



Climate Action  
**Accelerator**

# ACTIVITY REPORT

2024

Mobilising organisations to deliver essential services  
to populations within planetary boundaries





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## Foreword

**Facing the climate crisis, organisations must act now to continue delivering essential services**

**Bruno Jochum**, Executive Director, & **Karim Laouabdia-Sellami**, President

As the climate crisis intensifies and we head towards a world beyond 2 degrees, we are witnessing the cost of insufficient action, short-termism and complacency. Populations worldwide have already become more vulnerable to extreme events and the habitat of hundreds of millions more is under threat. In a disruptive context where sciences, climate action and international solidarity are contested, funds in the areas of aid and global health radically reduced and investments in fossil fuels given a new boost, leadership must step up, mobilise, show the way and voice its values. Climate action in line with the scientific consensus is more needed than ever, feasible and crucial to better meet people's needs.

At the Climate Action Accelerator, in 2024 we brought more actors onboard and increased our pilot programmes with partners, engaging 34 international and national organisations on reducing their environmental impact, strengthening their resilience and driving change in their own networks. The initiative also launched its second collective cycle for national actors with 8 new partners in West Africa and had discussions with potential partners in South Asia. Capitalising on our experience and first lessons learned, we launched a sectoral roadmap for international humanitarian actors. This roadmap consists of an analysis of the sector's greenhouse gas footprint and levers to halve emissions by 2030, an operational playbook for organisations with top solutions, guiding principles for effective emissions reduction and a call to systemic actors to lead the way and help make the sector more fit for purpose.

We expanded our programmes in the health sector, developing collaborations to establish new pilots in South Africa, Bangladesh and Senegal, after the initial climate-resilient and sustainable health project launched in Chad with ALIMA in 2023. We also published our climate vulnerability and capacity assessment (VCA) toolkit allowing to generate comprehensive adaptation plans for health services in low- and middle-income settings. Building on these first achievements, we joined the Future of Hospitals platform, grouping key operational stakeholders in the area of hospital services together with public development banks, with the aim of operationalising climate-smart and resilient models and amplifying their reach. To that effect, we launched a toolbox project to support hospital and health system managers in the transformation of their services.

During this period, the Accelerator contributed to knowledge sharing efforts by providing generic open-source tools and resources, with four new thematic toolkits published, a dynamic solutions hub, technical research and regular webinars. We also had the chance to gather our communities again with our Acceleration Days in Geneva in November and the second edition of our regional event in Dakar in December.

This report offers an overview of our activities in 2024, in line with our ambition of mobilising an exponential number of organisations to implement low carbon, resilient and sustainable models and contribute to a domino effect in society to contain global heating.



# Highlights of the year



A sectoral roadmap for the **humanitarian sector**

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Advancing **climate resilient** and **sustainable healthcare**

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Reducing the impact of **procurement** and **packaging**

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More open-source generic **tools and resources**

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Gathering our **communities** in Geneva and Dakar

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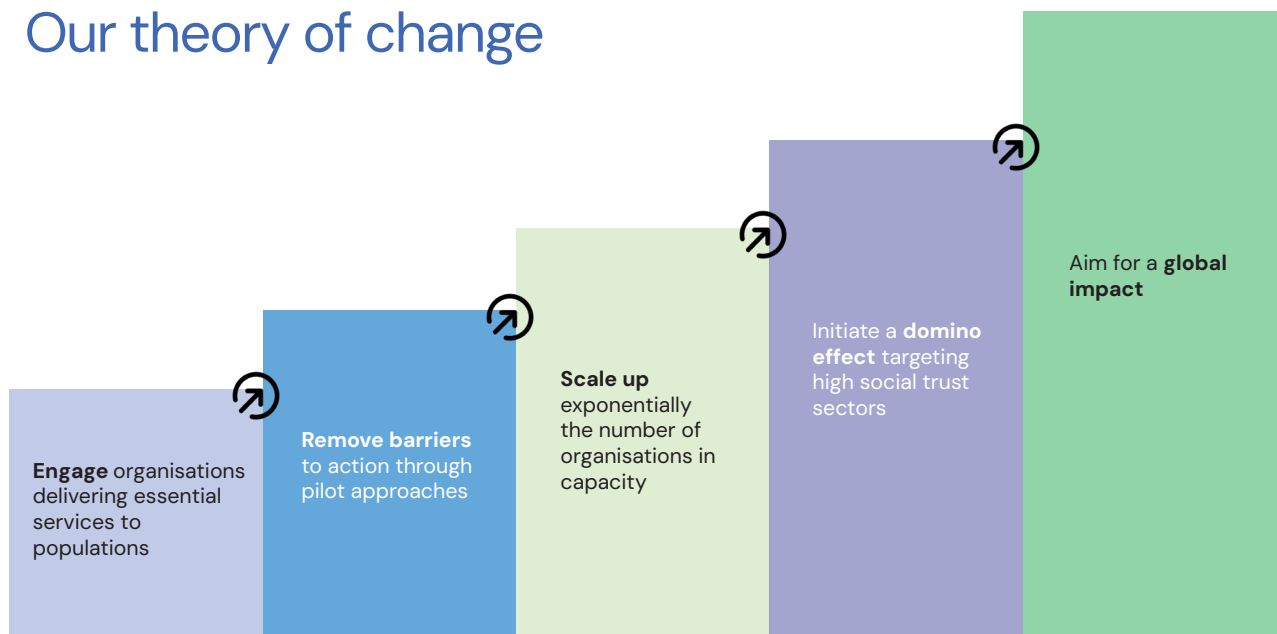
## Our story

The Climate Action Accelerator was **created in December 2020**, bringing together committed professionals from a health, humanitarian, education and environmental background who wanted to contribute to collective action and make a difference. It was born out of the **original idea of our founder and executive director, Bruno Jochum**. During his extensive career as a humanitarian, and former Director General at Médecins Sans Frontières, he witnessed the devastating impacts of extreme weather events and climate disruption on the most vulnerable populations across the world. Shocked by the extreme gravity of the unfolding climate scenarios and by the insufficient level of response across societies, he explored ways to **accelerate the deployment of effective climate solutions while strengthening the delivery of essential services to populations**.

