



Climate Action
Accelerator

How can we contribute to addressing the challenge ?

Spotlight on our model of acceleration,
key projects and insights

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Who we are

A non-profit initiative based in Geneva that aims to **mobilise a critical mass of organisations delivering essential services to populations around the world**, in view of accelerating the implementation of **science-based climate pathways** and contributing to a **domino effect** in society.



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Our 40+ partner organisations



Priority geographical regions



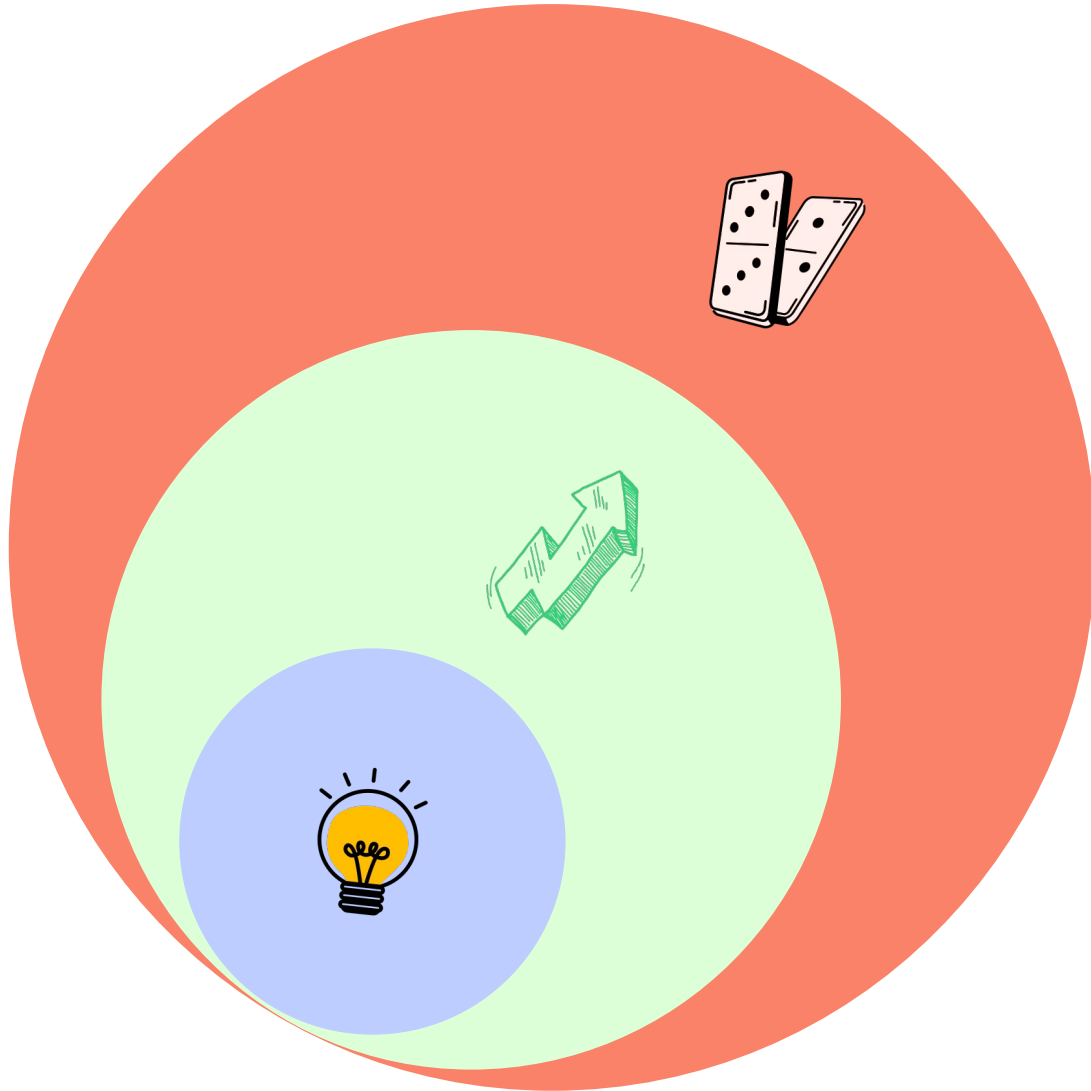
■ Countries where our partners are based

