

ADRA Germany ICVA Environmental Charter Commitment

Why we need these commitments: *“We will rigorously measure and transparently report on the impact of our work on the climate and environment, and seek feedback from the people we serve. Following our adoption of this Charter, **we will translate our commitments into time-bound targets and action plans within a year** (if not already in place), using relevant standards and guidance.”* – Climate Charter Commitment Nr 7

Charter Commitment 1: Step up our response to growing humanitarian needs and help people adapt to the impacts of the climate and environmental crises

ADRA Germany commitments:

By 2025, climate and environmental risks will be identified and factored in all our programs and humanitarian operations.

Actions:

1. Assessment: All ADRA Germany Humanitarian projects undergo NEAT+ assessment and development programs establish Environmental Management Plan. Our project design is informed by these assessment results.

Charter Commitment 2: Maximize the environmental sustainability of our work and rapidly reduce our greenhouse gas emissions

ADRA Germany commitments:

By 2026 all our development programs and humanitarian operations will be intentionally designed to be Carbon low and environmentally-friendly using Nature-based Solutions, One Health and circularity approaches.

By 2030 ADRA Germany will achieve Carbon Neutrality through avoidance, reduction and compensation activities.

Actions:

1. Develop ADRA Germany technical checklists on Environmental protection, Sustainability and Climate Change (ESCC): Nature-based solutions & One Health application, circularity and Waste Management, Clean Energy and CO2 Reduction in programs etc. As well as mainstream sustainability and environmental protection in ADRA Germany Procurement Policy
2. All development and humanitarian projects reviewed and adjusted against ADRA Germany ESCC checklists.
3. Develop roadmap and achieve Carbon Neutrality by 2030 (based on the steps identified in Organizational Sustainability and Carbon Neutrality project)

Charter Commitment 3: Embrace the leadership of local actors and communities

ADRA Germany commitments:

By 2026, increase our collaboration with local actors, informing our environmental project design by local voices and priorities

Actions:

1. Intentionally seek broader collaboration with local-level partners and community organizations outside of ADRA Network
2. By 2026 release Compendium of Good Environmental & Sustainability practices based on ADRA Germany global project portfolio including local voices and success stories

Charter Commitment 4: Increase our capacity to understand climate and environmental risks and develop evidence-based solutions

ADRA Germany commitments:

By 2026, ADRA Germany program staff and project implementation partners will be trained on the integration of climate and environmental risks in our programs.

By 2026, we will share Compendium of Good Environmental & Sustainability practices on the integration of climate and environmental risks in our development and humanitarian programs

Actions:

1. Train ADRA Germany program staff on assessing environmental project risks and incorporating mitigation solutions into the project design
2. Create training package for our project partners on environmental risks integration and project design incorporating mitigation solutions
3. Gather good practices as well as occurred challenges in the environmental risk management and mitigation into a Compendium of Good Environmental & Sustainability practices (see Commitment 3), incorporating examples from our development and humanitarian programs.
4. Launch compendium through a workshop in ADRA-internal and external sessions

Charter Commitment 5: Work collaboratively across the humanitarian sector and beyond to strengthen climate and environmental action

ADRA Germany commitments:

All our projects approved after 2024 include environmental risks assessment, informed by primary and secondary data from the implementing partners, relevant authorities, including research institutes, government and communities.

Actions:

1. In addition to desktop review, interviews are conducted with beneficiaries/communities, relevant authorities as well as research facilities to inform project environmental assessment and relevant activities

Charter Commitment 6: Use our influence to mobilize urgent and more ambitious climate action and environmental protection

ADRA Germany commitments:

Starting from 2023 we will advocate in our internal meetings as well as in external national groups and bilateral exchanges for more ambitious climate and environmental action, related funding availability, -laws and engagement of Civil Society in budget allocation and strategic processes.

Actions:

1. ADRA-internal exchanges: Formulate and consistently share our internal messages on climate action and environmental protection with PDAC, EMAC and other ADRA-internal technical groups
2. Internal exchanges: Actively participate in the strategy development by ADRA Network, advocating for Environmental Protection and Climate Action to be incorporated
3. External exchanges: Formulate and consistently share our messages with external donors and technical groups (AA, ECHO, BMZ, DG INTPA, VENRO etc).
4. External exchanges: Actively participate in the strategy development by our donors and government, advocating for Environmental Protection and Climate Action to be incorporated and adequately funded

Charter Commitment 7: Develop targets and measure our progress as we implement our commitments

ADRA Germany commitments:

From 2024 annually monitor and report on ADRA Germany Program Strategy including tangible

indicators of our Environmental and Climate Action efforts

From 2025 annually monitor and report on ADRA Germany Sustainability and Environmental Protection Strategy Targets

Actions:

1. Annual report on Program strategy indicators and related achievements
2. Finalize ADRA Germany Sustainability and Environmental Protection Strategy (planned under OSCN project)
3. Annual report on Sustainability and Environmental Protection Strategy of ADRA Germany, EMAS and German Sustainability Code