Our incubation was supported by the Geneva Centre for Security Policy within its 'Creative Spark' programme. Our first pilot project was developed in collaboration with ALIMA, a medical humanitarian organisation based in Dakar. Lessons and knowledge developed were instrumental to bringing on more partners to the initiative and grow into a "go to" organisation for operationalising science-based climate pathways in the health and international aid sectors.

Our initiative acts as a radical catalyst for change, helping organisations to "walk the talk" and turn their climate commitments into practice. We contribute to remove barriers to action and pilot **taylor-made, scalable climate solutions** for organisations from **high social trust sectors**, unlocking **access to innovation and knowledge-sharing** through open communities of action and practices.

## Our theory of change



# Ambitions

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## Our vision

We envision a climate resilient, low carbon and sustainable future in which global warming would be kept well below 2°C, preserving a safe and just operating space for humanity.

## Our mission

We aim to mobilise an exponential number of organisations who deliver essential services to populations, in view of accelerating the implementation of science-based climate pathways and contributing to a domino effect in society.

## Our impact

Innovative acceleration models have empowered a growing mass of organisations from the international aid and health sectors and beyond, to engage in an urgent and radical climate transformation of their policies and practices. This mobilisation of high social trust actors contributes to the tipping of entire sectors of society towards a low carbon, sustainable, resilient future.

## Our strategic objectives

### **The Lab**

Operationalise science-based climate pathways and bridge the knowledge gap



### **The Multiplier**

Scale-up the number of organisations capable of deploying climate-smart pathways



### **The Domino Effect**

Amplify change towards reaching sectoral tipping points





## Our target sectors

We prioritise 3 specific service sectors: aid, health as well as research and higher education. These sectors are responsible for a significant share of emissions, and have a high amplification potential due to the trust they inspire, and their ability to initiate a domino effect in society due to their reach and connectedness. Solutions are also easily transferable, with adaptations, across the three sectors and more generally to service organisations.

A photograph showing two young children, a girl in a red polka-dot shirt and a boy in a green shirt, looking out from a balcony or window. In the background, there is a view of a town or village with buildings and laundry hanging on a line.

### Aid & international cooperation

On the frontline of the climate crisis the humanitarian sector and international cooperation agencies have a considerable amplification potential. Through their collaboration with national actors, their programmes and supply chains, they may help to accelerate the tipping of societies in the right direction in line with the Paris Agreement while supporting adaptation and resilience.

A close-up photograph of two hands, one larger and one smaller, gently holding each other. The background is blurred, showing what appears to be a medical or clinical setting.

### Health

Ranked as the most trusted profession in society, most health actors share the scientific consensus on the climate crisis and its sanitary impacts that the sector can and must reach net zero by 2050. Globally, it represents 4.4% of total emissions – the world's fifth-largest emitter if it were a country – and a large share of their countries' GDP. The climate crisis will also result in the need for more healthcare in general, so the ability to design 'fit for purpose' sustainable health services is a critical challenge.

A photograph of three people in a meeting. Two women and one man are gathered around a whiteboard. One woman is pointing at a diagram on the whiteboard, while the others look on. The diagram appears to be a flowchart or a map.

### Higher education

Higher education institutions, as organisations engaged in education, research and community services, play a crucial role in producing the science and promoting the environmental and climate transition. They have a particular mission to train future leaders and decision-makers to understand and lead by example on major global challenges such as the climate emergency and global biodiversity loss.

# Main activities

## Our Laboratory

We design, test and learn from new solution roadmaps and pilot projects with partners to generate knowledge and experience

The Climate Action Accelerator strives to operationalise climate-smart pathways and bridge the knowledge gap, support organisations through pilot programmes in their transition to more sustainable practices, aligned with scientific consensus and the Paris Agreement.

This involves implementing measures to reduce emissions and environmental impact, as well as developing more resilient models to adapt to the consequences of global warming. Our initiative focuses on integrated approaches that combine mitigation, adaptation and resilience, co-creating approaches and tools tailored to our target sectors, sharing best practices, and providing open access knowledge on how to operate within planetary boundaries while responding to population needs.

Our partners in the laboratory programme develop operational solutions to reduce their environmental footprint while strengthening their ability to fulfil their mission and share their know-how, tools and experiences in open-source on solutions to the ecological crisis, contributing to a common good freely available to all.

Our support programme for **international actors** helps our partners develop climate and environmental roadmaps to help them meet the goal of reducing their carbon emissions by 50% by 2030, in line with the Paris Agreement, without using carbon offsets. We also accompany **national actors** in becoming more resilient and better equipped in face of climate and environmental challenges through our collective cycles.

## Our lab in 2024

**15** pilot roadmaps for reducing climate and environmental impact co-constructed with individual organisations

**12** pilot roadmaps for low carbon, resilient, sustainable development models launched

**19** implementation phases launched or soon to be launched

**2** pilot approaches with grant-making entities portfolios launched



As part of the laboratory, the Climate Action Accelerator is also carrying out **technical projects**. Our joint project with the Ecole Polytechnique Fédérale de Lausanne (EPFL) and the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) conducts life-cycle analyses of key items to help tackle procurement-related emissions in the humanitarian sector, which account for almost 50% of the sector's carbon footprint. In the area of nutritional aid, the Accelerator co-developed a project with ALIMA seeking to reduce the amount of plastic and aluminium waste out of circulation linked to packaging. Aligned with our **climate resilient sustainable healthcare** approach, we're implementing or launching, in collaboration with our partners, pilot projects in Chad, South Africa, Bangladesh and Senegal.

