

# Environmental Policy Statement

At Save the Children we are committed to limiting the environmental impact of our work. Through both individual and collective efforts to change our ways of working, all our people at every level of the organisation play their part in reducing the resources we consume to help mitigate climate change and its adverse impact on children and their communities.

## Policy Principles

- All Save the Children staff and volunteers are accountable for using our resources responsibly for purposes that are both relevant and beneficial to our mission to inspire breakthroughs in the way the world treats children, and to achieve immediate and lasting change in their lives.
- We monitor, and review our environmental performance by measuring the Carbon footprint of our London Headquarters, UK regional offices and charity retail shops each year.
- We monitor and comply with UK and International legislation, regulations and codes of practice on environmental matters relevant to Save the Children's operations.
- We strive to build an environmentally friendly work culture through regular internal communication and stakeholder engagement. We run staff environmental initiatives to minimise the environmental impact of our activities.
- We are proactive in minimising our production of waste and reusing or recycling materials, all our headquarter waste is screened for recycling with 90% being recycled.
- We monitor and minimise the environmental impact of road, rail and air travel by encouraging the use of travel options that minimise environmental impact in addition to exploring new ways of delivering our work sustainably.
- We minimise the consumption and wastage of natural resources as far as reasonably and economically practicable. Our Headquarters has used a renewable energy supplier since 2012.
- We ensure that consideration is given to purchasing environmentally sustainable products and services and develop sustainable supply chains by using suppliers that have environmental standards compatible with our own.
- We have robust procurement procedures and policies in place so that the environment is considered as part of our decision making processes.

Specific objectives on which Save the Children will focus include:

- We commit to minimising the environmental impact of our operations wherever possible, balancing it with necessities to fulfil our mandate, and financial affordability.
- We will measure our carbon footprint annually and publicly report on our progress in our Accountability and Transparency Report.
- We will ensure this policy is adequately communicated and understood.

**This policy statement was approved by Jennifer Geary, Chief Operating Officer, in December 2015 and is due for review in October 2017. Save the Children's Executive Directors are responsible for implementing this policy.**