

Review history

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ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY

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1. DOCUMENT DATE AND REVIEW SCHEDULE

- 1.1 This document has been approved by the Audit and Risk Committee on 6th April 2022.
- 1.2 This policy will be reviewed every three years by the Executive Team, or when there are changes in legislation or as requested by a UNICEF UK governance committee, whichever is the sooner.

2 RESPONSIBILITIES

- 2.1 The ownership and therefore responsibility for updating and approval of this policy is assigned to the Chief Financial Officer
- 2.2 The responsibility for ensuring compliance with this policy rests with all workers contracted, acting on behalf of, or employed by UNICEF UK.

3 PURPOSE OF THIS DOCUMENT

- 3.1 The purpose of this Environmental Policy and any referenced accompanying guidance or policies, is to:
 - 3.1.1 Recognise UNICEF UK's environmental footprint and our commitment to identify and manage all significant environmental aspects relating to our activities
 - 3.1.2 Recognise UNICEF UKs commitment to reducing the environmental impact of our operations in accordance with the ISO14001:2015 Environmental Standard.
 - 3.1.3 Provide a framework for setting environmental objectives and targets
 - 3.1.4 Undertake necessary measures as an organisation to help secure a sustainable future for children.

4 SCOPE

- 4.1 This policy is applicable to all activities undertaken by UNICEF UK.

5 OUR COMMITMENTS

- 5.1 There are four main pillars of our environmental policy:

Environmental Direct measures we are taking to reduce the organisations' environmental impact.

Procurement: Positive engagement with suppliers and fundraising partners to be more sustainable and committed to reducing their environmental impact.

Advocacy: Build support among UK policymakers, political stakeholders and the general public for actions and policies to protect children's rights to grow up in a clean, healthy and sustainable climate and environment.

Partnerships: Work with UNICEF to fundraise for programmes that build resilience to climate change through climate change adaptation and empower children to be champions for the environment

5.2 To deliver these four pillars, UNICEF UK commit to:

1. The prevention of pollution and reducing our impact on the environment
2. Comply with relevant environmental legislation and other compliance obligations
3. Minimise waste generated by our operations and maximise the reuse and recycling of materials
4. Optimise efficiency in our use of natural resources including energy, water and other resources, through the adoption of best practice
5. Consider the environmental impact of our business travel
6. Seek opportunities to enhance the sustainability of our events
7. Work with our strategic suppliers to measure and reduce the environmental impact of our supply chains, including contractors
8. Raise awareness of environmental issues amongst staff and encourage environmentally positive choices and action
9. Continue to conduct screening of potential funding partners to identify adverse environmental impacts in line with UNICEF global guidance
10. Engage with UNICEF globally and wider stakeholders to help develop environmental best practice across our field of influence
11. With UNICEF, fundraise for programmes that reduce the effects of climate change and environmental degradation and/or support communities and children to be more climate resilient
12. With UNICEF, advocate for Governments to develop and enhance policies that promote climate action and implement programmes that improve the resilience of social services for children
13. The continual improvement of our environmental management system to enhance environmental performance

6 ASSOCIATED UNICEF UK POLICIES

The following policies are congruent with the commitments above.

- UNICEF UK Investments Policy
- UNICEF UK Procurement Policy
- UNICEF UK Screening Operating Procedures
- UNICEF UK Ethics Framework

This environmental policy is made available to all interested parties via our website.

Signed by: 

Date: 18.03.24

Jon Sparkes, UNICEF UK Chief Executive