**4** climate resilient, sustainable and low carbon health projects in Chad, South Africa, Senegal and Bangladesh, *either started or in preparation*

**2** technical projects for the aid sector aiming to reduce the footprint of procurement and nutritional products



N'gouri, Chad © Pascal Carré/Climate Action Accelerator

## Capability building

We scale-up the number of organisations able to deploy ambitious climate smart pathways, through capability-building, mentoring and monitoring, and through our solutions hub.

Beyond the pilot learning programmes, the need for acceleration that motivated our initiative requires scaling up to foster a shift in practices. Extracting lessons and tools from our Laboratory and building on our initial achievements, we look forward to launching a large-scale capability-building programme in autumn 2025.

This programme will aim to equip a much larger number of organisations to undertake their climate transition effectively. By focusing on the transfer of methodologies and experiences, participating organisations will have the opportunity to benefit from mutual learning, support fostering empowerment, access to toolkits and increased collaboration within a community of practice and sharing.

Meanwhile, our solutions hub expanded in 2024, offering over 80 solution factsheets online. We also continued hosting thematic webinars, and launched several technical publications, providing hands-on advice to assist in the implementation of climate and environmental roadmaps.





## Amplifying change

We drive change towards reaching sectoral tipping points

Climate Action Accelerator aims to create a domino effect in its target sectors and beyond by:

- Ensuring open-source access to effective approaches & tools, such as solution factsheets, toolkits, playbooks, scientific publications and other dissemination platforms.
- Tipping systemic players to ensure sectoral policies, professional practices, funding and programming frameworks support low carbon, sustainable operating models and strengthen resilience. Players include funding institutions, the UN, international organisations and national actors.
- Boosting implementation with game-changing collaborations, allowing to overcome shared challenges and accelerate transformation in high impact areas, for instance in supply, technical standards and progress tracking.

We are pleased to have launched our Sectoral roadmap for halving emissions by 2030 in the humanitarian sector, an essential tool for humanitarian organisations aiming to put their climate commitments into practice. 2024 was also the year the Accelerator publicly shared its vulnerability and capacity assessment (VCA) tool, aiming to improve climate resilience and service delivery in health facilities in fragile settings.



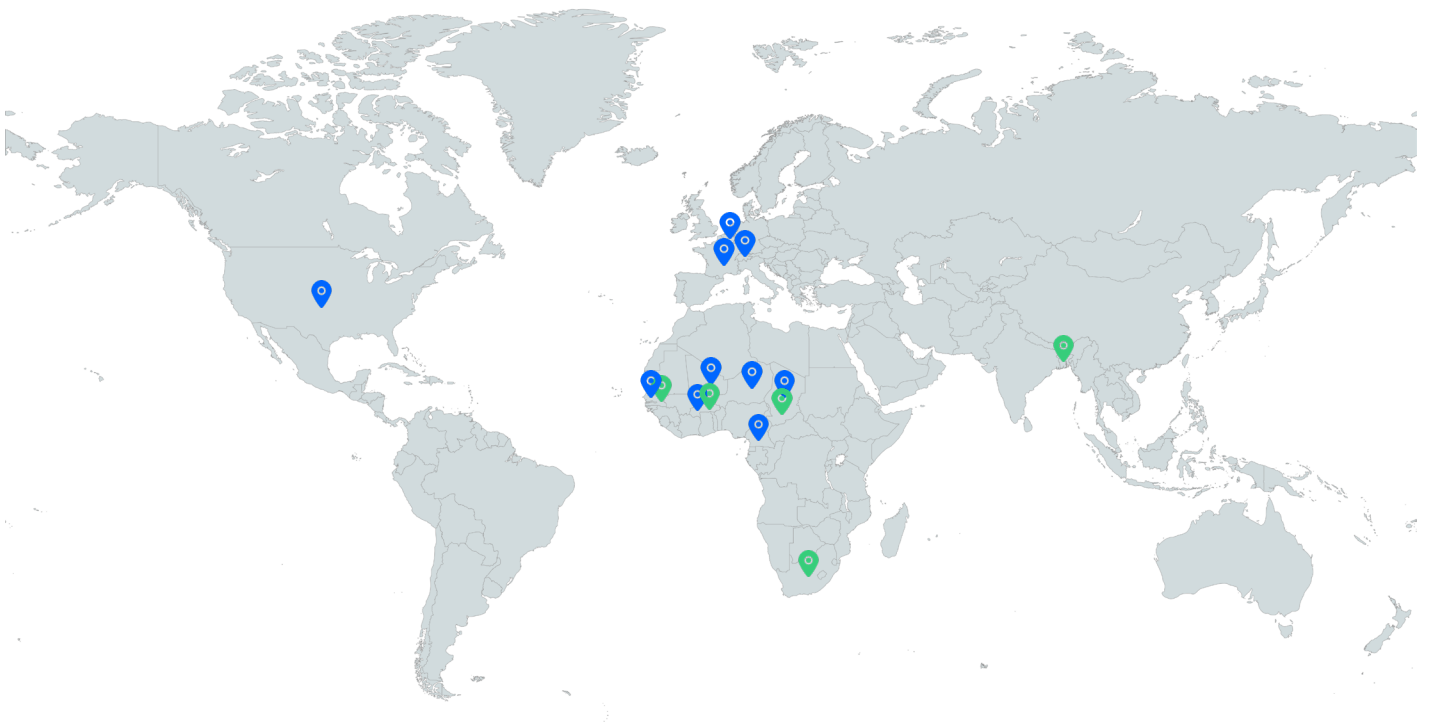
**+80** solution factsheets for our open-source inventory

