



STATEMENT BY SIGNATORIES OF THE CLIMATE AND ENVIRONMENT CHARTER FOR HUMANITARIAN ORGANIZATIONS AHEAD OF COP30

As we prepare for the [30th Conference of the Parties](#) (COP30) in Belém, Brazil, the nearly [500 signatories](#) to the [Climate and Environment Charter for Humanitarian Organizations](#) reaffirm our commitment to address the escalating impacts of climate change on vulnerable communities – especially those in conflict, fragile, and protracted crisis settings.

Intensifying floods, cyclones, droughts, and extreme heatwaves – as well as slow-onset climate events – are compounding insecurity and driving displacement, food and water shortages, and loss of livelihoods around the world. These impacts are disproportionately affecting women, children and youth, older people, people with disabilities, Indigenous peoples, LGBTQI+ individuals, migrants, refugees, and other marginalized groups. With many pushed beyond their capacity to recover, leaving many in desperate situations, including being displaced multiple times, and for some, with options of no-return - **the climate crisis is also a humanitarian crisis.**

We are encouraged to see that there are opportunities through the [One Global Climate Action Agenda](#), (especially under 3, 4, 5 and cross-cutting pillars), to mobilize voluntary climate action from state and non-state actors to address the impacts of climate change on most vulnerable communities. However, despite 5 years of progress in linking relief, recovery, and peace in COP discussions, the humanitarian impacts of climate change, including loss and damage, lack a dedicated thematic focus in this year's COP agenda.

This comes at a time when the humanitarian sector faces profound challenges – caused by sudden reductions in funding, rising needs and compounding crises. In this new reality, people in need of humanitarian assistance – including many communities most affected by climate change – face reduced funding and limited resources to enable their participation in critical advocacy discussions.

We must ensure that impacted communities are included in decision-making processes at COP30 and that climate policies and financing mechanisms reflect *and prioritise* their needs. As reflected in the [2025 Advocacy Priorities](#) of Charter Signatories, we call on all stakeholders to:¹

¹ The [Charter Secretariat](#) is compiling and sharing information relevant to the humanitarian sector before, during, and after COP30 on the Charter website. Please send key messages, policy reports, or calls to action for dissemination amongst Charter Signatories to secretariat@climate-charter.org

- **Keep Frontlines First** by centering perspectives of communities most impacted by the crisis, as well as vulnerable and conflict-affected communities, in COP30 planning, outcomes, and implementation.
- **Integrate humanitarian and conflict-sensitive approaches** across Nationally Determined Contributions (NDCs), National Adaptation Plans (NAPs), and relevant frameworks to ensure inclusive, peace-positive climate action.
- **Redouble efforts to avert and minimize** the impacts of climate change and get back on track to 1.5C by including ambitious commitments in Nationally Determined Contributions (NDCs) to drastically reduce greenhouse gas emissions and advancing strong mitigation actions, including ending fossil fuel expansion and foster a just economic transition
- **Prioritize, scale and simplify access to adaptation and Loss and Damage finance for frontline communities**, including those in conflict-affected contexts, through flexible, risk-tolerant mechanisms available for crisis-affected communities and diverse local and national actors. This requires ensuring these communities and actors are part of the decision making and that COP30 delivers a new, equitable adaptation finance commitment prioritizing the most vulnerable.
- **Rapidly scale-up locally led, gender responsive early warning and anticipatory action systems**, ensuring that no one – especially those in fragile and conflict-affected settings – is left behind.

Responding effectively to the climate crises will require us to strengthen cooperation between climate, humanitarian, development, and peace sectors. The UNFCCC COPs are a key opportunity to advance this agenda. The humanitarian sector is already acting to address this existential challenge, and we call for continued engagement of our partners across all sectors to deliver on our shared commitments.

Signed,

The Signatories of the Climate and Environment Charter for Humanitarian Organizations

The Climate and Environment Charter, signed by almost 500 signatories, brings the breadth of perspectives and experiences ranging from community-based, local, national, regional and international non-government organizations (NGOs), Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement and National Societies, United Nations agencies, academia and think tanks working in 145 countries.