■ Countries where the Accelerator currently develops technical projects and pilots

- ✓ Geneva & Europe: 16 partners
- ✓ West Africa: 12 partners today, 22 by end 2026
- ✓ Southern Africa: 2 partners
- ✓ South Asia: 8 partners
- ✓ North America: 3 partners

Areas of work

- ✓ Organisational roadmaps
- ✓ (Health) service delivery models
- ✓ Climate-smart programming
- ✓ Capability building & localisation
- ✓ Solutions repository
- ✓ Supply chains
- ✓ Carbon analytics, life-cycle analyses, modelling, M&E



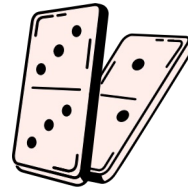
Our acceleration model



Lab: design, test and learn from new solution roadmaps and pilot projects with partners



Multiplier: transfer & deploy change in organisations at scale through capability building



Sectoral amplification: amplify to tilt the sectors and beyond

Our theory of change

Engage organisations delivering essential services to populations



Remove barriers to action through pilot approaches



Scale-up exponentially the number of organisations in capacity



Initiate a domino effect targeting high social trust sectors



Contribute to a global impact



Overview of our main activities



A capacity-building programme to empower more organisations, faster

Solutions, thematic toolkit and methodologies

A community of practice

Open-access to resources

Dissemination of tools and experiences

Public policy engagement to influence systemic actors including funders

Climate-smart programming / standards setting

Strategic collaborations and platforms

Science-based roadmaps with international and national actors

Demonstrative health projects

Technical pilot projects and tools across sectors



How we're accelerating action

We're supporting organisations with operational tools such as:

- ✓ Thematic **toolkits**
- ✓ Solutions **factsheets & case studies**
- ✓ A methodology for **Vulnerability and Capacity Assessment**
- ✓ A **toolbox** for healthcare
- ✓ A **digital playbook** the **decarbonisation** of organisations
- ✓ **Life-cycle assessments**
- ✓ **Carbon footprinting tools**



Implementation Spotlight: Energy

One of the most actionable levers: Organisations have direct control to reduce energy use and switch to low-carbon energy on their premises and in the projects they deliver.

- **Return on investment** — Switching to renewables can significantly reduce energy bills over time, with many installations paying back within 5–7 years
- **Resilience** — Generating or sourcing energy locally reduces exposure to grid price shocks and supply disruptions
- **Changing standard operating procedures** — Transitioning energy sources requires updating procurement processes, maintenance contracts, and staff training, which takes time and coordination

Example: N’gouri Climate Resilient and Environmentally Sustainable Hospital (CRESH), Chad

- Targeting 80% renewable energy coverage
- Painted roofs white — cutting average indoor temperatures by 3°C



Implementation Spotlight: Supply

Procurement and operational teams need to be equipped with knowledge about key levers and integrate climate across procurement processes.

- **Impact is often concentrated in a limited number items**
- **Three key levers:**
 - Change ways of working
 - Use alternative or products with a lower climate impact
 - Work with suppliers that produce with low-carbon energy
- **Co-benefits are real**
- **Sustainability doesn't have to cost more**

