

New Zealand Red Cross: Climate Charter targets for 2023 – 2024

All targets are for the 2023-24 financial year (1 July 2023 to 30 June 2024).

Commitment one

- Develop a programme plan for climate and environmental sustainability, including an initial scoping of what would be required for an external accreditation or review process suitable for humanitarian organisations. This plan will address how we could:
- Work with partners to develop programmes that support impactful climate adaptation outcomes and improve the resilience of communities.
- Factor climate and environmental risks into all our activities and services.

Commitment two

- Develop and mature our procurement approach, covering areas such as energy consumption, electric/petrol cars in fleet, air travel, procurement of single use items, waste management, and the use of recycled materials.
- Develop fleet plan for greenhouse gas (GHG) reductions, and then establish a baseline,
- Update our travel policy to include goals around carbon reduction.
- Business plans that reflect our sustainability goals.

Commitment three

- Formally establish the Green Team network with a Terms of Reference and Charter-level document
- Empower the Green Team to have more members and volunteers, emphasizing engaging people on creative, local initiatives.
- Identify local partnership opportunities that promote climate adaptation-related community activity.
- Identify ways to strengthen existing partnerships with Māori organisations, especially in relation to sources of traditional knowledge.

Commitment four

- Conclude negotiations to establish a new delegate working on climate change, either in the Pacific or with the Climate Centre in Geneva.
- Develop a first iteration of research-based work on humanitarian organisations' climate roles and responsibilities in Aotearoa New Zealand.

Commitment five

- Work in partnership with government and relevant authorities (including Tangata Whenua, civil society organisations and other partners) to strengthen domestic and international frameworks related to climate change.

Commitment six

- Develop a communications plan on climate change and environmental sustainability issues.
- Develop, for Executive Leadership Team consideration, a range of humanitarian diplomacy options relating to climate and environmental sustainability.

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