

FHI 360 COMMITMENT STATEMENT ON DECARBONIZING THE U.S. HEALTH SECTOR

FHI 360 is an international nonprofit working to improve the health and well-being of people in the United States and around the world. We partner with governments, the private sector and civil society to bring about positive social change and to provide lifesaving health care, quality education, and opportunities for meaningful economic participation. We do this by using research and evidence to design and deliver innovative programs that change behaviors, increase access to services, and improve lives. FHI 360 brings multisectoral expertise to design, deliver, evaluate and scale solutions to environmental and climate change challenges.

FHI 360 is committed to using its expertise in social marketing and communication, curriculum development, health professional education, and research and evaluation to support efforts to decarbonize the U.S. health sector, which accounts for an estimated 8.5 percent of U.S. greenhouse gas emissions. We support health care facilities globally to reduce their carbon footprint through converting to renewable energy alternatives, green procurement practices and adoption of non-burn disposal technologies. For example, in the Philippines and Vietnam, we are promoting cross-sector collaboration to bring together health and environment professionals to discuss the climate–health nexus and climate-smart health care systems. In Cambodia, our team is working on a pre-service education curriculum for nurses that incorporates climate change impact. In rural Nigeria, we brought energy to rural health facilities with solar power units and biometric capture equipment.

As a signatory to the InterAction NGO Climate Compact, FHI 360 is committed to taking the following actions:

- Improve understanding among our donors, vendors and staff of the major contributors to, and the challenges and impacts of, climate change, environmental degradation and loss of biodiversity and how they connect to climate-resilient health systems and development and humanitarian issues.
- Advocate for public policies that support adaptation to and mitigation of climate change as priorities across our areas of influence locally, nationally and internationally.
- Involve affected communities and the local institutions that serve them in all stages of our climate change programs.
- Strengthen our organization’s technical expertise in the existing approaches, tools and processes to run climate-aware, environmentally sustainable programs.
- Mainstream and integrate climate and environmental safeguards into all stages of our programs to reduce our emissions and any environmental degradation

resulting from our work; in the process, maximize the resilience and adaptation of affected communities.

- Assess the major categories and sources of greenhouse gas emissions, water usage and waste at our organization's headquarters, country offices and field offices, using tools based on the Greenhouse Gas (GHG) Protocol international standards.
- Develop, based on that assessment, a carbon reduction plan that sets us on the path to achieving Net Zero.