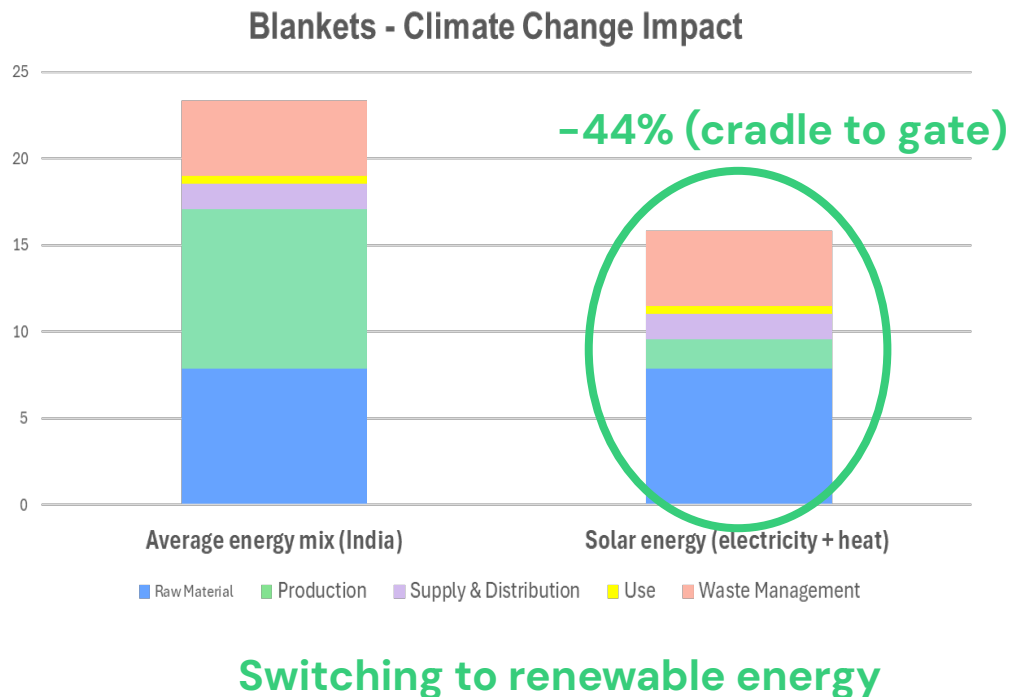


Repository of Life Cycle Assessments
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*More to come during the
Lightning Talks at 2 pm !*



Example decarbonisation potential



- In general, the raw material materials (30 – 50%) and production stage (30%) are the most impactful across the full lifecycle of a product.
- Across analysed relief items, using **renewable energy** in the production process alone can **cut emissions by 20-45%** (cradle-to-gate).
- **By combining different key levers, emission reductions of 35 – 70% (cradle-to-gate) are possible.**

Implementation Spotlight: Travel

Travel is one of the most difficult areas to act on. It is deeply tied to how organisations operate, who they work with, and where.

- **Quick wins exist**
 - Replacing stop-over flights with direct flights, short-haul flights with train travel or virtual meetings,
 - Economy class only
- **First steps: Awareness-raising, update travel policy and booking procedures**
- **Going further: Quota or carbon budgets per unit**
- **Reducing travel comes with significant cost reductions**
- **Additional co-benefits** linked to less staff fatigue, and more time

Travelling touches the operational model and requires a strategic view on potential trade-offs



MSF Carbon Travel App



Solutions Hub — Factsheets on Professional Travel
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Focus on our national partners

In Africa and South Asia

Collective cycle

3 cycles, 20 partners,
8 countries, 2 continents

A tailored programme and methodology for national NGOs, towards low carbon + climate resilient development.

**1 new cycle to be launched in mid-2026 in West Africa.*



Focus on our national partners

What and why a collective cycle ?

Supporting Multiple NGOs together, through a synchronised methodology, shared learning and collective action

- **Co-construction of an adapted roadmap** (climate + adaptation and resilience)
- **Simplified measurement : Carbon and waste** (data collection and analysis)
- Acceleration and **reinforcement of concrete projects** already in place

- **Facilitate better access to** climate, environment, health **funds** to finance projects
- **Influencing their peers and networks** towards a low-carbon transition
- Sharing of knowledge and experience with a **community of practice**

Scaling up through:

- + networks and movements
- + local teams and collaborators
- + regional accelerators