**1** Sectoral roadmap for the humanitarian sector

**4** thematic toolkits published

**1** vulnerability and capacity assessment (VCA) tool

## Global reach



■ Countries where our partners are based

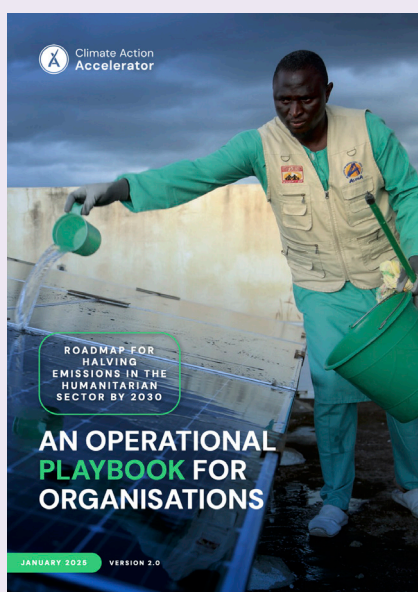
■ Countries where the accelerator currently develops technical projects and pilots

Climate Action Accelerator's 34 partner organisations deliver services to populations on a worldwide scale and are based in 10 countries in Europe, Africa and America. Moreover, the Accelerator carries out technical projects and pilots in four countries in Africa (Senegal, Burkina Faso, Chad and South Africa), and is currently expanding its reach in Asia with a pilot project in Bangladesh.



## Focus

# Towards Halving Greenhouse Gas Emissions by 2030 in the Humanitarian Sector: a Sectoral Roadmap



The climate emergency is one of the greatest challenges of our time and recognised as an 'existential threat' to human society. More frequent and more extreme weather events can lead to new conflicts, displacements, migration, damage to essential infrastructure, disruption of food and water supplies, and public health emergencies.

To intensify efforts for emissions reduction, Climate Action Accelerator has developed a 'Roadmap for Halving Greenhouse Gas Emissions in the Humanitarian Sector by 2030' as a tool to guide humanitarian actors towards meeting their own climate commitments while addressing both populations needs and organisational risk in a world increasingly under pressure.

### Launch event of our Sectoral Roadmap

Our sectoral roadmap for halving emissions by 2030 in the humanitarian sector was released at the German Federal Foreign Office (GFFO) in Berlin, on June 13th, 2024.

Climate Action Accelerator is extremely thankful to GFFO for co-organising this event, and for supporting this project.



# Our sectoral roadmap's components

## Sectoral analysis

We conducted a preliminary analysis of the sector's greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions profile, decarbonisation levers, and priority solutions. This initial estimate provides a breakdown of emissions by category (energy, transport, procurement, etc.) and by cluster (e.g., food aid and agriculture, health, nutrition) and a pathway to transition.

## Guiding principles

Adopting a set of principles for effective emissions reduction allows organisations to be part of the global effort to address the climate emergency and limit global warming, maximise the volume of emissions avoided in the sector by harmonising practices across actors, and to pave the way for consistent data reporting, monitoring and analysis.

## Operational Playbook

Our Operational Playbook outlines five key steps for building a roadmap and introduces a series of top eight solutions—actions targeting major emission sources. It also offers methodological guidance, highlights the co-benefits of climate solutions, and assesses their financial impacts.

## Enabling change

In “Enabling change: How UN and Donors can lead the way”, we explore how systemic actors can lead by example by taking measures to reduce emissions in their own operations and for the programmes they fund (programmatic portfolios), and by helping to shape ambitious policy, coordination, and funding frameworks.



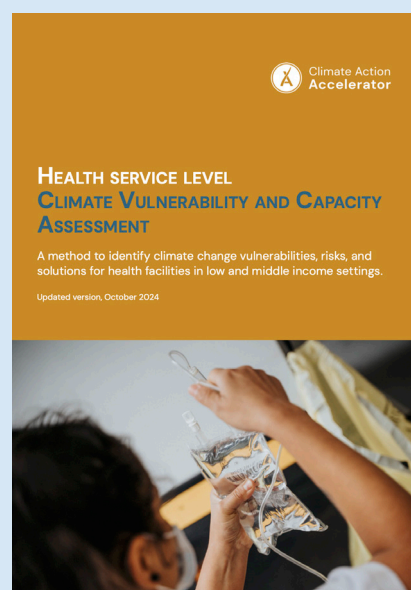
## Climate resilient sustainable healthcare



To adapt healthcare systems and services to the consequences of climate change while reducing their emissions, we carry out pilot projects on climate resilience and environmental sustainability together with our partners. We also improve the capacities of health actors by providing freely accessible tools and resources, such as the Climate Vulnerability and Capacity Assessment (VCA) toolkit. By exchanging knowledge and lessons learned from pilot projects, we facilitate the dissemination of best practices. In addition, we promote partnerships with global health organisations, ministries of health and other key stakeholders.

### Our Climate VCA toolkit

This document describes a methodological approach developed by Climate Action Accelerator for climate vulnerability and capacity assessment at the level of a single hospital or primary care network in low/medium resource and fragile settings. It is a rapid, mixed methods, multi-stakeholder assessment process consisting of 5 stages, designed to be used by health managers and senior health facility staff to generate an 'adaptation plan' to enable that facility to become a Climate Resilient and Environmentally Sustainable Health Care Facility (CRESH).





## Our CRESH pilots



### District Hospital of Ngouri, Chad

Initiated in 2023 with ALIMA, the CRESH Ngouri project focuses on transforming a hospital in the Sahel region into a climate-resilient and environmentally sustainable health facility. It aims to adapt the hospital's infrastructure, processes, and staff to better manage the effects of climate change on the local population's health, in a region prone to extreme weather conditions. Over time, this hospital will serve as a demonstration site, providing a scalable model for other health facilities in the Sahel.

