

CHANGING CLIMATE AND ENVIRONMENTAL CRISIS

GLOBAL CHALLENGE

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Climate and environmental breakdown is a significant risk facing humanity and is already affecting almost every aspect of our work, including health, shelter, livelihoods and disaster risk reduction.

Climate change cannot be viewed in isolation. Climate risk management - including adaptation and mitigation, and the underlying drivers of vulnerability - must be integrated into all of our programmes and operations – to be 'climate smart'.

We will expand our legislative advocacy, strengthen the Red Cross and Red Crescent Green Response Framework, and strive to reduce our own environmental footprint.



Our focus over the coming decade must be on mitigating the vulnerabilities and disadvantages resulting from all types of crises and disasters for all people, especially the most vulnerable, so that all are able to thrive.

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EVOLVING CRISES AND DISASTERS

Disasters are predicted to increase both in frequency and intensity over the next decade and to become more prolonged. In addition, other forms of risks, conflict and violence have increased since 2010, across multiple domains, particularly in the urban and digital spheres.

As a global network, we will work in a much more integrated and systemic way. We will become better and anticipating and managing risks, investing more into innovation and experimentation and predictive financing, to ensure, our responses are more efficient and effective.

We will support a leading role for people and, communities in preparedness and response efforts. We will continually promote approaches that enable positive choices for people such as cash programming. We will focus on ethical and enhanced approaches to local and regional response mechanisms.



EQUITABLE HEALTH

Despite significant global health gains and major medical advances, people continue to face a complex mix of interconnected risks to their health and well-being.

We will increase our work in community health and increase the number of Red Cross and Red Crescent community health workers, as well as supporting National Societies to use their auxiliary role to deploy resources into national health workforce strategies.

We will expand integrated health and care, water, sanitation and hygiene and mental health and well-being programmes in order to meet the unmet needs of vulnerable or marginalised groups, including women.

We will work with partners to ensure that people have access to the health care they need at a price they can afford.



MIGRATION AND IDENTITY

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We want all people who migrate to be safe and to be treated humanely and with dignity. We want all people to have the support they need to thrive in inclusive societies.

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The movement of people, whether voluntary or involuntary, is one of the defining features of the 21st century and significantly affects all aspects of economic and social development.

We will expand our support to migrants at all points along major migratory routes. This also includes scaling up our work to foster and promote inclusion and social cohesion, recognising that these issues are interlinked to the wellbeing and flourishing of all people in home and host communities. We will pay attention to the links between climate change and migration, recognising that millions of people may be forced to migrate in the coming decade if their home regions become uninhabitable.

We will constantly invest in evidence-based approaches to ensure our responses are effective. We will improve how we work across borders, allowing for more connected programmes and information systems between countries, National Societies, and along migration routes.

We will strive to ensure that our programming is reflective of the societies we live in. We will stand up and act to influence a more inclusive world.



We want to protect and promote humanitarian values and principles that encourage a positive, hopeful change for humanity.

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VALUES, POWER AND INCLUSION

Values-based tensions are manifesting in different ways in different places, creating new fault lines within and between countries, regions and communities. These global changes risk creating a more disconnected, less human and less empathetic world.

Expanded humanitarian education programmes will focus on values, promoting the culture of peace and inclusion, as well as improving access for people whose education has been disrupted by war, disaster or displacement.

We will expand our work in diversity and inclusion, to be more intersectional, particularly in our work and support of women, girls and different gender identities. We will work to increase our support and focus of women's leadership across all levels of our organisations, strengthening our gender leadership.

We will expand on initiatives that promote ethical engagement with people and communities, in our relationships, policies and programming, including in our digital engagement approaches.