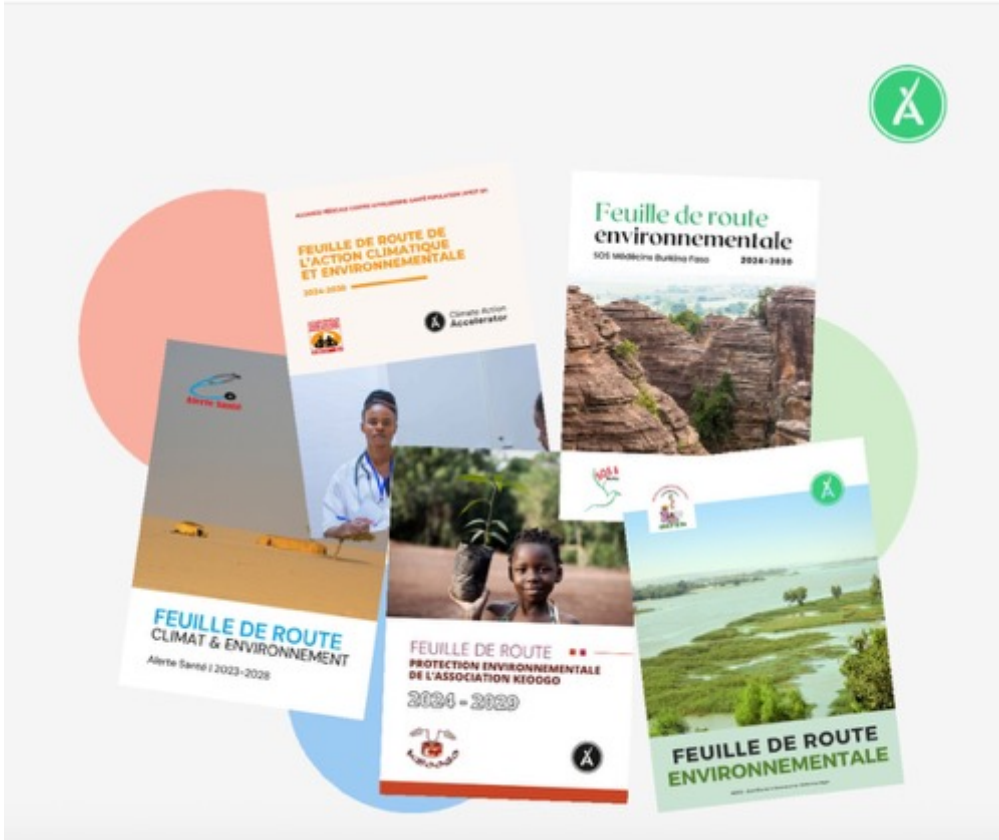


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👉 Nous sommes ravis d'annoncer qu'après une année d'intenses travaux avec nos partenaires en Afrique, nous avons publié cinq feuilles de routes environnementales co-construites avec chacune des ONGs : Alerte ...more



Cycle #1

Since 2023

Cycle #2

Since 2024

👉 Nous sommes ravis d'annoncer le lancement de notre deuxième cycle collectif en Afrique de l'Ouest ! ...more



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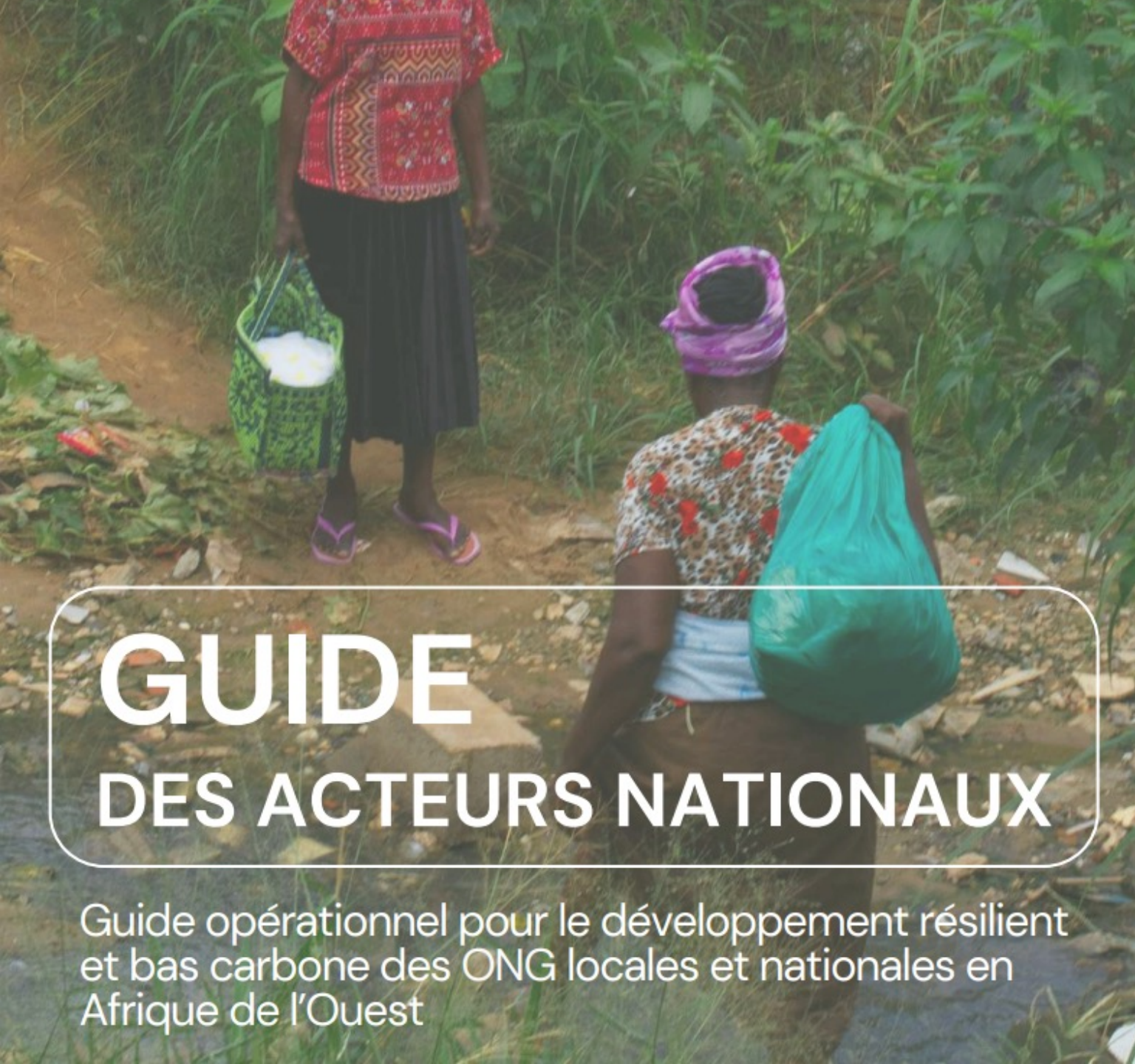
Coming up in 2026