### Primary Healthcare Network in Cederberg District, South Africa



Launched in 2024 in collaboration with Stellenbosch University, the Climate Resilient Primary Care Project focuses on adapting primary care services to the challenges of climate change in the most energy efficient and sustainable way possible. It involved tailoring the VCA toolkit for primary care networks to develop a list of priority interventions to improve environmental sustainability and resilience of primary care services. The project now aims to implement these measures on a pilot basis, with the intention to roll out across the province if found to be effective.



**Terre des hommes**  
Aide à l'enfance.

### Two primary health centres in Cox's Bazar, Bangladesh

This project, in partnership with Fondation Terre des Hommes, aims to support existing health-care services to adapt to the escalating impacts of climate change, including cyclones, floods, and extreme heat in the world's largest refugee camp, Cox's Bazar. With our partner Terre des Hommes and ICDDR, we are running the climate VCA to strengthen three healthcare facilities with low-carbon, sustainable, and community-driven solutions.

### Three health centers in Sédhiou, Senegal



This "One Health" project is a partnership between Solthis, Agronomes & Vétérinaires Sans Frontières, Climate Action Accelerator and local stakeholders, addressing the intertwined health of people, animals, and ecosystems in Sédhiou, Senegal. It will use different methodologies, including the Climate VCA methodology, to define and implement climate resilience interventions at facility level, and to empower communities and health workers to co-create sustainable solutions.

## PLASTIK Project

Humanitarian medical workers make extensive use of medical equipment and medicines contained in plastic packaging, including sachets of Ready-to-Use Therapeutic Food (RUTF), and individual sachets for dispensing medicines. Both types of sachets are made for single use, i.e. they are thrown away immediately after use.

These items, distributed in large quantities, represent a very large volume of plastic: 900 million sachets of Plumpy'Nut are manufactured and distributed each year by Nutriset.

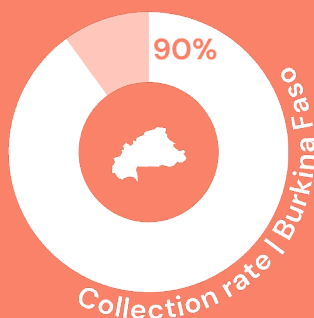
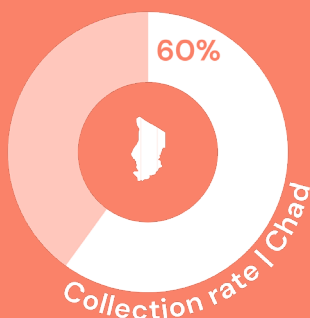
The PLASTIK project we co-developed with ALIMA has helped prevent the leakage of 3 tonnes of mixed plastic and aluminium waste, though the successful community collection of more than 90% of Plumpy'Nut sachets. It also provided an opportunity to test

and share innovative solutions for reducing medical and nutritional packaging waste, while raising crucial questions about the long-term viability and sustainability of recycling solutions.

The project is being carried out in 12 nutrition centres supported by ALIMA. Six packaging collection sites were established in Ouagadougou, Burkina Faso, and six in N'djamena, Chad. Mothers of children with severe acute malnutrition are encouraged to return empty sachets at the health centre when the next ration is collected. Empty sachets are collected in the health centres and stored temporarily. The sachets are then regularly transported in plastic bags to a central stock. The project has seen high collection rates, as high 90% in Burkina Faso and 60% in Chad, totaling over 600,000 sachets.



### Collection rates



x ~600,000 sachets = 3 tonnes of plastic



## Capacity building cycles for national actors



Climate Action Accelerator launched its first collective cycle in 2023, offering tailored support to five national NGOs in the Sahel region of Africa. This innovative approach brings together organisations in a shared learning process to co-create solutions for sustainable, resilient, and low-carbon development while strengthening their operational impact.

The collective cycle **methodology** revolves around mutual learning and collaboration. Each participating organisation is supported through:

- Data collection to understand their environmental impact.
- Collaborative workshops to design and select their solutions.
- Co-creation of tailored roadmaps to align with their specific contexts.
- Implementation of actions in priority areas like waste management, renewable energy and community involvement.

Through this process, NGOs benefit from shared expertise, tools for monitoring emissions and waste, and improved access to climate and environmental funding. This model fosters a collective shift toward sustainability, making NGOs and their mission more resilient and better equipped to address current and future climate and environmental challenges.

### Cycle 1: A pilot support programme for Sahelian organisations

The inaugural cycle included five national NGOs. For over a period of a year, these organisations developed environmental roadmaps and initiated concrete projects in waste management, renewable energy, agroecology and more. Their roadmaps were published in October 2024 and this first experience was capitalised in a guide for national actors launched in December 2024.



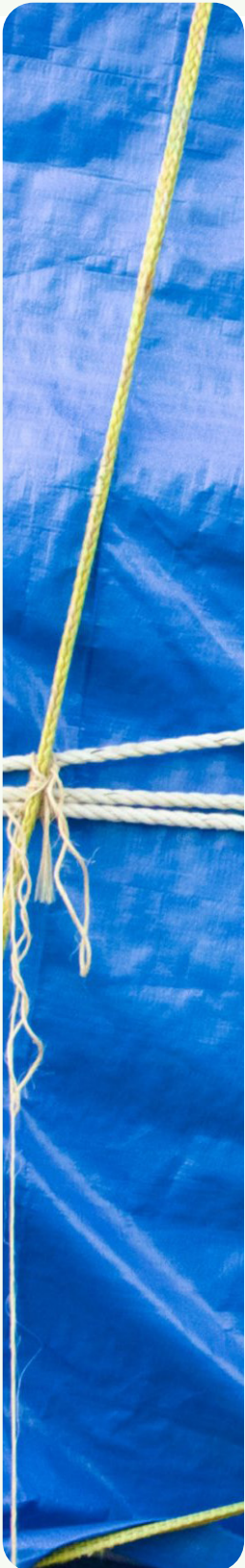
### Cycle 2: Scaling up in West Africa

A second collective cycle was launched in November 2024, broadening the Accelerator's impact across West Africa with 8 new partners.





