

CLIMATE ACTION

Enhancing Adaptation,
Building Resilience

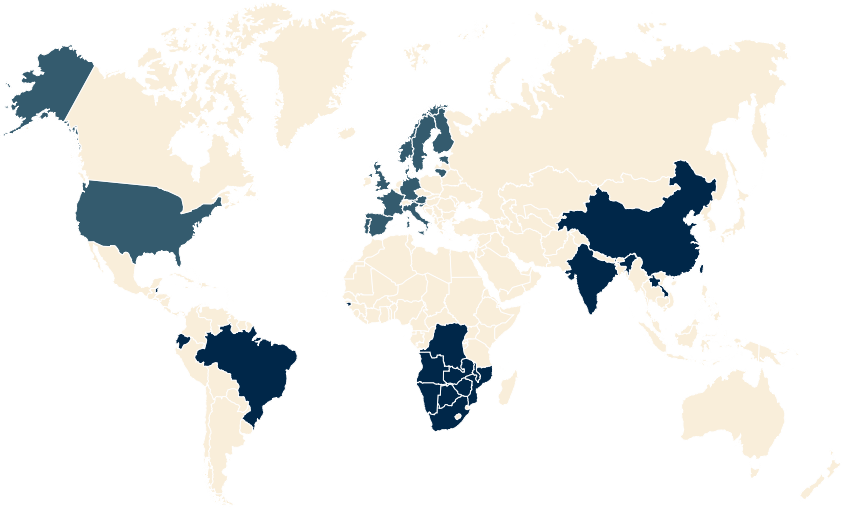


HUMANA
PEOPLE TO PEOPLE

Who are we?

HUMANA People to People (HUMANA) is an **international network of 29 local NGOs** working for the sustainable development of vulnerable communities, particularly from **Sub-Saharan Africa**, the **Americas** and **Asia**.

In our unwavering commitment to tackling some of the world's major socioeconomic, environmental, and humanitarian challenges, we spearhead **community-driven holistic development programmes** that **harness** the power of **education** and **collaboration**. Moreover, our teams are comprised by people hailing from the very communities we serve, offering invaluable local insights and expertise



You may know HUMANA member organisations by the names of:



OUR AREAS OF WORK

Climate Change and Agriculture

Education, Training and Economic Empowerment

Community Development

Health

How do we work?

To address the pressing challenges and imminent threats faced by rural communities in the relentless grip of climate change and its unpredictable variations, HUMANA's climate action is built upon the following elements:

1

Working with Frontline & Vulnerable Communities

Climate change is already having a devastating impact on the world's most impoverished communities, and it's clear that it has the potential to keep millions trapped in poverty.

Without adaptation efforts, the most vulnerable groups will experience severe food shortages, loss of livelihoods, extreme poverty, and even loss of life.

HUMANA members are dedicated to improving the lives and conditions of frontline communities in some of the world's most challenging regions. Our programmes strategically target areas where the impact of climate change is most severe, precisely where resilience and adaptive capabilities are at their weakest.



Addressing structural inequalities

Climate vulnerability frequently arises from entrenched structural inequalities. To address this issue, HUMANA places a high priority on working with marginalized groups, such as women, youth, persons with disabilities, and ethnic minorities. Our specific focus revolves around facilitating their equitable access to and active participation in decision-making processes, as well as enhancing their access to essential services like healthcare, education, and training, among other essential areas. We firmly anchor our interventions, including those related to climate action, in the principles of **Social Inclusion, Equity, and a Gender Transformative Approach**. These foundations underpin all our efforts to create a more equitable and resilient world.

2

Promoting Locally-Led Climate Action & Focusing on Last-Mile Adaptation

Locally-led adaptation places the agency and decision-making in the hands of the people most affected, which results in greater local ownership and leadership of adaptation. Nevertheless, community engagement at the local level is often lacking in Adaptation Planning efforts.

To complement governments' efforts, HUMANA members target the last-mile of adaptation planning. We do so by supporting local communities develop and implement Community Adaptation Action Plans (CAAPs), in line with the National Adaptation Plans (NAPs) and in collaboration with relevant national and local authorities.

3

Facilitating the Strengthening of Local Structures

The strengthening of social capital is not only a cornerstone of climate resilience but also a key measure for long-term sustainability.

In line with this principle, HUMANA's programs are designed to bolster community-level organizational structures, enabling the seamless continuation of activities and the sustained pursuit of climate-resilient development pathways.

In particular, we place a strong emphasis on building the capacity of communities. This involves enhancing their awareness, knowledge, understanding, and skills pertaining to climate change impacts and potential adaptation strategies.

Additionally, our members work with communities to provide them with access to climate information and the essential skills for its meaningful interpretation.

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Fostering Climate Resilient Communities and Livelihoods

The majority of rural populations depend on small-scale agriculture, fisheries, and natural resources for their livelihoods, so it becomes imperative safeguard vulnerable communities and also alleviate poverty, ensure food security, promote economic stability, and uphold environmental sustainability.

Central to HUMANA's climate initiatives is the enhancement of local communities' resilience. This is achieved through several strategies, including technology transfer, the promotion of climate-resilient agriculture, and the sustainable management of natural resources (forests, fisheries, and water).

We also support income diversification and the development of climate-resilient value chains, including the strengthening local processing and storage capacities, financial literacy, renewable energy and the access to small grants and financial services. Furthermore, our efforts extend to the development relevant skills and competences for green(er) jobs and societies, through HUMANA's network of schools and colleges (Technical Vocational Education and Training Schools; Primary and Secondary Schools and Teachers' Colleges).



Climate-Humanitarian Nexus

In recent years, HUMANA members have increased their efforts to support local communities through Disaster Risk Reduction and Post-Recovery interventions, particularly in areas affected by Cyclone Freddy (2023) and Cyclone Idai (2019). In close collaboration with national District Disaster Offices, HUMANA's intervention places a strong emphasis on proactive preparedness and anticipatory measures disaster. Once a disaster strikes, our primary focus shifts to improving the living conditions of affected individuals, including those within displacement camps, by enhancing shelter, ensuring food security, and promoting hygiene practices. Following this immediate response phase, our efforts pivot toward fostering socioeconomic recovery. We work alongside communities to revitalize agricultural activities and establish robust social safety nets. This multifaceted approach aims to not only assist communities in rebuilding, but also fortifying their resilience in the face of climate-induced disasters.

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Harnessing the potential of multi-stakeholder collaboration

Climate change imposes a shared responsibility that cuts across all sectors of society. The establishment and maintenance of solid alliances and networks significantly amplifies the power and reach of collective climate action, which is particularly crucial in providing essential support to vulnerable communities.

Within this context, HUMANA members work in close collaboration with the respective Nationally Designated Authorities (NDAs) and relevant line Ministries. Through collaborative efforts, we identify and craft climate projects that directly address the most pressing needs and challenges. Furthermore, our approach actively engages local and traditional authorities, ensuring that their valuable insights and expertise play a central role in the planning and execution phases.

To strengthen our strategies, we tap into the knowledge and resources offered by research institutions and the private sector. Additionally, we place a strong emphasis on engaging communities and vulnerable groups (e.g. women, persons with disabilities, youth), tailoring solutions to meet their unique circumstances and requirements.

[Learn more about our climate projects](#)





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