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GUIDE DES ACTEURS NATIONAUX

Guide opérationnel pour le développement résilient et bas carbone des ONG locales et nationales en Afrique de l'Ouest

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Three health centers in Sédhiou, **Senegal** 2025 - Ongoing



District Hospital Ngouri, **Chad** 2023 - Ongoing



Three primary health centres in Cox's Bazar, **Bangladesh** 2024 - Ongoing



Sustainable transport for EID for HIV in **Guinea** | ANRS

Climate Resilient Healthcare in **Ghana, Kenya & Malawi** | University of Keele & Stellenbosch

Primary Healthcare Network in Cederberg, **South Africa** 2024 - fundraising



Our demonstrative pilots

Climate-resilient, low carbon and sustainable health



Framing the issue

1. **The climate/biodiversity crisis is an absolute emergency**, with a narrowing window of opportunity for action at all levels to stabilise the situation, avoid the worst damages and strengthen resilience.

2. **An explosion in needs is expected** linked to geopolitical instability, climate impacts, insufficient adaptation and shrinking of funding.

3. For actors providing essential services, a key question is **how to deliver their mission and meet growing needs while learning how to operate within planetary boundaries and with limited resources ?**

- ***Adaptation of services and programmes***
- ***Review of operating model***

4. **Becoming “fit for purpose”**: climate and nature transformation strengthens rather than hinders the ability to deliver



Co-benefits

- **Better quality and continuity of services for populations**
- **National/local response capacity enhancement** (ex: increased reliance on local expertise and resources)
- **Efficiency gains and cost savings**
- **Operational resilience** (self-sufficiency when there is a risk of disrupted fuel supplies or unaffordable prices)
- **Organisational resilience** with greater ability to deliver social goals in the future through less exposure to risks

Some lessons and insights

- **Climate action aligned with science is feasible**, accessible and affordable, and needs to become exponential.
- **Real and perceived trade-offs** must be confronted inside organisations. Business as usual is off mark.
- **Commitment, strategic continuity and leadership bandwidth** are critical
- **Climate-smart actors will be more able** to fulfil their goals towards populations.
- **High added value collaborative investments** can tip the balance towards faster action.



What do we need to step up ?



Action-Oriented
**Climate
Dialogue and
Cooperation**

Effective
Climate Tools
for global and
national
partners

**Climate
Accelerator
Programme** to
empower
organisations
at scale