

USAID Climate Change Strategy: 2022—2030

Strategic Framework

VISION: A resilient, prosperous, and equitable world with net-zero emissions

GOAL: To advance equitable and ambitious actions to confront the climate crisis

SO 1. FACILITATE TARGETED DIRECT ACTION

Accelerate and scale targeted climate actions

IR 1.1 Reduce Emissions

Catalyze urgent emissions reductions (mitigation)

IR 1.2 Build Resilience

Strengthen climate resilience of populations vulnerable to climate impacts (adaptation)

IR 1.3 Mobilize Finance

Increase the flow of and equitable access to finance to support adaptation and mitigation

IR 1.4 Partner with IPLCs

Partner with Indigenous Peoples and local communities to lead climate actions

IR 1.5 Amplify Crucial Voices

Enable and empower women and youth - in all their diversity - to lead climate action

Embedded Principles

Locally-Led Development



Private Sector Engagement



Nature-based Solutions



Equity and Inclusion



Evidence and Innovation



SO 2. DRIVE SYSTEMS CHANGE

Catalyze transformative shifts to net-zero and climate-resilient pathways

IR 2.1 Transform Key Systems

Advance transformation of key systems and essential services to reduce emissions and enhance climate resilience

IR 2.2 Shift Market Signals

Support a transition to resilient, net-zero economies and financial systems

IR 2.3 Improve Governance

Strengthen responsive, transparent governance and citizen engagement for effective climate action

IR 2.4 Work Across Assistance Types

Strengthen the coordination of humanitarian, development, and peacebuilding assistance to address climate impacts

SpO 3. DO OUR PART

Strengthen operations and approaches to programming to address climate change and further climate justice within USAID and our partner organizations

This Strategic Framework relies on Strategic Objectives (SO), Intermediate Results (IR), a Special Objective (SpO), and Embedded Principles to reach the goal and meet the targets of the Strategy

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Strategic Objective #1: Facilitate Targeted Direct Action toward accelerating and scaling climate actions...

How?



- **Reduce Emissions:** Catalyze urgent emissions reductions.
 - Work with partners to reduce emissions from energy, urban areas, transportation, industry, food systems, and land use, including agriculture and deforestation.
- **Build Resilience:** Strengthen climate resilience of populations vulnerable to climate impacts.
 - Help people, communities, and countries anticipate, prepare for, and adapt to current and future climate impacts while fostering human dignity and hope.
- **Mobilize Finance:** Increase the flow of and equitable access to finance to support adaptation and mitigation.
 - Focus on inclusive climate finance to deliver significant emissions reductions while increasing economic productivity, creating decent jobs, and improving quality of life.
- **Partner with IPLCs:** Partner with Indigenous Peoples and local communities to lead climate action.
 - Indigenous Peoples and local communities own or manage more than a quarter of the world's lands and the lands that IPLCs manage are highly effective at sequestering emissions. While IPLCs' relationships with the environment are profoundly affected by climate change, they are frequently excluded from climate decision-making processes.
- **Amplify Crucial Voices:** Enable and empower women and youth, in all their diversity, to lead climate actions.
 - Women and youth constitute 75% of the world's population and are leading many of the most influential climate movements around the world. A successful approach to climate programming should recognize women and youth as leaders with knowledge and skills vital to addressing the climate crisis.

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Strategic Objective #2: Drive Systems Change through transformative shifts to net-zero and climate-resilient pathways...

How?



- **Transform Key Systems:** Advance transformation of key systems and essential services to reduce emissions and enhance climate resilience.
- **Shift Market Signals:** Support a transition to climate-resilient, net-zero economies and financial systems.
- **Improve Governance:** Strengthen responsive, transparent governance and citizen engagement for effective climate action.
- **Work Across Assistance Types:** Strengthen the coordination of humanitarian, development, and peacebuilding assistance to address climate impacts

Special Objective: Doing our Part by strengthening operations and approaches to programming to address climate change and further climate justice within USAID and their partner organizations.

How?

USAID commits to...



- **Reducing operational emissions** worldwide through increasing the energy efficiency of their infrastructure, vehicle fleet, information technology, and staff travel.
- **Integrating climate resilience/mitigation** more robustly in their program cycle through an expansion of the Climate Risk Management (CRM)10 process.
- **Strengthening the diversity, equity, inclusion, and accessibility** of the climate workforce.
- **Updating and strengthening their social safeguard policies.**

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