

CAPACITY STATEMENT: CLIMATE CHANGE



CONTEXT

Children and adolescents are the least responsible for climate change, yet they are the most vulnerable. In Latin America and the Caribbean, more than **158.3 million children (4 out of 5) live in high climate risk areas, and 10.9 million face the triple threat of climate change, poverty, and conflict.** By 2030, the region will need between USD 470 billion and USD 1.3 trillion in resilient infrastructure, but the lack of government action remains a major obstacle.

In Peru, during 2020, more than **2.7 million children under the age of 10 were exposed to droughts, and 2.5 million minors under 17 faced floods. Additionally, 413,000 children were exposed to glacier-related hazards, 79,000 were affected by cold snaps, and 29,000 by frosts.** The National Meteorology and Hydrology Service of Peru (SENAMHI) projects a 1°C increase in average temperature and greater variability in precipitation by 2030, further intensifying children's vulnerability to the climate crisis.

OUR EXPERIENCE: WHY SAVE THE CHILDREN?

As the largest independent child rights organization, with a presence in 120 countries, Save the Children leads the response to the impacts of climate change on children, combining its experience working in vulnerable communities with disaster risk management. In the face of increasing climate risks, the organization has intensified efforts to ensure that children play a leading role in the global response.

Save the Children is the only humanitarian and development NGO specializing in children that has been accredited by the Green Climate Fund of the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC). This allows us to take targeted action against current climate and environmental challenges:



"Climate change puts many girls and boys at greater risk, especially those with lower incomes or fewer opportunities to escape these risks."

Peruvian girl, 11 years old
Interview during Save the Children consultations

"What is good for children and nature is good for humanity."

Esmeralda, adolescent from Apurímac
Statement before the UN

"Climate change affects us as girls and adolescents too, but adults do not consider us. This needs to change."

Ximena, peruvian adolescent
Statement during Save the Children consultation



CHILD EMPOWERMENT

Ensuring that all children and adolescents, especially those in the most vulnerable situations, participate in decision-making on climate change and the environment.



CLIMATE JUSTICE

Integrating children's rights and intergenerational justice into the political agenda, holding governments accountable.



CHILD-CENTERED ADAPTATION

Enhancing climate change adaptation and biodiversity protection while prioritizing the needs of the most vulnerable children and adolescents.



CHILD-SENSITIVE CLIMATE FINANCING

Ensuring that climate financing considers and includes the needs of children and adolescents.

GLOBAL ROLE

Save the Children has strengthened its capacity in climate and environmental issues by **integrating climate adaptation into its education, health, food security, protection, and livelihoods programs**. Additionally, Save the Children influences national and international policies to uphold children's climate rights through advocacy campaigns and global engagement efforts. The organization works closely with children, adolescents, and youth activists to amplify their initiatives and co-create solutions.

Save the Children is a strategic partner in the Children's Environmental Rights Initiative and the Children in a Changing Climate Coalition. In 2023, it participated in the 58th session of the IPCC, where youth voices were included for the first time.

Since 2021, Save the Children has been promoting the Principles for Locally Led Adaptation alongside governments and institutions. Furthermore, the organization has reaffirmed its commitment to sustainability and aims to reduce its CO₂ emissions by more than 50% by 2030.

OUR GLOBAL CLIMATE PRIORITIES

Anticipatory action and social protection

Children's voices for climate justice

Green skills for young people's future jobs

Preparing children to adapt to climate change

Nature-based solutions for children's health and nutrition

Healthy diets and sustainable food systems

Locally and community-led adaptation

SAVE THE CHILDREN'S RESPONSE IN PERU

In line with Save the Children's global vision, the team in Peru leads environmental conservation, climate mitigation and adaptation, ensuring that children and adolescents remain at the heart of climate action. Institutional strategies align with national and international commitments, strengthening community resilience and empowering new generations to take the lead in building a sustainable future.

ADAPTATION TO CLIMATE CHANGE

Agroclimatic Information System (SIA)

In partnership with the National Meteorology and Hydrology Service of Peru (SENAMHI), **Save the Children implemented the Agroclimatic Information System (SIA) between 2021 and 2024**. This tool integrates advanced technology and community participation to anticipate and mitigate the impacts of droughts and floods, providing forecasts and risk analysis that enable communities to make timely decisions to protect their crops, livestock, and livelihoods.

GEOGRAPHIC PRESENCE

In Peru, Save the Children has implemented and is implementing programs or advocacy actions in multiple regions such as: Piura, Lambayeque, La Libertad, Lima, Callao, Junín, Huancavelica, Apurímac, Loreto y San Martín.



- Piura
- Lambayeque
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- Lima
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- Apurímac
- Loreto
- San Martín

SIA is part of a comprehensive strategy to strengthen climate resilience in communities through:

- ✓ Studies on agricultural water balance using satellite information and geo-statistics.
- ✓ Assessment of drought impacts on health, education, economy, and food security.
- ✓ Community mapping of high-risk areas and development of agricultural and livestock calendars.
- ✓ Creation of a prototype agrometeorological warning system.
- ✓ Identification of needs and preparation of response kits for livestock and agriculture.
- ✓ PICSA (Participatory Integrated Climate Services for Agriculture) workshops and simulations.
- ✓ Training for community committees to interpret the SIA and respond to droughts.

