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Impact without footprint:


Reducing the environmental footprint of humanitarian aid for greater climate resilience

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2 UNEP/OCHA Joint Unit



- Founded in 1994 at request of UN Member States
- Mechanism to respond to environmental dimensions of emergencies
- Combines UN's humanitarian coordination mandate with its environmental expertise
- www.unocha.org/unesp

The UNEP/OCHA Joint Environment Unit addresses:

<p>Environmental emergencies Whether in response to natural hazards, technological accidents or a combination of them, the JEU can mobilize technical expertise at short notice (48 hours) for deployment to affected countries and provide remote support.</p>	<p>The environmental sustainability of humanitarian action JEU coordinates with partners to adapt to climate change in humanitarian settings, increase collaboration between environmental and humanitarian actors and mitigate environmental risks in humanitarian projects and programmes.</p>
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Humanitarian and environmental goals go hand in hand!


- Saves lives and livelihoods
- Do no harm! (standards)
- Protect UN/humanitarian reputation
- Walk the talk on greening and SDGs
- Provides a platform for local engagement
- An opportunity to increase resilience

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- Very low uptake of renewable energy
- Over-exploitation of natural resources including deforestation and ecosystems degradation
- Groundwater depletion
- Waste and wastewater mismanagement
- Ruined livelihoods
- Environmental contamination


ENVIRONMENT AND HUMANITARIAN ACTION

Increasing Effectiveness, Sustainability and Accountability



Environment and Humanitarian Action in the age of global reform agendas

Background Document to the Nexus Dialogue



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Recurring themes:

1. System-wide accountability
2. Strengthened coordination
3. Environmental mainstreaming
4. Advocacy & evidence
5. Funding

Fragmented project-based and site-specific solutions are not the answer!

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UN SECRETARIAT TO HALVE EMISSIONS BY 2030

WFD 25/09/19

GREENING THE BLUE.

Paris Climate Action Plan
Cent reduction in electricity from renewable
Summit, which is hosted by

- Greening the Blue
 - Environmental management strategies supported by environmental management systems and targets
- EMS: applicability to emergency response?
- London School of Economics study on policies forthcoming in 2020

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Screening tools & markers

- Safeguards, screening tools, markers, checklists, assessment tools.. (which ones, when, how!?!)
- Regionally, nationally and organizationally adapted
 - Latin America
 - Lebanon response plan
- Environmental markers guiding funding decisions?
 - Country-based pooled funds
 - Ex. Sudan, Afghanistan, Myanmar

Sectors	Environmental Marker Category		
	A	B	C
Basic Assistance (BA)	25	2	0
Education (ED)	19	1	0
Energy (EN)	19	5	0
Food Security (FS)	30	8	0
Health (HL)	24	4	0
Livelihoods (LV)	32	2	0
Protection (PR)	48	1	0
Shelter (SH)	10	3	0
Social Stability (SS)	19	2	1
Water (WA)	30	7	2
Total	286	35	3

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The NEAT+

Environmental Sensitivity Analysis

Assessment of: CAI-Grupo 3

Assessment completed by: NEAT team

Organisation completing assessment: UNHCR/JEU

Issues of High Concern	Issues of Moderate Concern	Issues of Low Concern
The displaced population may have a poor understanding of local ecosystems. This makes it difficult to manage the environment effectively.	The community may have a greater understanding of the local environment.	There may be a greater understanding of the local environment.
The environment has fragile ecosystems. Loss of biodiversity may be an issue.	The community may not be socially cohesive. This can prevent collective action and lead to social conflict.	There may be a weakened or poor governance.
There are areas of high cultural significance. This can be a challenge to manage.	The displaced population may be in a state of uncertainty. There may be a lack of incentive to practice sustainable behavior.	There may be a weakened or poor governance.

NEAT +

Nexus Environmental Assessment Tool

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Environment and Humanitarian Action Network (EHAN)



Networks and platforms

- Networks
 - Environment and Humanitarian Action Network
 - Réseau environnement humanitaire (REH)
 - Environment Community of Practice, Shelter Cluster
- Knowledge management and guidance platforms
 - EHA Connect
<https://ehaconnect.org/>
 - Green Recovery
<http://envirodm.org/>









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Platforms: EHA Connect

EHA CONNECT

- Repository of tools, guidance and case studies, tailored for humanitarian and environmental communities
- Organized around the Humanitarian Programme Cycle
- Cluster-specific and thematic guidance
<https://ehaconnect.org/>


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- Online trainings on Environment and Humanitarian Action:
 - Environment in Humanitarian Action (2h, multiple languages, free) - www.eecentre.org
 - Groupe URD training on environment and humanitarian Action (FR)
 - ICRC MOOC
 - ...and more



ENVIRONMENT IN HUMANITARIAN ACTION

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ICRC INTERNATIONAL COMMITTEE OF THE RED CROSS

WHO WE ARE WHAT WE DO WHERE WE WORK WAR & LAW SUPPORT US

ICRC's first massive open online course (MOOC) on sustainability in humanitarian action

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- Energy (cooking, operational)
- Plastic packaging
- Asbestos
- ...and more



GPA GLOBAL PLAN OF ACTION

SAFE SAFE ACCESS TO FUEL AND ENERGY





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Increasing demand for action

- Advocacy and donor policies
- Better programs, M&E?
- Funding?
- Alignment of workstreams
- Continued engagement and collaboration required!



Reducing environmental impact in humanitarian response

Thematic sheets provide more detailed guidance and reflections on themes relevant to the Sphere Handbook. They are based on inputs received throughout the 2017-18 Handbook revision and further guidance and can be updated over time as needed, to reflect learning in the sector.



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We need to get the story about environmental risks and opportunities in humanitarian action straight. After all, if we're not even starting at the right place, we certainly will not end up at the right destination.

Thank you!

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