past 150 years, we will promote the following actions against various threats to human life, health and dignity caused by climate change, now and in the future.

Save (support people affected by meteorological disasters)

- In response to severe and frequent climate-related disasters, we exert all our strength to provide humanitarian assistance toward affected people.
- In order to carry out relief and humanitarian assistance quickly and effectively, we will continue increasing relief capacity and well prepare for emergency.
- We will protect people from the impacts of climate-related health emergencies such as heatstroke and infectious.

Prepare (prevent and mitigate the impacts caused by climate change)

- We will disseminate and promote the knowledge on “disaster prevention and mitigation” to protect lives from climate-related disasters at all levels through school education systems, trainings and seminars.
- We will strengthen the resilience of local communities to climate-related disasters.
- We will strengthen the capacity of assisting the most vulnerable to climate change, such as people with disabilities and the elderly.

Stop (reduce greenhouse gas emissions)

- Since reducing the impact of climate change will lead to protection of human life, we will promote environmentally friendly initiatives such as reducing greenhouse gas emissions and promoting recycling and reuse.
- We will measure the impact of our activities on the environment, and ensure transparent reporting.

Advocate and connect (expand the partnership of our climate activities)

- Through our various activities, we raise people’s awareness of climate change and environmental issues which threaten human life, health, dignity and livelihood, and we promote taking necessary climate actions at both the individual and organizational levels.
- We will expand the partnership for collaborative action with government and municipalities, private sectors and organizations.
- As a member of the International Red Cross Red Crescent Movement, we work together with our sister National Societies to address the global climate crisis.

Think (implement the PDCA cycle)

- We keep improving our activities by constantly collecting and analyzing the latest knowledge and findings in cooperation with the International Red Cross Red Crescent Movement, academia, and other organizations both in Japan and overseas.