

ASAL Youth Development Association

(Building Resilience, Changing Lives).



Organizational Profile:

ASAL Youth Development Association (Known as ASAL), established in 2001, and is a legally registered as non-profit and non-governmental organization dedicated to enhancing climate resilience and socio-economic empowerment of vulnerable communities in Somaliland, including pastoralists, agropastoral, IDPs, women, and marginalized groups through providing timely humanitarian assistance, community-driven programs and advocacy. ASAL specializes and implements community-driven, rights-based humanitarian and development programs across thematic areas: Food security and livelihoods, Education and capacity building, Health and WASH, Youth and Women empowerment, Governance, Human Rights, and Protection.

ASAL's Core Strengths:

ASAL's extensive experience in implementing humanitarian programs, combined with deep community engagement and technical expertise, has enabled the organization to form successful partnerships with key humanitarian actors, including WFP, UNHCR, ForumCiv, and others. ASAL is also active leadership in various National Sector/ or Sub-sector Clusters, and is a Co-chair of the Cash Working Group, and plays an active role in CCCM, Food Security, Environment and Protection clusters, demonstrating its leadership in humanitarian coordination in Somaliland. The below summary is the ASAL's technical expertise and currently humanitarian interventions in to date;

- **WFP Food Security Program (from 2018 - present)** by provided timely cash-based food assistance to refugees, asylum seekers, returnees and host communities in Somaliland in collaboration with UNHCR and WFP.
- **Governance, human rights and Legal Aid** for IDPs and host communities in Somaliland (2011–present): ASAL assisted over 420+ IDPs, addressing GBV cases, forced eviction advocacy, and human rights protection under ForumCiv funded program.
- **Disaster Responses** by implemented drought relief responses in Somaliland, delivering safe water, emergency food and risk reduction measures during disasters.
- **Women & Youth Empowerment** by established women-led savings groups and SHGs in IDP settlements, providing financial literacy, seed capital, and mentorship.
- **Livelihoods and Economic Enhancement** by provided youth and women on life skills and vocational training courses (tailoring, cooking, carpentry and business skills).
- **Governance & Human Rights promotion** by engaged civil society, women, and youth in policy advocacy to strengthen governance.

Overview of ASAL's Climate Commitments:

As a local humanitarian and development organization, **ASAL is committed and formally signed in advancing the seven climate charters** and integrates their objectives across ASAL's humanitarian interventions, and linking with its core programming areas (food security & livelihoods, education & capacity building, Youth & Women empowerment, WASH, Governance, Human rights & Protection). Through integrated activities, combined with effective grassroots engagement, strong partnerships and good collaborative networks, ASAL will significantly lead and contribute promoting climate justice, community resilience, and sustainable development projects in Somaliland.

These commitments are streamlined to enhance measurability and impact tracking, while ensuring alignment with ASAL's thematic priorities and the seven climate charters. Therefore, the following is ASAL's comprehensive **Climate Commitments Plan**, outlining targets and key actions under each charter for the period of 2025 - 2030. This includes;

1) **Charter Commitment 1: Enhance emergency humanitarian response by prioritizing community actions and empowerment that build resilience against climate and environmental crises.**

Targets and Key Actions (2025 – 2030):

- **Improve Security Access:** Deliver monthly in-kind food assistance to **45,560** climate-affected individuals (70% women), and ensure achieving 100% minimum food consumption scores (FCS) by the end of 2025.
- **Nutrition and Hygiene Awareness:** conduct monthly awareness sessions for **7,600+** households, aimed to reduce child and maternal malnutrition by 15% by end of 2026.
- **Community-led Needs Assessment:** Facilitate annual participatory consultations (e.g., FGDs) with at least **900+** residents (50% women) to align emergency responses with community priorities by the end of 2030.
- **Inclusive Targeting:** implement community-based targeting (CBT) approach for at least 7,600 households (70% women), to ensure transparency in beneficiary selection and aid distributions by the end of 2025.
- **Feedback and Accountability Mechanisms:** Set-up activate help desks, grievance redress mechanisms (GRM) and suggestion boxes to collect and record over 1,300+ community inputs/feedbacks (70% women) for improvement of emergency responses by 2026.
- **Volunteer Engagement:** Mobilize and train 210 community-based volunteers (60% women) to support assistance distribution, monitoring and risk reduction during emergency situation by 2030.

2) Charter Commitment 2: Strengthen our organization's capacity to develop and implement environmentally sustainable programming.

Targets and Key Actions (2025 – 2030):

- **Green Office Policy:** Develop and implement a green office policy (paperless systems & energy-saving protocols) across ASAL offices by end of 2026.
- **Staff Training:** Train 50 ASAL staff members (80% of them) in green logistics, environmental impact assessment and climate resilience programming by end of 2030.
- **Solar Energy Transition:** Equip 70% of ASAL offices (including field offices) with solar energy system and 3R practices (Reduce, Reuse & Recycle) by end of 2030.
- **Environmental Screening:** Conduct annual NEAT+ assessments to 100% of ASAL's projects to ensure they meet environmental sustainability standard from 2026 onward.
- **Right-Based and Inclusive Programming:** Conduct annual outreach consultation sessions, engaging 900+ community participants (50% women) to foster sustainability dialogues and activities for the period of (2025–2030).

