

## **ARBEITER SAMARITER BUND (ASB-HAITI)**

### **THE CLIMATE AND ENVIRONMENT CHARTER FOR HUMANITARIAN ORGANIZATIONS OUR COMMITMENTS TO THE CHARTER.**

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**Founded in 1888, the Arbeiter-Samariter-Bund (ASB)** is a German non-profit, non-governmental, non-political, and non-denominational organization. Today, the ASB is one of Germany's leading civil protection and social aid organizations. With 37,000 employees, 11,000 volunteers, more than 220 offices, and 1.2 million members, the ASB is part of Germany's national civil protection and risk management system, alongside the Red Cross and four other organizations. In the field of international cooperation, ASB is present in 23 countries and focuses mainly on emergency humanitarian aid in the health, water, sanitation and hygiene and food security sectors. Another important area of work is disaster preparedness and prevention, with a particular focus on the inclusion of people with disabilities and the elderly.

In Haiti, ASB pursues the objectives set out in the institutional strategic guidelines, in line with the country's context and culture. Our mission is to provide support and services in a spirit of solidarity, with respect for the culture, the pursuit of our partners' autonomy, and quality standards by adapting to the reality on the ground. The key elements of ASB's cooperation in Haiti are, in addition to emergency and humanitarian responses in anticipation or occurrence of risks or natural disasters, collaboration in building the autonomy of partners; community and climate resilience and inclusion, by seeking links with other actors and operators; capitalization, sharing of experiences and communication; framework requirements in terms of economic transparency and voluntary commitment to adhere to a code of conduct. We share and encourage gender and inclusion dimension and approach, as well as respect for the environment.

As part of our contribution to handle the challenges related to the Climate change and Environment degradation, ASB-HAITI commits to the following efforts to support our community in the face of the climate crisis:

#### **Commitment 1: Step Up Our Response to Growing Humanitarian Needs and Help People Adapt to the Impacts of the Climate and Environmental Crises**

ASB-HAITI will benefit from opportunities in designing projects and programs to integrate climate resilience actions from January of 2026.

ASB-HAITI will conduct Public Awareness Campaigns to educate communities on the importance of climate adaptation measures and foster a culture of sustainability from October 2025.

#### **Commitment 2: Maximize the Environmental Sustainability of Our Work and Rapidly Reduce Our Greenhouse Gas Emissions**

ASB-HAITI will create a sustainability team to lead actions related to climate/environmental topics and follow up on implementation of climate related actions including internal policy adaptation by the end of October 2025.

ASB-HAITI will strengthen knowledge and capacity of its staff members on environmental issues and practical actions needed by the end of March 2026 and beyond.

ASB-HAITI will prioritize suppliers with sustainable and responsible waste management practices to do business by aligning its operations with environmental and social responsibility, fostering goodwill and contributing to a cleaner and more sustainable future by the beginning of 2026.

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

ASB-HAITI will integrate a community-led approach into all operational plans, policies and procedures related to climate adaptation actions from the beginning of 2026.

ASB-HAITI will organize training sessions on climate charter and environmental education for its partners and local actors to build their response capacity by December 2025.

ASB-HAITI will integrate community based- climate and environmental action planning activities in most of its projects and programs to ensure communities are supported to undertake climate and environmental actions from June 2026.

**Commitment 4: Increase Our Capacity to Understand Climate and Environmental Risks and Develop Evidence-Based Solutions**

In the context of its country program, ASB-HAITI will identify the main climate and environmental risks and integrate climate and environmental risk attenuation by the beginning of 2027.

By the beginning of 2026, ASB-HAITI will implement xeriscaping method which focuses on using drought-tolerant plants and minimizing turf grass areas that require high water input to contribute to both environmental sustainability and property values.

**Commitment 5: Work Collaboratively Across the Humanitarian Sector and Beyond to Strengthen Climate and Environmental Action**

ASB-HAITI will organize national and regional forums and knowledge sharing activities with different actors to debate climate and environmental topics, capitalize on experiences and develop future adaptation measures by December 2025.

**Commitment 6: Use our Influence on Mobilize Urgent and More Ambitious Climate Action and Environmental Protection**

ASB-HAITI will advocate climate and environmental action fundings towards donors and mobilize private funding to implement eco-friendly climate activities while encouraging local partners and authorities to adapt their actions to climate and environmental sustainability from the beginning of 2027.