## Accelerating the reduction of the environmental impact of procurement in humanitarian action



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Emissions from procurement of goods and services account for almost 50% of the sector-wide carbon footprint. For individual humanitarian organisations, this share can go up to 75%. Given the importance of tackling procurement-related emissions, it is key to focus efforts on top items as well as the most relevant decarbonisation levers.

While some organisations have started to perform lifecycle analyses in order to identify the areas where actions will lead to the highest impact reductions, results are often not public or too specific. This gap in publicly available data makes it difficult for humanitarian organisations to identify the sources of the environmental impact in their activities and value chains.

This **joint project** by Climate Action Accelerator, ICRC and EPFL provides a **comprehensive emission reduction action plan**, consisting of:

- A streamlined LCA methodology, simplified and adapted to humanitarian contexts covering impacts in terms of GHG emissions and other environmental impacts such as biodiversity.
- Life cycle assessments and subsequent establishment of emission factors and other environmental impacts for 13 key items of the international aid sector, identified through sector engagement.
- Implementation strategies for the selected items with analysis on the potential reduction through optimisation of the product value chain or substitution of products.
- An open-source database of emission factors, which will integrate emission factors from existing databases (HCC, ADEME, DEFRA, etc.) that are the most suitable for humanitarian contexts, as well as the newly identified ones, for purposes of creating standards across the sector.
- Training material on the LCA streamlined methodology and environmental data formulation.

## Tools and resources

### 4 thematic toolkits



In 2024, we developed and published several tools and resources, among them four thematic toolkits on travel, procurement, fleet and good office practices. These publications are designed to provide environmental coordinators and decision-makers with hands-on advice, often in the form of a step-by-step process, along with a suite of practical tools to support the implementation of climate and environmental roadmaps. While our solution factsheets provide an overview of a topic, the toolkits focus on practical application.

Our solutions hub also kept on growing, with more than 80 solutions factsheets online by the end of the year. Several of our new factsheets focused on waste and fleet, and we started developing content on medical procurement. We also held five solution webinars on a variety of topics: supplier engagement, water scarcity-related solutions, reducing emissions from maritime transport, single-use medical items, and a principles-based approach to offsetting.

### 5 solution webinars

With the launch of our sectoral roadmap for the humanitarian sector, we published an operational playbook for organisations, which summarises key steps towards building a roadmap for effective emissions reduction, solutions, methodological tips, co-benefit of climate solutions, and the findings from financial impact assessments. It also includes good practices from across the sector and beyond. During our regional event in Dakar, we shared the consultative version of our operational guide for resilient, low-carbon development of local and national NGOs in West Africa.

Our Health unit also developed a vulnerability and capacity assessment (VCA) toolkit to analyse climate change risks and vulnerabilities, and to generate solutions for health facilities in low- and middle-income settings.

### +80 solution factsheets



## Events

### Towards net zero

This event, organised by the Swiss Agency for Development (SDC) and Cooperation in June 2024, aimed to foster a shared notion of the need for reducing carbon emissions and the environmental footprint of the Swiss aid sector organisations. It shared methodology and tools developed by the Accelerator, as well as other actors, and positive experiences and challenges related to the reduction pathway.

With this event, SDC and the Climate Action Accelerator aimed to contribute to knowledge sharing and experience sharing across Swiss humanitarian and development actors to accelerate the adoption and implementation of effective climate and environment strategies.



In October 2024, we held our “Acceleration Days”, our global annual event in Geneva. We explored and advanced concrete pathways to accelerate the deployment of climate solutions and strengthen resilience. We gathered our partners and organisations from diverse sectors – donors, policymakers, governments, global health leaders, the private sector, climate action experts, civil society, and academia. Drawing from on our work in the international aid and health sectors, we shared insights on

operationalising climate commitments, partnering for locally led action and the pivotal role of funds programming in amplifying change, and debated how climate transformation can also reinforce our capacity to deliver in a world characterised by increased constraints.

The event was held in English, with simultaneous interpretation into French, and had an attendance of almost 120 participants in person and 130 online.





In November 2024, we co-organised, alongside the Crisis and Support Centre (CDCS) of the French Ministry for Europe and Foreign Affairs, a one-day workshop on the climate and environmental dimension of humanitarian response.

This workshop provided an opportunity to explore together practical solutions aimed at reducing the environmental and climate footprint of humanitarian organisations, as well as strengthening programme adaptation and organisational resilience. It focused on topics such as procurement, health and food aid and nutrition.



After our initial event in Dakar in October 2023, we organised the second edition of our regional meeting to promote experience-sharing and cross-sector collaboration on the interactions between health, climate and the environment in December 2024.

This event brought together actors in the humanitarian aid and health sectors, from the private, public and academic sectors, and beyond. The event was held in a hybrid format (in person in Dakar and online on Zoom), in French. About 100 participants joined the conversation in person and online. 95% of the event's waste was recycled, with food being donated, and thanks to our eco-friendly approach, we were able to avoid the equivalent of 190 of 500ml single-use plastic bottles in waste.



## Partners

Since the launch of the initiative in December 2020, 34 organisations have joined the Climate Action Accelerator and committed to reducing their greenhouse gas emissions by 50% by 2030 or following sustainable, resilient and low-carbon models of development.



