

## Red Cross of Serbia targets under the Climate and Environmental Charter

The Red Cross of Serbia has in October 2022 adopted the *Strategic orientation on climate change and climate action* and by it, the organization is committed to mitigating the current and future impact of climate change on the most vulnerable individuals and communities, supporting people to adapt and face the consequences and improve the adaptation of its structure to climate change and strengthen its contribution to the preservation of the environment.

This will be done under the following priorities that are directly contributing to the commitments under the Climate and Environmental Charter:

### Under commitment 1

**PRIORITY 1.** Improve the Red Cross of Serbia capacities for enhanced response to humanitarian needs and help people to adapt to the impacts of the climate and environmental crisis.

- ✓ Target 1.1 Analyze and identify current capacities in programmes and activities aimed to respond to increase humanitarian needs and help people to adapt to climate changes.
- ✓ Target 1.2 Develop and improve the RCS programmes and activities for risk reduction and mitigation of the consequences of climate-related disasters and other hazards, early warning, and rising awareness on climate and environmental risks.
- ✓ Target 1.3 Institutionalize cash and voucher assistance through the adoption of the Cash and Voucher Strategic Framework and implementation of the related plan of action by 2025.
- ✓ Target 1.4 Develop a forecast-based financing approach.
- ✓ Target 1.5 Improve understanding of heatwaves and their consequences on individuals and communities in urban areas through raising awareness and behavioral change activities with a specific focus on the most vulnerable groups such as older people, babies, children and youth, and people with disabilities.

### Under commitment 2

**PRIORITY 2.** Reduce greenhouse gas emissions of the Red Cross of Serbia activities in line with the broader understanding of the DO NO HARM principle

- ✓ Target 1.1 Develop the environmental policy of the Red Cross of Serbia.
- ✓ Target 1.2 Conduct regular assessment and calculation of CO2 emissions.
- ✓ Target 1.3 Develop a training program and conduct training of employees for environmental impact assessment in the Red Cross of Serbia response.
- ✓ Target 1.4 Develop approaches and programs to raise the awareness of employees and volunteers on climate change and environmental protection.
- ✓ Target 1.5 Prioritize the implementation of cash and voucher assistance to vulnerable groups instead of the distribution of food and hygiene parcels.
- ✓ Target 1.6 Improve the sustainability of the supply chain for relief items that will contribute to reducing packaging, eliminating single-use plastics, purchasing materials with a lower carbon footprint, and promoting local-level purchases.
- ✓ Target 1.7 Improve waste management including electronic waste.
- ✓ Target 1.8 Develop an approach to reduce to complete elimination of single-use plastic in the Red Cross of Serbia.
- ✓ Target 1.9 Develop a plan for sustainable and environmentally safe disposal of fuel, oil and tires, and other products.

- ✓ Target 1.10 Adapt the methods of organizing events, meetings, seminars, and training in different programme areas to contribute to the reduction of greenhouse gas emissions produced by transport means and waste.
- ✓ Target 1.11 Increase energy efficiency in the facilities of the Red Cross of Serbia (insulation, carpentry, solar panels, type of heating; heating elements).

### **Under commitment 3**

**PRIORITY 3:** Improve existing and develop additional programs and activities for the most vulnerable groups that are at risk of climate change to assist their adaptation to climate change, with a special focus on engaging children and youth at the local level.

- ✓ Target 1.1 Develop, adapt, and contextualize the "Climate change and climate action" children and youth programme using local knowledge and practices.
- ✓ Target 1.2 By 2028 Ministry of Education, Science and Technological Development and other local and national actors have endorsed the "Climate change and climate action" programme for children and youth.
- ✓ Target 1.3 By 2028 70% of the Red Cross branch are implementing the "Climate change and climate action" programme for children and youth.
- ✓ Target 1.4 Implementation of advocacy and raising awareness activities on climate change and protection of the environment, with a specific focus on youth-led advocacy activities at the local level.

### **Under the commitment 4**

**PRIORITY 4:** Develop an approach for adapting and defining the Red Cross of Serbia *climate-smart* programmes and projects

- ✓ Target 1.1. Analyze and identify current status and define indicators for climate-smart RCS programmes and projects.
- ✓ Target 1.2 Develop a framework document for adaptation and cross-sectorial integration and developing of climate-smart programmes and projects.
- ✓ Target 1.3 Develop methodology and guidelines for Red Cross branches for environmental impact assessment of the Red Cross response activities in peacetime, during and after a disaster to mitigate short-term and long-term effects.
- ✓ Target 1.4 Develop methodology and guidelines for Red Cross branches for environmental impact assessment of the Red Cross during the early planning and design phase of programmes/projects development to mitigate negative environmental impact.
- ✓ Target 1.5 Develop a training programme for employees for using climate-smart indicators in programmes/projects (i.e social protection and climate, older people and climate change, etc.)