



# Climate Action Accelerator

## WHO WE ARE

The Climate Action Accelerator, a non-for-profit initiative, aims to mobilise a critical mass of community organisations in order to scale up climate solutions, contain global warming below 2°C and avoid the risk of dangerous runaway climate change.



The aim is to help shift the **aid, health and higher education sectors** towards a radical transformation of their practices, pursuing emissions reduction targets (-50% by 2030) and a 'net zero' trajectory, in line with the Paris Agreement.

## PARTNERS ON BOARD

21 aid organisations have joined the Accelerator and committed to take action: the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC), the Alliance for International Medical Action (ALIMA), Médecins Sans Frontières (Geneva, Paris and Brussels, MSF Logistique & MSF Supply), Groupe URD, the Terre des Hommes Foundation in Lausanne as well as Terre des Hommes Switzerland and Schweiz, Nonviolent Peaceforce, the Geneva Centre for Security Sector Governance (DCAF), Epicentre, the Drugs for Neglected Diseases Initiative (DNDi), the Geneva Centre for Security Policy (GCSP), as well as 5 sub-Saharan national organisations.

The Accelerator has joined the **UNFCCC Race to Zero campaign**, integrating our partner organisations into the global race to a resilient net-zero future.

## OBJECTIVES

### EMPOWER

Empower emblematic organisations to at least halve their emissions by 2030, through a "one-stop-shop" support service

### CHAMPION

Transform them into champions of change within their networks, able to influence their ecosystems

### COMMUNITY

Build a global community of action, sharing climate solutions as a free universal good, in order to scale up their implementation

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# CONTEXT

The latest IPCC report affirms that our dependence on fossil fuels is responsible for the current 1.1°C increase in temperature, which is causing record droughts, wildfires and floods that are affecting communities worldwide. The way to achieve the goal laid out in the Paris Agreement and limit global warming to 1.5°C – 2°C above pre-industrial levels is by halving our emissions by 2030 and reaching net-zero emissions by 2050.

To date, climate action has been primarily driven by a mix of top-down policy efforts on the supply side, bottom-up citizen movements and coalitions of large cities and companies.

There remains a big untapped potential in civil society organisations, hospitals, schools and universities, whose audiences and trend-setting potentials, beyond their contributions to total GHG emissions, have been largely overlooked. We must mobilise these sectors too, and leverage on fast-spreading processes of change to rapidly achieve the scope and scale of the global decarbonisation required.

# KEY ADDED VALUE

## OPERATIONALISING SUPPORT

An expert resource centre, providing science-based targets (in absolute reduction terms), including roadmaps and monitoring.

## REPLICATING COMMITMENTS

Partners benefit from increased public engagement and visibility. Commitment also entails the enrolment and onboarding of others, contributing to a domino effect.

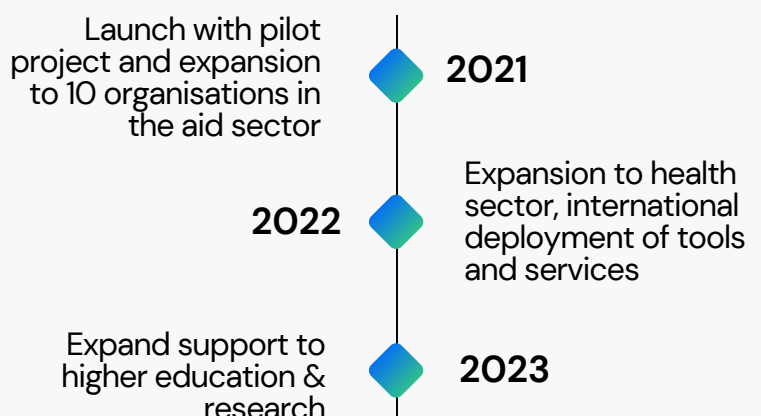
## MULTISECTORAL COMMUNITY

Partners enjoy cross fertilisation of ideas and solutions between mission-focused sectors, inspiring a larger mimetic effect.

## A COMMON GOOD

All our partners benefit from and contribute to an open-source digital platform, sharing climate solutions and experiences.

# IMPLEMENTATION





## OUR FUNDING



## Climate Action Accelerator

The Climate Action Accelerator's funding come from various sources:

- The organisations that join our initiative:
  - They sign three-year partnerships with us that include unearmarked contributions. These help us build catered roadmaps and develop generic solutions.
- International and national institutions:
  - ECHO, AFD – French Development Agency, CDCS – The Crisis and Support Centre of the Ministry for Europe and Foreign Affairs of France, The City of Geneva, The Republic and Canton of Geneva, The Swiss Confederation and the German Federal Foreign Office
- We also seek to build **strategic partnerships** with a few select foundations.

We are seeking additional support for:

- **Our aid strategy:** transversal projects enabling an accelerated transformation of the sector
  - > An emissions measuring and monitoring tool adapted to the sector
  - > A repository of solutions for aid organisations
  - > A generic decarbonisation roadmap for the sector
  - > A database of carbon emissions factors for the aid sector
  - > Building roadmaps for national actors in low and medium income countries
  - > Engaging in strategic dialogue with funders to influence donor policy
  - > Training modules, enabling the transfer of knowledge and experience
- **Our health strategy:**
  - Delivering a climate-resilient and environmentally sustainable hospital in a low-income country context

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