## Our support to partners

At the Accelerator, we are dedicated to empowering committed organisations to halve their emissions by 2030 and enhance the climate resilience of the essential services they offer to populations. Our comprehensive support programme is designed to help partners achieve these goals through a solutions hub, a network of experts, and a “one-stop-shop” approach.

To achieve this, our support programme includes guidance to our partners in elaborating:

- A strategic commitment acknowledging the scientific consensus
- A carbon footprint assessment
- A climate and environment roadmap
- A system of continuous improvement to support implementation

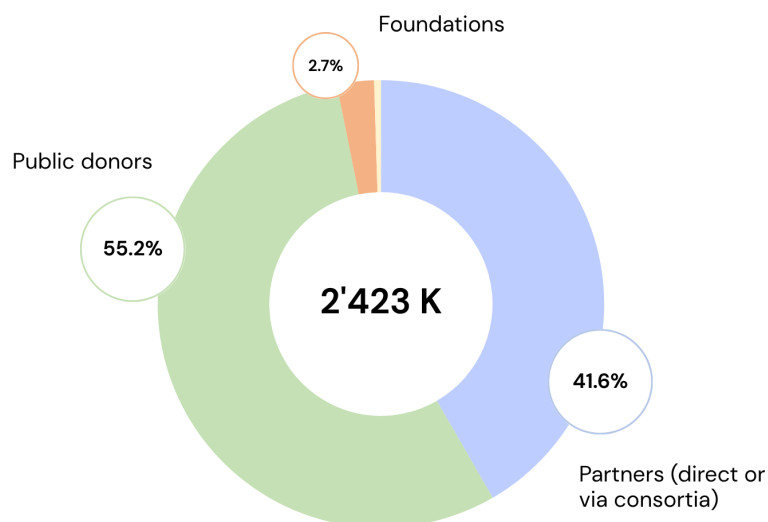
## Financial results

Climate Action Accelerator is a non-profit organisation based in Geneva. With expenses amounting to CHF 2,409 million, covered by an income of CHF 2,424 million, our accounts for 2024 show a 12.7% growth compared with 2023, as well as a positive result of CHF 15,311 after taking into account changes in allocated funds.

### Where did the money come from?

Revenue amounted to **CHF 2,423 K**, an **increase of 12.7%** compared to the previous year (CHF 2,150,000 in 2023).

- **55.2%** of resources comes from public institutional funds.
- **41.6%** of resources comes from our partners. Among these, 38% correspond to private contributions from 21 NGO partners under partnership agreements signed for a usual term of three years around shared objectives and pilot programmes related to the climate crisis. Less than 4% comes from grants within the framework of consortia led by our NGO partners.
- **2.7%** of resources comes from foundations, among which CHF 65,000 constitute an earmarked private contribution mainly from the Ferster Foundation.



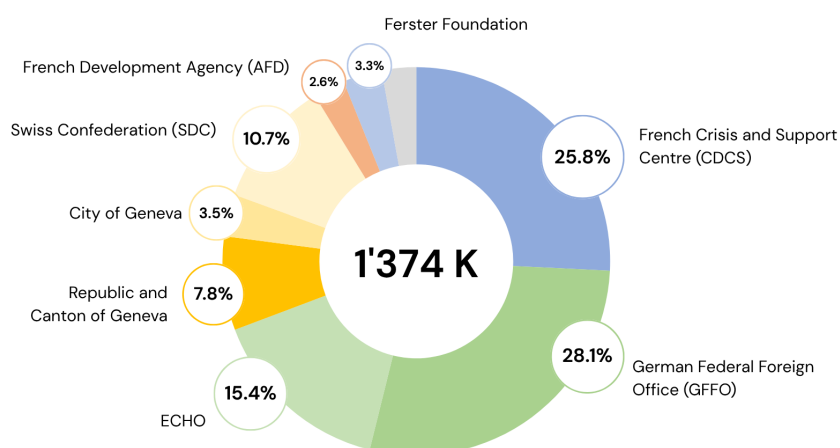
In 2024, we started accepting **individual contributions** for the first time, representing CHF 8,062. As a not-for-profit association registered in Switzerland, we have also been granted a **tax exemption** from the Canton of Geneva.



Partnership contributions	2024	2023
International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC)	140 000	200 000
Médecins sans frontières Belgique (OCB)	116 424	120 384
Médecins sans frontières Suisse (OCG)	65 000	100 000
Médecins sans frontières France (OCP)	28 154	117 216
Médecins sans frontières Logistique (MSF Logistique)	29 106	29 532
Médecins sans frontières Supply (MSF Supply)	29 106	29 532
Swiss Solidarity (Chaîne du bonheur)	60 000	20 000
Société Nationale des Sauveteurs en Mer (SNSM)	56 780	14 559
Program for Appropriate Technology in Health (PATH)	50 000	-
Drugs for Neglected Diseases (DNDi)	50 000	49 550
Unitaid	90 600	87 800
Terre des Hommes Foundation	45 000	60 000
Terre des Hommes Suisse	10 000	10 000
Terre des Hommes Suisse	8 000	8 000
Alima	39 144	69 490
Alima Fondation de France	29 203	-
Epicentre	29 547	29 931
Union for International Cancer Control (UICC)	28 000	28 000
Geneva Center for Security Policy (GCSP)	25 000	25 000
Non Violent Peace Force (NP)	20 000	20 000
World Organization of the Scout Movement (WOSM – Europe)	20 000	10 000
<b>Total contributions</b>	<b>969 063</b>	<b>1 028 994</b>

