

Environmental Policy

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1 Policy Statement and Purpose

Caritas Czech Republic acknowledges the critical social and economic importance of environmental stewardship and the need to consider this subject as an integral part of its strategic decision-making process and day-to-day operations.

The purpose of this policy is to:

- Formalize CCR commitment to environmental awareness and accountability.
- Promote awareness of environmental responsibility within the organization.
- Conduct CCR's programs in a manner consistent with the goals outlined in this Policy and in environmentally sustainable ways.

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2.1 Approach

CCR approach to its environmental responsibility is based on Caritas Internationalis guidelines on environmental justice.

2.2 General Objective

CCR recognizes its responsibilities to manage the nature and scale of environmental impacts of its activities and services. Within the framework of this policy, CCR shall endeavour so far as it deems reasonably achievable to:

- Contribute generally to the improvement of the local, national and global environment
- Actively comply with all relevant local, national and global environmental laws, regulations, policy mechanisms and approved codes of practice.
- Promote the principles of sustainability and environmental stewardship.
- Raise staff awareness about the Organization's environmental impact, and promote individual good practice in the use of the Organization premises.
- Provide a safe and healthful workplace and ensure that all employees are provided with the information, training and tools necessary to implement responsible environmental practices.
- Prevent the over-consumption of energy and other resources and reduce the production of waste and the release of substances harmful to the environment.

- Avoid the unnecessary use of the environmentally damaging substances and processes
- Make sustainable use of renewable natural resources and conserve non-renewable natural resources through efficient use and careful planning.
- Implement environmentally preferable choices when building projects, purchasing supplies and services.
- Ensure that the stewardship of the organization's grounds and building encompasses best environmental practice in all development and maintenance works, and explore the use of renewable energies.
- Purchase goods that are ecologically friendly, including items that are energy efficient, locally produced, made from recycled and/or renewable materials. And, when possible, tender to suppliers that are local and/or committed to environmental sustainability challenges.
- Conduct Impact and Risk assessments in the planning stage and develop site specific Environmental Management plans, where necessary, before operations.
- Provide the human and financial resources required to implement this policy.

2.3 Roles and Responsibilities

Responsibility for compliance with CCR's environmental Policy lies with all CCR staff, including staff at missions.

3 List of abbreviations

CCR	Caritas Czech Republic
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