

CLIMATE CHANGE – A GLOBAL CRISIS - UNFAIR CONSEQUENCES

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**Climate change affects us all – but hits people in the
Global South the hardest**



“I’m Gaby Moubassat. For 2 years, I have been responsible for climate change and climate crisis issues at the German Red Cross (GRC).”

Extreme weather events such as drought, flood, and heat or cold wave disproportionately affect at risk populations in some countries with low resilience.

The consequences: destroyed infrastructure, water and food shortages, disease outbreaks, sickness and sometimes death and displacement.

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Act strategically today for a better tomorrow

How the GRC is responding strategically to the climate crisis

Four answers that we as the German Red Cross want to give on how to respond to the climate crisis because the climate crisis is changing the way we need to provide support. Four key questions guide our strategic response:

1.

Ensure relevance –

How can we remain effective supporters in increasingly complex environments?

2.

Strengthen funding –

How can we stabilize and diversify our resources?

3.

Build climate competence –

How do we prepare for our role in tackling the climate crisis?

4.

Leverage digitalization –

How can digital tools strengthen our mission and impact?



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Climate Justice is a Human Right

**We stand for climate justice – because vulnerable people have
the right to special protection**

- **The climate crisis is a driver of social injustice.**
- **Humanitarian action must also address climate justice.**

People in the global south contribute very little to the climate crisis yet suffer particularly severely from its consequences. Women, children, older people, and people with disabilities are especially vulnerable. We must work to achieve climate justice, because not everyone is affected equally.

*„Es ist nicht gerecht – auf der Suche nach
Wasser sind viele von uns gezwungen ihre
Häuser zu verlassen.“ “It’s not fair – in
search of water, many of us are forced to
leave our homes.”*



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Climate Resilience – A Humanitarian Imperative

Strengthening climate resilience – for a more just future

The GRC integrates climate adaptation as a cross-cutting priority. We help to strengthen communities through disaster preparedness, early warning systems, healthcare, and access to water and sanitation.

With our partners we focus on the following :

- Community-based climate risk assessments
- Access to climate-resilient health and WASH services
- Income diversification
- Nature-based solutions
- Anticipatory action based on impact-based forecasts
- Evacuation and emergency plans
- Use of environmental assessment tools



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What does “Climate-Smart” mean for the Red Cross–Red Crescent (RCRC) network?

“Climate-smart” – acting wisely for people and the planet



Being “climate-smart” means: taking climate change seriously, preparing for hazards like drought, heatwave, and flood, acting with foresight, sustainability, and protection in mind

The RCRC defines “climate-smart” as follows:

The use of climate information across different time horizons—both short-term and long-term—in planning, adapting, and implementing measures to ensure that they contribute to reducing long-term risks and vulnerabilities, including anticipated novel climate-related extreme events.



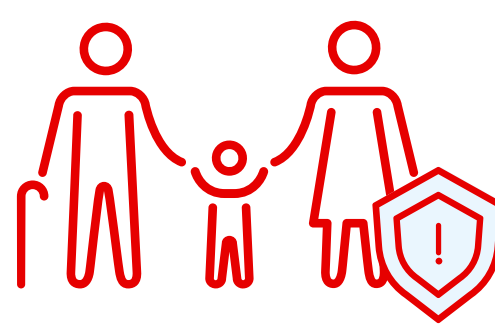
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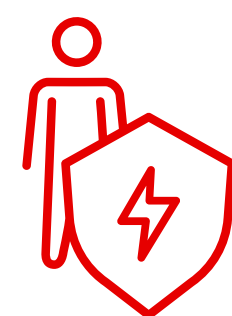
Considering climate risks in all projects



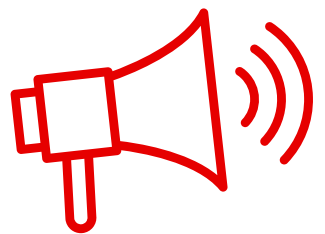
Strengthening Sustainability and Anticipatory Action



Protecting especially vulnerable people



Building resilience



Strengthening early warning systems



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Projects worldwide – supporting a climate-just future

German Red Cross is active in many countries—with local partners and global impact.



Somalia: access to Water, Hygiene & Nutrition

For decades, people in Somalia have faced the consequences of disasters and political instability. The German Red Cross (GRC) supports the Somali Red Crescent Society in the areas of water, sanitation and hygiene, food security, and disaster preparedness.



Madagascar: protection in Informal Settlements

Together with the Malagasy Red Cross, the GRC supports communities particularly at risk from hazards in informal settlements in Madagascar's capital, Antananarivo.



Mozambique: disaster Management & Resilience

In cooperation with the Mozambican Red Cross, the GRC works to strengthen disaster risk management and the resilience of communities.

Pakistan: early Warning & Protective Measures

Through disaster preparedness activities, the GRC and the Pakistan Red Crescent Society help vulnerable people to better protect themselves against climate-related extreme weather events.



Philippines: emergency Relief & Reconstruction

In light of frequent weather-related hazards, the GRC provides rapid emergency relief in the Philippines, supports reconstruction, and helps strengthen disaster preparedness in advance.



Local knowledge meets global responsibility