## Institutional donors who trust us

- The Swiss Confederation (SDC)
- The Republic and Canton of Geneva
- The City of Geneva
- The German Federal Foreign Office (GFFO)
- The French Crisis and Support Centre (CDCS)
- European Civil Protection and Humanitarian Aid Operations (ECHO)
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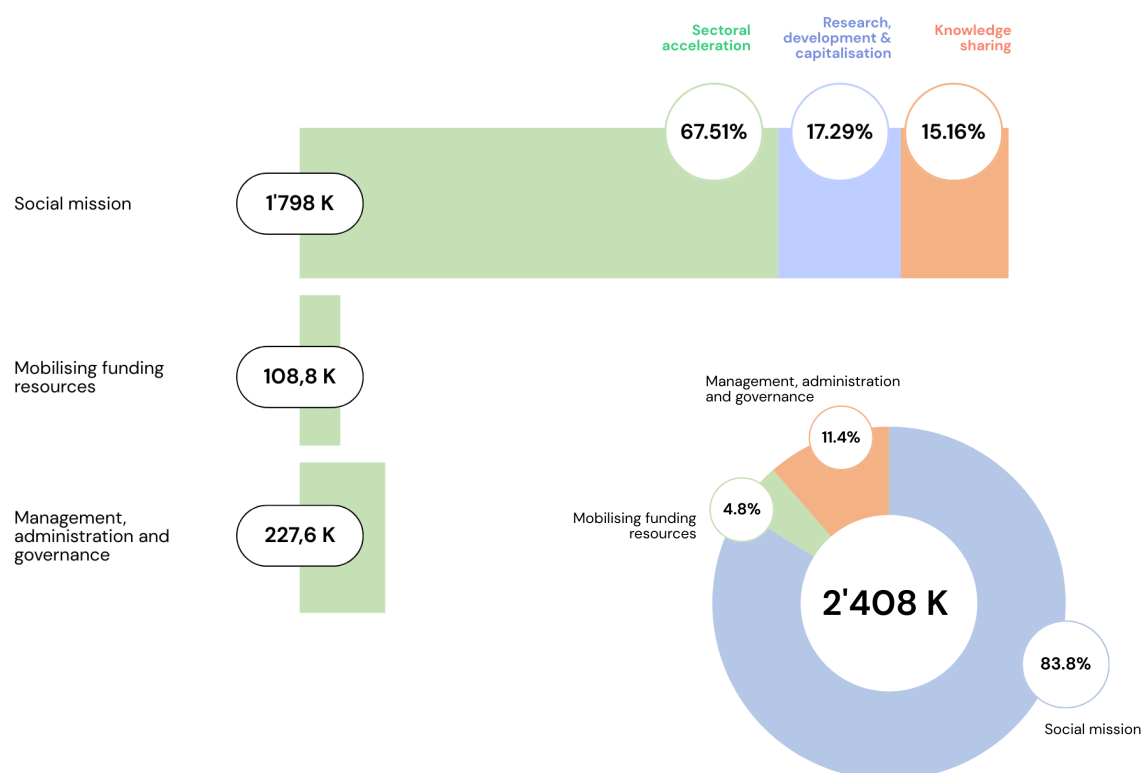


## Where did the money go?

Expenses in 2024 amounted to **CHF 2,408 K** (CHF 2,134,462 in 2023).

- **83.8%** was dedicated to achieving our **social mission**: rallying and empowering 34 partner organisations in the initiative, developing pilot pathways technical solutions to reduce their carbon footprint, launching an open community for sharing and accelerating large-scale action in the international aid and health sectors as a priority.
- **4.8%** was allocated to **mobilising funding resources** which are essential to achieving our ambitions and ensuring the initiative's sustainability through a financial diversification strategy.
- **11.4%** was used to ensure the functioning of the organisation, in particular **management, administration and governance**.

**Human resources** (HR) constitute the largest category of expenses. They represent CHF 1,987 K (CHF 1,407 K for employees and CHF 579,357 for external collaborators), or **82% of expenditure**. Including office rent and related IT expenses, HR expenses account for nearly 89% of expenses. The Accelerator has mobilised more than 43 people, representing 19.8 FTE (full-time equivalents). As of 31 December 2024, the team consisted of 20.4 FTE.



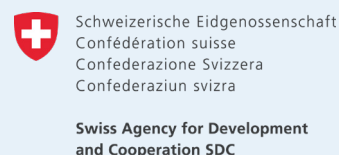
The association's accounts show a **positive result of CHF 15,311** at the end of 2024, representing 0.6% of annual expenses. This brings the association's reserves to CHF 88,413 as of 31 December 2024, representing less than 0.5 months of activity. For more detailed information please consult our financial report for 2024.

## Donors and contributions

Our efforts to mobilise organisations and share effective solutions for emissions reduction would not be possible without the generous support of our financial partners, donors, and sponsors

At Climate Action Accelerator's, we are grateful to those who contribute to fund the initiative:

1. **Our partner organisations:** They sign three-year partnerships with us that include unearmarked contributions.
2. **International and national institutions:** Swiss Confederation, the Republic and Canton of Geneva, the City of Geneva, the Crisis and Support Centre of the Ministry for Europe and Foreign Affairs of France (CDCS), the Agence Française de Développement (AFD), the German Federal Foreign Office (GFFO), DG ECHO and National Institutes of Health.
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## Our team

The Accelerator’s work is divided into thematic units, encompassing areas such as strategy and development, programmes, metrics, solutions and tools, policy engagement and resources management. Our team is composed of Geneva-based staff, a network of regular external collaborators, as well as associate experts in health, policy, metrics and international development. As of end 2024, the Accelerator had 20,4 full-time equivalents.

# Acknowledgments

Climate Action Accelerator expresses its sincere gratitude to its partners for their trust, their commitment and their financial support to the initiative. We would also like to thank our public and private donors for their support throughout the year.

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- ICRC
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