Outstanding achievement:

- **Innovation and Sustainability:** The SIA tool offers nationwide forecasts and provides critical information for livelihoods and is sustainable within SENAMHI.
- **Resilience:** With the SIA, 300 families are better prepared to anticipate and mitigate the impacts of droughts, reducing losses and improving post-disaster recover.

ADVOCACY & CAMPAIGNS

GENERATION HOPE

Save the Children is committed to strengthening child and youth leadership, promoting their participation in decision-making spaces on climate change and economic inequality. Since 2022, it has been implementing Generation Hope, a global campaign that has mobilized over 15,000 children and adolescents to place children at the center of climate action.

In Peru, between 2022 and 2024, the organization has supported more than 500 children and adolescents across 10 regions, providing them with tools to influence public policies and actively participate in climate governance. In 2024, Generation Hope expanded to Piura, Apurímac, Loreto, and Lima, ensuring the representation of urban, rural, and Indigenous children and adolescents with a scalable and adaptable model for different contexts.

CHILD-LED AND CHILD-INCLUSIVE CAMPAIGNS

Save the Children promotes an inclusive and intercultural campaign model where children and adolescents identify socio-environmental issues, develop action frameworks, and propose solutions through project-based learning approaches.

LOCAL ADVOCACY WITH GLOBAL IMPACT

The organization collaborates with local partners to contextualize climate challenges and position them in international decision-making spaces such as COP, the Summit of the Future, and the Inter-American Court of Human Rights. As part of this strategy, it organized the COP 2024 Simulation in Peru, where 30 children and adolescents received training in climate governance and international negotiations.

MONITORING CHILDREN'S RIGHTS AND THE ENVIRONMENT

Save the Children contributes to national and international monitoring mechanisms and reports, including alternative reports to the UN Committee on the Rights of the Child on the impact of climate change on children. In partnership with local allies, it supported an Amicus Curiae to strengthen the recognition of children's environmental rights. Additionally, the organization adapts and disseminates accessible versions, training materials, and policy documents on key instruments such as General Comment No. 26, ensuring that children understand their rights and can demand their enforcement.

PARTNERSHIPS WITH CHILDREN, LOCAL ORGANIZATIONS, AND STRATEGIC ALLIES

Save the Children believes in children's leadership in driving social change. It collaborates with child- and youth-led organizations and civil society groups to amplify their voices and strengthen collective action:

- Movimiento Nacional de Niños, Niñas y Adolescentes Trabajadores Organizados del Perú (MNNATSOP)
- Instituto de Formación para Adolescentes y Niños Trabajadores (INFANT)
- Movimiento de Adolescentes y Niños Trabajadores Hijos de Obreros Cristianos (MANTHOC)
- Instituto de Formación para Educadores de Jóvenes, Adolescentes y Niños Trabajadores (IFEJANT)
- Paz y Esperanza
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- Quinta Ola
- Movimiento Manuela Ramos
- Perú Equidad
- Centro de Desarrollo Étnico (CEDET)

Study: "Into the Eye of the Storm: How the Climate Crisis is Driving Child Migration and Displacement" (2022).

In this study, Save the Children explores the link between climate change, migration, and child displacement through consultations with children and adolescents in Peru, as well as national and international experts. The findings highlight the need to empower youth as agents of change, implement eco-friendly measures, prioritize the protection of vulnerable groups, and promote nature-based solutions to reduce the impact of climate change on children.

INTERNATIONAL FORUMS AND EVENTS

London Climate Week 2024

Save the Children Peru and SENAMHI, in collaboration with Start Fund, organized a webinar on anticipatory action, climate adaptation, and risk management, highlighting the use of meteorological data to strengthen climate-resilient livelihoods.

Summit of the Future 2024

Save the Children facilitated the participation of adolescent girls from the Global South at the United Nations, with a prior training and advocacy process before the U.S. State Department and Congress to ensure children's rights are included in global agreements.

COP 28 and COP 30

In collaboration with The Climate Reality Project, UNICEF, and Peru's Ministry of Environment, Save the Children supported the participation of young Peruvians at COP 28 in Dubai and plans to replicate the initiative at COP 30 in Brazil.

STRATEGIC ALLIANCES

Save the Children in Peru works with the government, private sector, academia, and national and international organizations to implement strategies that strengthen climate action and environmental conservation. These partnerships enable resource mobilization, advocacy, and the development of integrated policies with local and regional impact.

- **Government and Public Entities:** Ministry of the Environment of Peru (MINAM), National Meteorology and Hydrology Service of Peru (SENAMHI).
- **International Organizations and Environmental & Development NGOs:** World Wildlife Fund (WWF), CARE Peru, Association for Research and Comprehensive Development (AIDER), Ecumenical Center for Promotion and Social Action North (CEDEPAS Norte), Peruvian Society for Environmental Law (SPDA), FICUS.
- **National Civil Society and Human Rights Organizations:** Environmental and Social Development (DAS Peru), Peace and Hope, Center for Development Studies and Promotion (Descocentro), National Organization of Andean and Amazonian Indigenous Women of Peru (ONAMIAP).
- **Academia and Research Centers:** University of Engineering and Technology (UTEC), InnoLab - Cayetano Heredia Peruvian University (UPCH), Asociación Sistema Urbano - Lima Como Vamos.

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