



Climate Charter

SEEDS is committed to enabling the bottom one per cent of communities vulnerable to the climate emergency to adapt, anticipate and act to secure their future and of the larger community.

Over the past 28 years, SEEDS has responded to over 37 emergencies impacting more than 3 million lives. We have been working with local organisations nationally and through our alliances in the Asia region. People (and nature) have been at the core of our approach, and we put our efforts into ensuring communities do not just survive impacts but are able to strengthen their resilience to disasters.

SEEDS is building a strategic focus, by addressing issues of the climate emergency as its impact is now evident with the increasing intensity and frequency of disasters. The situation is expected to worsen in the next decade as carbon emissions continue to increase.

As a signatory to the [Climate and Environment Charter for Humanitarian Organizations](#), SEEDS joins other organisations at the COP26, Glasgow to commit to the following actions for the next ten years:

I. Enable and augment the agency of the affected and vulnerable communities

We will strive to ensure communities are aware of the impacts of the climate emergency and enable them to take informed decisions to protect lives and livelihoods while continuing to create amplification mechanisms through our socio-technical expertise.

- II. Assist communities adapt to impacts of the climate emergency**

We will help communities through interventions aimed at addressing impacts on key sectors such as livelihood, habitat, health, learning, green and blue infrastructure and disaster safety through ecosystem-based approaches and nature-based solutions helping them adapt, reduce their carbon footprint, and diminish the negative impact of their choices on nature.
- III. Invest in anticipatory action**

With a comprehensive view of the cyclical nature of climate-induced disasters and anticipated impacts, we will invest in enhancing preparedness and response capacities to reduce potential disaster losses. For example, we will support the creation of local financing facilities that will help communities access resources that are based on their needs as quickly and as directly as possible.
- IV. Promote local innovations for building resilience at scale**

We believe that wicked problems such as environmental degradation and loss of natural buffer, caused by anthropogenic activities and exacerbated by the climate emergency, often has its solutions in the local communities and have a deeper understanding of the problem. Thus, we will actively seek locally sourced innovative tools, processes, and approaches that can help overcome such challenges faced by the community.
- V. Do no harm while enabling community resilience**

We will promote the usage of sustainable materials, technologies, and practices such as bamboo, renewable energy, local supply chains, etc. through the course of our work to reduce and offset our own carbon footprint.
- VI. Collaborate with a network of partners to tackle the scale and urgency of the climate emergency**

We will actively collaborate with willing partners, who have the knowledge of local contexts and complementary strengths, to co-create solutions to address challenges of scale and the urgency of climate emergency.
- VII. Leverage technology for using resources efficiently**

We will leverage technology to scale our impact efficiently and reach communities in the most direct and fastest possible way. We will also use advancements in technology to effectively manage community risks.
- VIII. Leave no one behind in this journey of enabling community resilience**

SEEDS will proactively adopt a lens of inclusion in all its work to ensure marginalised groups such as women, Dalits, people with disability, elderly, genderqueer, and those at the intersections of it, who are disproportionately impacted by the climate emergency, are not left behind while we strive towards enabling resilience.