3) Charter Commitment 3: Promote local capacities to engage in climate action and create sustainable livelihood opportunities for vulnerable communities, particularly youth and women.

Targets and Key Actions (2025 – 2030):

- **Climate-Smart Agriculture (CSA):** Train 150+ agropastoral households/year (50% women) in CSA and sustainable livestock practices from 2025 - 2026.
- **Green TVET Expansion:** Introduce and offer green skills and eco-enterprise trainings at ASAL's TVET centre for 100 youth/women annually from 2026 - 2027.
- **Community-Based Disaster Committees:** Establish and train 10 local DRM committees (100 members, 50% women) in climate early warning and disasters mitigation by end of 2030.
- **Women-Led Financial Resilience:** Mobilize and train 10 women-led savings and loans groups (VLSA & SHG groups) with 15–20 members each, promoting financial inclusion of marginalized groups by end of 2030.
- **Peace-building and Climate Dialogues:** Host quarterly community-led forums with 1,200+ participants (50% women) in fostering climate resilience, gender, and social cohesion over 5 years from 2026 - 2030.

4) Charter Commitment 4: Strengthen our capacity to understand climate and environmental risk analysis and develop evidence-based solutions.

Targets and Key Actions (2025 – 2030):

- **Internal Capacity Building:** Equip 15 ASAL team members with climate risk analysis skills and adaptation programming by end of 2027.
- **Community Awareness:** Conduct outreach sessions for 120,000+ individuals (50% women) on climate risks, WASH, protection, and food security adaptation practices for the period of 2025 - 2030.
- **Climate Vulnerability Mapping:** Publish annual climate vulnerability maps (Approx. 10 maps) for high-risk areas in Somaliland to inform future response programming from 2026 - 2030.
- **Mainstreaming Climate Charters:** Integrate climate goals and actions across all ASAL's core strategy, program designs and implementation frameworks by end of 2028.
- **Environmental Safeguarding Standards:** Implement "Do No Harm" principles and social equity lenses into all ASAL's programmatic operations by end of 2030.

5) Charter Commitment 5: Strengthen partnerships to address climate and environmental challenges by building collaborations to amplify climate action efforts and resources.

Targets and Key Actions (2025 – 2030):

- **Climate Champions:** Establish and train 120 community-based members on climate adaptation practices and advocacy champions by end of 2029.
- **ASAL's Climate Resource Mobilization:** Develop and submit at least 5+ climate resilience project proposals and fundraising concept notes to INGOs, UN agencies, donors and climate financing institutions by end of 2030.
- **Grassroots Engagement:** Facilitate biannual community-led dialogues with local authorities (engage at least 60 people/session, 50% women) to discuss local disasters, promote ownerships and community resilience by the end of 2030.
- Develop and disseminate annual press releases to amplify climate-related efforts, local voices and resources (Approx. 10 statements) for the period of 2026 - 2030.
- **Multi-Level Stakeholders Interactive Forums:** Host annual partnership and advocacy meetings among **180+** Actors/year including government, humanitarian actors and private sector representatives to foster local collaborations and build strong Alliances to support climate actions by end of 2030.
- **Safeguarding and Core Humanitarian Standards:** Uphold compliance of core humanitarian principles, and enforcing PSEA, child protection, conflict sensitivity and

establish robust feedback system across all ASAL's partnership activities to protect vulnerable population affected by climate change by the end of 2030.

6) Charter Commitment 6: Be an influential voice supporting well-targeted aid and policy change to bring about climate justice.

Targets and Key Actions (2025 – 2030):

- **Global and Local Climate Summits:** Represent ASAL and actively participates both National/ International and Global climate-related conferences (At least 10-15+ events) to champion and amplify the voices of Somaliland population affected by climate change from 2026–2030.
- **Multi-Sectoral Clusters Coordination:** Engage several multi-stakeholders coordination platforms by integrating a climate lens into 5 National Cluster's Forums including Food Security, Environment, WASH, CCCM and Protection cluster by the end of 2030.
- **Policy Change Discussion:** Conduct consultative meetings (one meeting/year) with Ministry of Environmental and Climate Change, and Legislative organs to provide policy change recommendations to bring about climate justice by end of 2025.
- **Youth Engagement in Climate Actions:** Mobilize 20 Youth Activists (As Voluntary Movements), and provide advocacy skills training to influence climate-related actions at grassroots and policy levels by the end of 2030.
- Print and distribute various Articles and IEC materials that contains climate-related information and promote slogans about climate change (Leaflets, Brochures, Stickers & Banners) by the end of 2030.

7) Charter Commitment 7: Develop targets and measure our progress as we implement our commitments through Measure Progress and Impact of Climate Commitments.

Targets and Key Actions (2025 – 2030):

- **Monitoring and Evaluation System:** Establish a climate-specific M&E framework and set of indicators to track climate outcomes by end of 2025.
- **Annual Progress Reporting:** Produce comprehensive annual climate action reports (starting 2026), highlighting results, challenges, and recommendations.
- **Accountability Dashboard:** Develop a digital climate accountability dashboard by end of 2026 for public and partner transparency.
- **External Reviews:** Conduct mid-term review in (2027) and final in (2030) to assess the progress of climate commitment plan.