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World Jewish Relief Carbon Reduction Plan, 2024

Supplier name: World Jewish Relief

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Commitment to achieving Net Zero

World Jewish Relief is committed to achieving Net Zero emissions by 2050.

Emissions

Baseline emissions are a record of the greenhouse gases that have been produced in the past and were produced prior to the introduction of any strategies to reduce emissions. Baseline emissions are the reference point against which emissions reduction can be measured. Our official baseline year was 2021-2022, however as outlined below this is not an accurate picture of our ongoing emission levels. This Plan uses 2022-2023 as a more accurate picture of our emissions.

Year: June 2022- July 2023 (Supplier's 2021-2022 financial year)

Additional Details relating to the Emissions calculations.

2021-2022 was the first financial year for which we have calculated our greenhouse gas emissions (herein referred to as carbon emissions, for simplicity). We used the services of an organisation called Greenr (<https://greenr.com/>), which calculates scopes 1, 2 and 3, as well as employee personal emissions, for charities. We used them to calculate, and offset, the carbon equivalent emissions of our headquarter office, UK programmes, and our employees.

One complication for us as an organisation is that we implement many programmes within the UK, but also across eastern Europe, Asia and Africa, which are delivered through partner charities in other countries. For many of our partner charities, there is much less data available for greenhouse emissions. Furthermore, we have not found any guidelines in the international development/humanitarian sector, nor any legal definitions, that dictate which charity is responsible for emissions when multiple charities are involved in funding and implementing a given programme. We are actively seeking guidance on this as the sector evolves and in future years aim to calculate the emissions for our international programmes as well. (more info below).

2021-2022 was an unusual year for us due to the continuing influence of the COVID-19 pandemic which restricted our international travel at some points in the year, and therefore minimised our emissions from flights. Furthermore, the outbreak of the war in Ukraine led to a substantial increase in our programming and staff numbers – both within Ukraine and here in the UK. As a result, our emissions for 2022-2023 were substantially higher than the previous year.

As a result, we will continue to revise our carbon reduction strategy as our organisation continues to evolve, to ensure that our calculations is a fair representation of our emissions. We will shortly be calculating our 2023-2024 emissions, where we will have a better picture of our overall direction of travel, and if we are managing to reduce our emissions. One way we will seek to do this is to analyse the emissions data per employee, as opposed to the total number.

2022-2023 year emissions:

EMISSIONS	TOTAL (tCO₂e)
Scope 1	0 tonnes
Scope 2	10 tonnes
Scope 3 (Included Sources)	515 tonnes
Employee personal emissions	400 tonnes
Total Emissions	<p>925 tonnes (for comparison 21-22 totalled 470 tonnes, but this is not an accurate reflection as mentioned).</p> <p><i>This equates to 18.5 tonnes per FTE staff member. We will include this calculation when analysing our 2023-2024 emissions too.</i></p>

Current Emissions Reporting

Emissions reduction targets

In order to continue our progress to achieving Net Zero, we have adopted the following carbon reduction targets:

Targets achieved already:

1. We will calculate our scope 1, 2 and 3 emissions for our headquarters every financial year using an accredited organisation. – achieved for financial year 2021- 2022 and 2022-2023. We will shortly be completing 2023-2024.
2. Every year, we will review emerging guidance from the charity and international development sectors, including The Climate and Environment Charter for Humanitarian Organisations, to identify new methodologies for calculating emissions from international

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programmes and partners. - achieved for financial year 2022- 2023 and 2023-2024.

3. We will be at least carbon neutral every financial year, by offsetting all emissions. Offsetting programmes must be accredited within their own country, e.g. woodland carbon code if in UK. - achieved for financial year 2021- 2022 and 2022-2023.

Targets to work towards:

4. We will communicate our emissions, as well as the methodology, external source and offsetting projects used, to our supporters by uploading an updated carbon reduction strategy to our website every year.
5. Every year, we will review our baseline calculations against updates in methodology, and our changing organisation, to ensure that targets are fair. This may include calculating our emission in relation to total spend, total programme spend, or number of programme participants that we have reached with assistance.
6. We will identify several measures to decrease carbon emissions. Our Senior Leadership Team will identify new measures across programmes, events, communications, fundraising, our office and our investments, to decrease carbon emissions, plus the cost of implementing each – by end of current financial year (June 2025)
7. We will implement measures to decrease carbon emissions per total spend, - by end of current financial year (June 2025)
8. We will agree on official annual targets from now until 2050 for reducing our carbon emissions compared to our baseline year by 95% (i.e. to reach net zero). - by end of current financial year (June 2025)

As these carbon reduction targets are newly set, we do not have any progress to report yet.

Carbon Reduction Projects

In the future we hope to implement further measures such as:

- Restrictions on flights to visit programme sites and partners in other countries
- Restrictions on use of private transport to work, to events, to visit programme sites in UK
- Incentives for employees to use public transport to commute to office
- Switching office energy suppliers to renewable sources.
- Implementing insulation in the office to reduce energy wastage
- Installing energy efficient heating, lighting, and air conditioning in office
- Assessing our investments (e.g. pension funds), to see if they are supporting any carbon intensive industries

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Declaration and Sign Off

This Carbon Reduction Plan has been completed in accordance with PPN 06/21 and associated guidance and reporting standard for Carbon Reduction Plans.

Emissions have been reported and recorded in accordance with the published reporting standard for Carbon Reduction Plans and the GHG Reporting Protocol corporate standard¹ and uses the appropriate Government emission conversion factors for greenhouse gas company reporting².

Scope 1 and Scope 2 emissions have been reported in accordance with SECR requirements, and the required subset of Scope 3 emissions have been reported in accordance with the published reporting standard for Carbon Reduction Plans and the Corporate Value Chain (Scope 3) Standard³.

This Carbon Reduction Plan has been reviewed and signed off by the board of directors (or equivalent management body).

Signed on behalf of the Supplier:

World Jewish Relief



Date:1 August 2024.....

¹<https://ghgprotocol.org/corporate-standard>

²<https://www.gov.uk/government/collections/government-conversion-factors-for-company-reporting>

³<https://ghgprotocol.org/standards/scope-3-standard>