



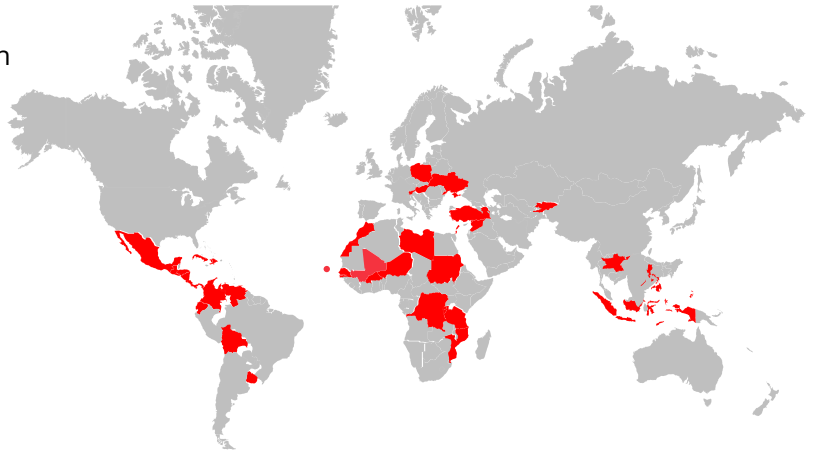
## CLIMATE AND ENVIRONMENT CHARTER BOARD

# SPANISH RED CROSS EXPERIENCE AND INITIATIVES

## SOME DATA OF SPANISH RED CROSS

The Spanish Red Cross is a National Society, part of the Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement. It is a national organization, active throughout the country at local, regional and national levels. The National Society also has a wide network of collaborations with other National Societies at the international level.

- **Local presence:** 1.263 branches
- **Internacional Cooperation:** Collaboration with **42 countries** through cooperation projects or technical cooperation. In 26 of them, we also have a permanent delegation.





### Some figures:

- Volunteers: 248,780 (Y. 2023)
  - 1,316,946 members pay annual fee (Y. 2023)
  - In 2022 38,189 companies agreements
  - 14,783 employees (Y.2023)
  - 11,918,030 beneficiaries/year. 2,994,366 at national level and 7,307,317 at international level
- Burkina Faso, Burundi, Cape Verde, Gambia, Mali, Morocco, Mozambique, Niger, D.R. Congo, Rwanda, Sahara, Senegal, Sudan, Tanzania
  - Bolivia, Colombia, Costa Rica, Cuba, Ecuador, El Salvador, Guatemala, Haiti, Honduras, Mexico, Nicaragua, Panama, Dominican Republic, Uruguay, Venezuela
  - Philippines, Indonesia, Pakistan, Tajikistan
  - Slovenia, Hungary, Poland, Turkey, Ukraine
  - Lebanon, Libya, Palestine and Syria


## CONTRIBUTIONS OF SPANISH RED CROSS TO THE CLIMATE AND ENVIRONMENT CHARTER BOARD. Key points.

- Spanish Red Cross institutional commitments aligned with Climate and environment charter priorities
- Programming experience in many of the areas addressed by the charter
- Multilevel work: local, national and international

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 <b>COMMITMENTS AND PLEDGES OF OUR ORGANIZATION</b>								
Spanish Red Cross signed the charter on July 2021	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	
<p>During the XXXIII International Conference, Spanish Red Cross signed this specific pledge <a href="#">Engagement to reduce climate change impacts</a> by which our National society commits to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● <b>CALCULATE</b> our carbon footprint and register it with the relevant organizations.</li> <li>● <b>REDUCE</b>, establishing a plan that will affect all areas of the organization with a 45% reduction in emissions by 2030</li> <li>● <b>COMPENSATE</b> CO2 emitted reaching Climate neutrality in 2050</li> </ul>		●	●	●	●	●		Our efforts in this area, detailed further in Point Number 2, have been recognized by public authorities. We have been awarded the Seal of an Organization that calculates, reduces, and offsets its carbon footprint, and we have been registered in the emissions registry since 2021.
<p>Our <a href="#">Strategic Plan</a> (2023-2026) includes specific goals related to climate change, environment, disaster risk reductions and community resilience. It also integrates specific targets for the internal reduction of our emissions.</p> <p><i>[The plan is available in English and can be shared upon request]</i></p>	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	The fulfillment of the agreed goals implies the collaboration from different departments in our National Society. We have 1 specific Department (or knowledge area) related to Environment, but other areas such as health or relief also have climate related activities and programs. This implies the coordination of different areas, with their different knowledge and expertise, to develop a comprehensive climate approach.
 <b>PROGRAMMING ALIGNED WITH CLIMATE CHARTER PRIORITIES</b>								
<p><b>Urban Climate Resilience Program:</b> This program of community resilience incorporates DRR by identifying and mapping areas prone to natural hazards, especially those weather related (heatwaves and floods). By this program we support people to respond and adapt to the</p>	●		●	●	●	●	●	Different activities are carried out, but they range from awareness raising to increasing people's capacities to prevent and respond to risks.

