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THE CLIMATE AND ENVIRONMENT CHARTER FOR HUMANITARIAN ORGANIZATIONS

TARGET PROGRESS REPORT

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ASB-Haiti has achieved notable results from July 2025 to June 2026 concerning its Climate and Environment Charter targets. However, some targets remain unmet due to funding issues and the country's socio-political and security context. Despite these challenges, ASB-Haiti has successfully undertaken various initiatives and accomplishments.

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

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

Since the establishment of the targets, progress on commitment 1, targets one and two has been achieved by ASB-Haiti, which developed an agroforestry project benefiting 1,100 heads of household. Key factors considered include soil health, biodiversity, water management, and prioritization of native species for ecosystem resilience. Integrated pest management strategies were employed to ensure crop health without harmful chemicals. Training for farmers focused on local climatic conditions to aid in plant selection and resource optimization, fostering beneficial insect populations and establishing polycultures for improved yields and sustainability.

Target: 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.

From July 2025 to June 2026, ASB-Haiti implemented seven Public Awareness Campaigns in five municipalities in southern Haiti. The campaigns aimed to educate communities on climate adaptation measures, covering topics like climate change mitigation, sustainable practices, biodiversity conservation, water resource management, disaster preparedness, and community resilience, to promote environmentally friendly practices and adaptation to climatic changes.

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

Target: 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 has established a sustainability team of five staff members to address climate and environmental issues. The team has initiated several actions, including greening two ASB-Haiti offices, providing training for 15 individuals from various local organizations, and assisting a local partner in creating a climate-sensitive action plan.

Target: 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 has trained staff on various sustainability topics including climate change, biodiversity loss, pollution, waste management, and sustainable practices. The sustainability team

encourages actions like reducing carbon footprints, recycling, conserving water, and involving personnel in local conservation efforts as part of climate adaptation.

Target: 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.

ASB Haiti is raising awareness among its suppliers about adopting sustainable practices in their operations. The organization is also exploring new partnerships with eco-friendly businesses. In addition, ASB Haiti is updating its procurement policy to mandate suppliers' commitment to sustainability, with implementation planned for 2027.

Commitment 3: Embrace the leadership of local actors and communities

Target: 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.

In the context of the Climate and Environmental Charter, ASB-Haiti has trained 9 local government, civil society and local organization members on topics including climate change impacts, sustainability, resource management, biodiversity conservation, renewable energy, public policy advocacy, environmental ethics, and community engagement. Additionally, 85 community members received training focused on climate charters and environmental education, covering climate change, biodiversity, pollution, conservation, and human-environment relationships with an emphasis on interactive learning and community engagement.

Target: 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.

ASB-Haiti assisted two community structures in creating Community Climate and Environment Action Plans aimed at climate adaptation and environmental protection over five years. These plans seek to mitigate climate change impacts, enhance community resilience, and promote sustainable practices, while engaging community members in environmental stewardship and integrating eco-friendly strategies into local governance.

Target: 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

This target will be implemented in 2027 as part of the organization's updated strategic plan. It aims to adopt a community-led approach to ensure community ownership and participation for sustainable outcomes.

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

Target: 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 2026.

This initiative is planned for implementation by 2027, barring any time constraints that may delay the process.

Target: 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.

The organization plans to implement this approach in the context of its agroecological interventions **in 2027**. ASB Haiti has scheduled an agricultural component in a project starting in 2027 that will adopt xeriscaping.

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

Target: 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.

ASB-Haiti organized two thematic forums focused on environmental education, water management, and climate resilience, featuring expert presentations and group discussions that addressed climate and environmental issues, proposing adaptive alternatives. Another forum is scheduled for August 21, 2026, to continue addressing these topics with stakeholders.

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

Target: 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.

ASB Haiti aims to fully integrate climate-sensitive actions into its strategic plan by 2027, enhancing institutional support for funding initiatives that address climate change vulnerabilities. The approach includes bolstering resilience through infrastructure improvements, sustainable agriculture, and disaster preparedness, alongside lobbying campaigns to raise awareness and secure resources for sustainable development and environmental protection in Haiti.