CLIMATE CHANGE INNOVATION FUND
Meeting the Health Impacts of Climate Change
International Medical Corps
“Climate change is not just an environmental issue; it is a humanitarian crisis of epic proportions.”

KOFI ANNAN
Climate change is increasing the frequency and severity of natural disasters.

Last year, 32.6 million people fled natural disasters, compounding existing humanitarian crises.

1.2 billion people could be displaced by climate change over the next 30 years.
Climate-Driven Health Threats

“50 years of advances in public health are under threat due to climate change.”

THE WORLD HEALTH ORGANIZATION

Frequent and large-scale disasters drive displacement, disrupt care and spread disease

Repetitive and widespread climate losses deplete livelihoods and resources while intensifying conflict, gender-based violence and mental health crises

EXTREME HEAT & WILDFIRES
Dehydration and exhaustion, cardiovascular and respiratory disease

DROUGHT & WATER SCARCITY
Crop failure, food insecurity, malnutrition

FLOODING & TROPICAL STORMS
Injuries, contaminated water, infectious and vector-borne diseases
Developing Nations Are Bearing the Brunt

90% of climate-caused deaths occur in developing countries

Climate disasters—projected to increase 40% by 2030—are disproportionately affecting women, children, the elderly and the disabled

By 2030, climate change could push an additional 100 million vulnerable people into extreme poverty

By 2050, higher temperatures will reduce key food crop yields, making it impossible to grow food in many vulnerable areas
Governments and multilateral organizations remain woefully underprepared to deal with the effects of climate change.

- **Limited Funding, Escalating Demand**

  - 70% of countries report insufficient budget to implement climate solutions.
  - Only about 16% of climate finance needs are currently being met.
  - Less than 2% of multilateral climate finance goes to health projects.
Climate change is the biggest global health threat of the 21st century, but also the greatest opportunity to redefine the social and environmental determinants of health.”

THE LANCET
Since 1984, we have worked to make communities more resilient.

Today, we’re leveraging our global leadership to drive community-led humanitarian programming that addresses the health impacts of climate change.
Committed to climate-adaptive solutions that move beyond mitigating global emissions, our **Climate Change Innovation Fund** supports projects that strengthen capacity and promote resilience, enabling us and our partners to:

- address climate-related threats to health
- pilot new approaches and climate-proofing technologies
- develop sustainable, scalable and cost-effective solutions
- advance global learning and best practice
Our frontline teams, 96% of whom are from the communities we serve, and our partners harness local knowledge to develop innovative solutions to address the effects of climate change, including:

- **Community-Led Climate Innovation**
  - Context-specific programs that identify and focus on priority needs
  - Multi-sectoral approaches to address multiple threats and build resilience
  - Strategically designed programs that address the emerging impacts of climate change
Leveraging Global Leadership

Longstanding relationships with local and national governments, partners and multilateral organizations drive ingenuity and collaboration.

Our extensive experience and expertise put us at the cutting edge of global best practice, research and innovation.

With a worldwide supply chain, global hubs, prepositioned supplies and EMT Type 1 (Fixed and Mobile) status, we stand ready to respond to more frequent and severe climate disasters.
From updating training curricula for community health workers, to heat- and flood-proofing local health facilities, our context-specific programs reach people where they are.

**Local Solutions, Global Support**

**FLORIDA**
We provide training on climate-informed agriculture to improve water-conservation and address malnutrition.

**ZIMBABWE**
We provide flood- and drought-proofed infrastructure, including boreholes and wells, to ensure consistent access to clean water.

**SOMALIA**
We provide training on climate-informed agriculture to improve water-conservation and address malnutrition.

**GLOBALLY**
We increase the capacity of local actors to respond to natural disasters and the health impacts of climate change.
THANK YOU

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