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impacts of the climate crisis, we increase the capacity to understand climate and environmental risks, we use our influence to mobilize other resources and efforts and we promote the creation of networks among different stakeholders (private sector, public administration, etc.)								Other programs, developed from the health area, complement these lines of action by means of prevention calls to beneficiaries of our programs in extreme weather situations, such as heat waves, to find and remind them of basic protection measures.
<b>Offsetting: Integrating reforestation into climate-smart programs</b> , promoting ecological resilience, combating desertification, and supporting local communities through sustainable practices.		●	●		●	●	●	<a href="https://forecast.fora.es:5502/reforest">https://forecast.fora.es:5502/reforest</a> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 111.908 trees planted</li> <li>• More than 2.650 t CO2 offsetting since 2021.</li> <li>• 288 ha. reforested</li> </ul> This is developed at local level, with local branches and local volunteers
<b>Reducing greenhouse gas emissions</b> Promote the use and installation of renewable energies. Implement energy control-management tools, monitoring the efficiency of good practices. Reduce highly polluting journeys and opt for those that generate the least, such as the train. Promote the use of videoconferencing. Rational use of water as a scarce commodity. Staff training/awareness on sustainability and energy efficiency. Seeking collective commitment.		●					●	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Total emissions of CO2 equivalent: 22,423 Tons (2023 report)</li> <li>• 50 new photovoltaic installations have been completed at our locations.</li> <li>• 100% renewable energy services have been contracted.</li> </ul> In our <a href="#">Report 2022</a> you can find many other examples such as: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The audit of 1,465 properties.</li> <li>• A “national renewable energy plan” to make our facilities increasingly less dependent on fossil fuels</li> <li>• A sustainable mobility plan focused on our land fleet: 15.3% of our fleet are vehicles with a ZERO emissions badge issued by the DGT (General Directorate of Traffic) or an ECO badge. 171 hybrid and semi-hybrid electric vehicles have been registered, accounting for 59% of the year’s registrations.</li> </ul>

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								One of our commitments in our pledge <a href="#">Engagement to reduce climate change impacts</a> is to become carbon neutral by 2050
<b>Development of tools to maximize environmental sustainability and their dissemination for wide use by other stakeholders.</b> For example, tools such as the carbon footprint calculator facilitate the incorporation of measurement and reduction measures of the footprint for both individuals and organizations that have not yet started this journey.		●				●	●	<a href="https://www.cruzroja.es/cre_web/fo rmacion/materiales/ccm/calculador a/index.html#/en">https://www.cruzroja.es/cre_web/fo rmacion/materiales/ccm/calculador a/index.html#/en</a>
<b>Energy Efficiency and Access:</b> Providing sustainable energy solutions to vulnerable communities. As a result of this program, the targeted families achieve a carbon emission reduction of approximately 250 kg of CO2 per year. Additionally, they experience significant economic savings on their energy expenses.	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 134.262 people assisted in energy poverty.</li> <li>• 5 local solar panels installed in vulnerable houses</li> <li>• 1 Energy Community establish to support vulnerable groups with share energy</li> </ul>
<b>Environmental Restoration:</b> As river restoration projects that enhance natural water management systems, reducing flood risks, and improving biodiversity, which in turn supports resilient ecosystems	●		●	●	●	●	●	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 6 areas have been identified as environmental risk hotspots due to the deterioration of the riverine state.</li> </ul>
Nature based solutions Programmes: <b>Basuraleza.</b> Engaging communities in cleanup activities, promoting environmental stewardship and restoring ecosystems. These efforts contribute to biodiversity conservation, improve the health of natural habitats, and raise awareness about the impact of waste on the environment			●	●				<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• From 2021 to 2024, 29,872 kilos of waste have been characterized.</li> <li>• Participation includes 4,605 local volunteers.</li> <li>• Actions have been carried out at 263 natural sites</li> </ul>
<b>Green jobs:</b> Our employment program promotes several activities in this area. For instance, support entrepreneurial initiatives in the field of green jobs and spreading information on opportunities in	●							

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<p>this area. Additionally, advice and training are provided to vulnerable job seekers on environmental regulations related to various occupational sectors.</p>								
<p><b>Community awareness:</b> for general population but also for specific collectives such as youth (with activities of our Youth Department) or elderly people</p>			●	●	●			
<p><b>Volunteers and general population's Training and learning support</b></p> <p><a href="#">(Conocimiento Abierto - Cruz Roja)</a></p>							●	<p><b>For the general public, we offer open training courses such as:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Collection of micro plastics in coasts.</li> <li>• What to do in case of... drought</li> <li>• What to do in case of... heavy rains and floods</li> <li>• What to do in case of... snowfall</li> <li>• Sustainable and Energy Efficient Home</li> </ul> <p><b>For Volunteers and staff:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Consume, reduce, recycle: circular economy</li> <li>• +co(mpensa)2 course</li> <li>• Environmental education - ecg7</li> <li>• The international red cross movement and the environment</li> <li>• Introduction to climate change</li> <li>• Protecting and improving the environment</li> <li>• Beach service - environmental aspects</li> </ul>
								
Local			●					<p>We will continue to support our 1,200 local branches in greening their activities.</p> <p>Our domestic programs are implemented at community level, leveraging our experience working</p>

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								in diverse settings, including both urban and rural communities. In fact, we have a specific multisectoral strategy for working in rural areas, many of which are affected by depopulation.
Nacional					●	●	●	We will continue collaborating with governments and other humanitarian actors, nationally and internationally, to share learnings and to mobilize them to take ambitious climate action.
International					●			We are part of the RCRC Movement and keep cooperation relationship with more than 40 National Societies. These relations are aimed to co-develop projects but also to share our technical expertise. Also, at domestic level, we are part of international initiatives to which we contribute with our own local experience.