



ZAMZAM FOUNDATION CLIMATE CHARTER TARGETS

Climate is central to the lives and livelihoods of Somalis in the Horn of Africa. According to ND-GAIN, Somalia is ranked as the most climate-vulnerable nation globally, assessed based on the vulnerability of six critical sectors: food, water, health, ecosystem services, human habitat, and infrastructure.

For over three decades, Zamzam Foundation has collaborated with communities most affected by the climate crisis around the world, envisioning a future free from poverty where the dignity of every individual is upheld. All Zamzam's programs are designed with a focus on climate resilience, empowering communities to adapt effectively and take a leading role in combating the negative impacts of climate degradation on their lives. Our initiatives include:

- Emergency Response: Providing lifesaving support to families who have lost everything due to droughts or floods.
- Livelihoods Program: Assisting affected individuals in rebuilding their lives and enhancing their resilience against future disasters.
- Peacebuilding: Addressing conflicts over scarce resources, such as water and grazing land.
- WASH Program: Delivering critical water resources through the construction of new boreholes and wells.
- Health and Nutrition: Focusing on treating malnutrition and waterborne diseases, as well as vaccinating vulnerable children.
- Training Programs: Supporting farmers in adopting climate-resilient practices, such as drought-resistant crops, greenhouse farming, and solar-powered drip irrigation.
- Safeguarding, protection and gender equity to ensure no one is left behind

Through these efforts, Zamzam Foundation is dedicated to promoting sustainable development and resilience in the face of ongoing climate challenges. We fully support the Charter's call for collective solutions to address the impacts of climate degradation.

Our commitments - some new and others building on existing initiatives - will be more methodical and efficiently planned over the next six years as we implement our new strategic plan. We will uphold our core values of impartiality, quality, accountability, advocacy, and innovation, while continuously learning and adapting best practices.

COMMITMENT 1: *Enhance our emergency humanitarian response by prioritizing community action and empowerment that builds their resilience against environmental and climate degradation*

Targets:

- By 2025, we will incorporate climate preparedness, response, adaptability, and resilience into all programs to protect lives and livelihoods and enhance the wellbeing of the most affected communities
- By 2025, we will adopt a gender equity and social inclusion (GESI) framework in climate action to address the specific impact of climate change on vulnerable communities such as youth, women, people with disabilities and other marginalized groups and to make sure that No One is Left Behind.

- Invest in resettling displaced persons and equipping them with knowledge and skills to actively address the impacts of climate crises.

COMMITMENT 2: *Strengthen our organization's capacity to implement environmentally sustainable programming*

Targets:

- Scale up our organizational resources and mechanisms to better serve vulnerable communities.
- Foster education in and raise awareness about climate and environment, emphasizing the vital roles that individuals and communities play in tackling these challenges.
- By 2025, develop policies and initiate training sessions for staff on procedures and tools to ensure our practices adhere to "Do No Harm" principles in climate and environmental activities.
- Starting in 2025, conduct annual assessments of our climate action progress by using indicators and action plans established in the 2025-30 strategic plan, to track our commitments.

COMMITMENT 3: *Develop local skills and resources to ensure sustainable climate action and poverty reduction*

Targets:

- Ensure the inclusion of local communities in decision-making processes at all program levels, actively seeking their input for solutions to climate crises that align with their needs and support sustainable development and adaptation efforts.
- Activate income-generating and job-creating climate change and green growth plans by 2025
- By 2025, Zamzam's strategy, operations, and programming will allocate dedicated resources for the development of women and girls, fostering sustainable, lasting climate resilience.
- Prioritize local knowledge by engaging community groups to identify specific concerns and document their needs and resource gaps for effective intervention.
- In 2025, launch training and awareness programs for staff, community members, and stakeholders about climate change and environmental degradation, fostering proactive responses.
- By 2026 initiate a local library dedicated to indigenous knowledge focused on climate and environmental studies, promoting resource accessibility and cultural wisdom.

COMMITMENT 4: *Strengthen our capacity to understand climate and environmental risk analysis and develop evidence-based solutions*

Targets:

- By 2026, all relevant staff will be trained on the integration of climate and environmental risks in our programs.
- Invest in resource mapping and desegregated data collection (by gender, marginalized group, age, region, education, income...) for effective, research-driven programming, reporting and measuring.

COMMITMENT 5: *Strengthen partnerships to address climate and environment challenges*

Targets:

- Commit to fostering equal partnerships that uphold human rights and value-driven approaches to local development with regional, national, and community-based organizations.
- Foster cooperation and coordination at local, national, and international levels to maximize collective climate and environmental action.
- Promote long-term, large-scale and collaborative initiatives that deliver tangible local impacts, prioritizing the involving affected youth and women at all project levels.
- Engage in local, regional, and international conferences to remain informed and involved in climate and environmental matters.

COMMITMENT 6: *Be an influential voice supporting well-targeted aid and policy change to bring about climate justice*

Targets:

- Advocate with local and international bodies to ensure local partners take leadership roles in coordination structures and projects, and to secure sustainable financing to enhance community resilience and empowerment.
- Promote co-creation, participation, and meaningful engagement of communities and local organizations in the design, delivery, oversight, and monitoring of programs.
- Throughout the year, starting in 2025, share compelling stories highlighting local priorities and the compounded impacts of climate change and poverty, along with successful adaptation measures.
- Promote transparent decision-making and establish clear accountability mechanisms (in the 2025-2030 strategic plan) to protect and uphold the rights of vulnerable communities affected by climate change, both within the foundation and with external stakeholders.