

# Climate Change Policy for Yeryüzü Çocukları Association



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## I. Introduction

The Children of the Earth Association recognizes the profound impact of climate change on our planet, ecosystems, and societies. As an organization dedicated to creating comprehensive solutions and advocating for the well-being of children, we are committed to addressing and mitigating the effects of climate change through our activities, programs, and advocacy efforts. This policy outlines our approach to integrating climate change considerations into all aspects of our work.

## II. Purpose

- Reducing Carbon Footprint: Minimize greenhouse gas emissions associated with our operations.
- Promoting Sustainability: Encourage sustainable practices within our organization and among our stakeholders.
- Advocating for Climate Action: Support policies and initiatives that address climate change at local, national, and global levels.
- Enhancing Resilience: Strengthen communities' capacity to adapt to the impacts of climate change.

## III. Policy Principle

### 1. Organizational Operations

- Energy Efficiency: We implement energy-saving practices in our offices, including the use of energy-efficient lighting and appliances.

- Sustainable Procurement: We prioritize the purchase of environmentally friendly and sustainable products and services.
- Waste Reduction: We promote waste reduction, recycling, and composting programs within our organization. We minimize single-use plastics and encourage the use of reusable materials.
- Travel and Transportation: To reduce the carbon footprint associated with travel, we promote the use of public transportation, carpooling, and virtual meetings. When travel is necessary, we consider the most efficient options.

## **2. Programmatic Activities**

- Climate-Smart Programs: We integrate climate change mitigation and adaptation strategies into our programs and projects, ensuring that our initiatives do not exacerbate climate risks.
- Community Engagement: We work with project beneficiaries to raise awareness about climate change and to promote practices that reduce vulnerability and enhance resilience.
- Environmental Education: We include climate change education in our outreach and educational programs to inform and empower individuals and children to take action.

## **3. Monitoring and Reporting**

- Performance Tracking: We regularly monitor and report our progress in implementing this climate change policy.
- Reporting: We communicate our efforts and results to the public and stakeholders through social media, and to donors through regular reports.

## **Implementation and Review**

- Responsibilities: A designated team member is responsible for overseeing the implementation of this policy, ensuring that all staff are aware of and comply with it.

Training and Capacity Building: We provide staff, volunteers, and partners with training and resources to enhance their understanding and capacity to address climate change.

Continuous Improvement: We regularly review and update this policy to reflect new knowledge, technologies, and best practices related to climate change mitigation and adaptation.

## IV. Conclusion

The Children of the Earth Association is committed to taking meaningful steps in the fight against climate change. Through this policy, we aim to integrate climate considerations into all aspects of our work, reduce our environmental impact, and contribute to a sustainable and resilient future for all.

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