

## Module 1b: Climate change and the role of Red Cross Red Crescent Movement

### What is in this module?

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Fiaccolata 2007 da Solferino a Castiglione. (Photo: Andrea Ciresa/Italian Red Cross)

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*Increasing risks are a reality for humanity and put increasing pressure on humanitarian and development organizations. The Red Cross Red Crescent Movement is committed to act.*

## INTRODUCTION

In this module you will find a full introduction to how and why, as a humanitarian organization, the Red Cross Red Crescent Movement (“the Movement”) must engage in climate change adaptation. It touches on different aspects of our work and commitments made to date, and will help staff and volunteers argue this case, highlighting its full breadth.

Several parts of the module can also be used by external partners, and it will be particularly useful when combined with module 1a.

## OBJECTIVE

The module outlines commitments to action by the Movement and relevant areas of work, following the IFRC’s *Framework for Climate Action*, and how to get started.

## PRODUCTS

### 1. PowerPoint presentation with explanatory notes

The PowerPoint presentation, which explains how to get started in this area, is designed to help facilitators and summarizes why the Red Cross Red Crescent is committed to addressing climate change issues and what the IFRC is committed to.

Subsequently it touches on the different areas of our work and how climate action can be part of it.

### 2. Group exercise

This is intended to show how the commitments of the Movement can be translated into action at national and local levels, and where additional action can be taken.

### 3. Experience from Red Cross Red Crescent National Societies

A full paper is available in this section which shows IFRC commitments and many

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examples of action by National Societies worldwide. This module reveals the scale of our commitments, so the number of practical case studies from around the world is inevitably limited. Most case studies are found under the action-oriented modules in the kit.

In addition, an IFRC guide to 'Small and simple actions to address climate change' is providing basic ideas on how a National Society or branch may get started on climate change adaptation and mitigation projects.

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#### 4. Recommended films and videos

A selection of short films introduces the humanitarian implications of, and Red Cross Red Crescent responses to, a changing climate. Some of the key films are:

- [Haiti and 1.5 degrees](#): Twelve Haitians share their personal experiences of climate change in Haiti (07:17)
- [Climate change is NOW](#): Pacific Red Cross youth of the Pacific explaining concerns of climate change impacts (03:45)
- [Beyond Response - Adapting to climate change at the Red Cross](#): Indonesian Red Cross (07:55).

On the Climate Centre [Vimeo channel](#) you can also find many films on climate risk management.

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#### 5. Relevant reading

For a better understanding of the content of this module, you will find a timeline of global commitments by the Movement in relation to climate change, the 2007 International Conference declaration that focuses on the humanitarian consequences of environmental degradation and climate change, and the Movement's (including ICRC) *Ambitions to address the climate crisis* as well as the 2021 *Climate & Environment Charter For Humanitarian Organizations*.

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