Key Focus Areas

To advance climate-resilient health, WHO works in three key focus areas:

1. Addressing the wide range of health impacts of climate change

2. Strengthening the climate resilience and environmental sustainability of health systems and facilities

3. Promoting the health co-benefits of climate change mitigation in other sectors
Health Care’s Climate Footprint

• 4.4% of World’s GHG emissions are from the Health care sector

• Emissions equal to over 500 coal gas fired thermal power plants

• Over 70% of the global climate footprint is from Supply chain procurement
Climate resilience and environmental sustainability in health care facilities
Climate-resilient health systems

Delivering a ‘Net Zero’ National Health Service

Health Leadership in Emissions Reduction

Promoting healthy NDCs

Mobilizing health voices for climate action

COP26

Health Programme
COP26 Health Commitments
COP26 Health Initiatives and Alliance on Transformative Action on Climate and Health (ATACH)

Countries commit to:

• Conduct climate change and health vulnerability and adaptation assessments (V&As) at population and/or HCF level;

• Develop a Health National Adaptation Plan (HNAP) informed by the V&A;

• Use the V&A and HNAP to facilitate health access to climate change funding;

• High ambition/high emitters: Commitment to set a target date by which to achieve health system net zero emissions (ideally by 2050).

• All countries: Commitment to deliver a baseline assessment of GHG emissions of the health system (including supply chains)

• All countries: Commitment to develop an action plan or roadmap by a set date to develop a sustainable low carbon health system.
Alliance for Transformative Action on Climate and Health (ATACH)

Objectives: support countries to make, and deliver on, ambitious commitments for climate resilience and health sector decarbonization; through advocacy, technical support, knowledge sharing, monitoring and access to financing.

Operating mechanisms:
• Participants: Countries, development agencies, technical experts and academia, UN Agencies, MDBs, NGOs
• 4 working groups:
  • Climate Resilience
  • Decarbonization
  • Finance
  • Supply-chains
Implementation of COP26 Health Commitments

Operating mechanisms:
- **WHO as Secretariat** of the ATACH
- Co-convened by the UNFCCC COP Presidencies – UK and Egypt
- Co-chairs for each WG
- **Steering Group** – WHO Represented by HQ and 2 ROs on a rotating basis. Rest of ROs participate as observers.

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