

Environmental Protection Policy

The Hunger Project recognizes that solutions must be sustainable locally, socially, economically, and environmentally to create a world without hunger.

Policy Statement

The Hunger Project is committed to promoting environmental sustainability, sustainable development, conservation, regeneration, and climate adaptation and resilience, and mitigating and minimizing the environmental impact of our programs and operations. The Hunger Project recognizes the connection between poverty, gender, health, nutrition, economic growth and the environment, and is therefore committed to protecting and restoring the environment as part of its work to create a world without hunger.

Key Commitments

1. Our efforts are grounded in international environmental agreements, such as the Rio Declaration on the Environment and Development, the Paris Agreement of the UN Framework Convention on Climate Change, and the Sustainable Development Goals.
2. We are committed to integrating sustainable practices into our operations and programs. This includes, where possible, prioritizing the use of renewable resources, minimizing energy consumption and emissions, and minimizing waste generation. Any emissions offsetting should not be used as a substitute to limiting emissions, and should be undertaken responsibly, in accordance with The Hunger Project's core values and commitments per this policy.

Note: In order to comply with any provision of national laws/regulations or specific funding agreement that go beyond THP's global policies, when needed, The Hunger Project may develop additional local policies or procedures to meet those requirements. In no circumstances will additional local policies or procedures serve to weaken or contradict this global policy. When such additional policies/procedures are required, they will be developed in consultation with the Global Office. If this policy contravenes national laws/regulations, the respective country's law/regulations will take precedence in alignment with the spirit of the global policy.

3. We are committed to complying with relevant national environmental and sustainable development laws and regulations in the countries where we operate.
4. As stated in our Agriculture Policy, The Hunger Project is committed to minimize negative impacts on the environment, rebuild ecological integrity and increase biodiversity. We strive to achieve this by adopting environmentally sound technologies (including context-appropriate, climate-smart agriculture); fostering responsible crop production approaches; and promoting landscape restoration, watershed management and livestock management to ensure the sustainable use of resources. As required, environmental assessments will take place prior to the launch of projects as will ongoing monitoring to ensure programs minimize impact to the environment.
5. We facilitate the integration of local, traditional and Indigenous knowledge and practices, and locally led climate action in the communities where we work.
6. We are committed to raising awareness about the intersection of environmental sustainability, conservation, gender, food system, and security in local communities and national and internal forums. Through education for sustainable development and outreach programs, we aim to empower individuals and communities to take action to address environmental issues and build resilient food systems.
7. Per our Gift Acceptance Policy, THP welcomes funding partnerships with individuals, agencies, and corporations when they share our commitment to meeting the highest standards of global citizenship regarding the environment, labor standards, human rights, and good governance/financial integrity, as demonstrated by adherence to the standards of the UN Global Compact and Extractive Industry Transparency Initiative (EITI), where relevant.
8. We acknowledge that this is a journey of continual improvement. We will routinely assess (at a minimum of every three years) and strengthen our practices to ensure our actions align with our commitments.

Review

The Global Board will review this policy every three years and update it as needed.