

YPSA Environment Protection and Climate Change Guidelines

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Background: YPSA has its own set of organizational core values that guide its people while making any decisions for any interventions they make. Of its six organizational core values, '**Support for Environment and Ecology**' is the sixth core value. YPSA believes that safe and healthy living good environment and ecology are indispensable. YPSA actively takes sides with all initiatives for the protection and betterment, and against any step towards degradation of the environment and ecology. YPSA implements its activities under six programmatic thematic areas including Health, Education, Human Rights and Governance, Economic Empowerment, Environment and Climate Change, DRR & Humanitarian Response. The fifth programmatic thematic area of **Environment and Climate Change** is solely inspired by its six organizational core values of 'Support for Environment and Ecology that promotes prosperity while protecting the planet.

Objectives of the Guidelines:

- to promote sustainable development and reduce the negative impacts of human activities on the environment and climate change
- to build a more sustainable, resilient, and equitable future for all people and the planet by balancing economic, social, and environmental considerations

Expected Outcomes:

Reduced environmental degradation and pollution: The guidelines aim to reduce the negative impacts of human activities on the environment, such as air and water pollution, soil degradation, deforestation, and loss of biodiversity.

Mitigated climate change impacts: The guidelines aim to reduce greenhouse gas emissions, which contribute to climate change, and promote climate adaptation measures to reduce the impacts of climate change, such as sea-level rise, extreme weather events, and food and water insecurity.

Improved public health and well-being: The guidelines aim to improve public health and well-being by reducing exposure to environmental pollutants and promoting sustainable development that meets the needs of the present without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their own needs.

Enhanced environmental governance and accountability: The guidelines aim to strengthen environmental governance and accountability by promoting the integration of environmental considerations into decision-making processes, ensuring compliance with environmental regulations, and enhancing public participation and access to information.

Increased awareness and engagement: The guidelines aim to increase public awareness and engagement in environmental protection and climate change mitigation by promoting education, outreach, and stakeholder engagement.

Scope of the Guidelines:

The guidelines will cover all areas of the YPSA's operations that will impact the environment

and climate change. This will include energy consumption, waste management, water use, transportation, stakeholder engagement, and Advocacy and Education.

Key Strategies of the Guidelines:

The guidelines provide practical and feasible strategies for reducing the YPSA's environmental impact and mitigating climate change. These strategies will be backed by scientific evidence and take into account the NGO's available resources.

Reduce Energy Consumption: YPSA will reduce its energy consumption by implementing energy-efficient practices in its operations, such as using energy-efficient lighting, appliances, and equipment, and optimizing heating and cooling systems.

Renewable Energy: The organization will introduce renewable energy sources, such as solar or wind power, to reduce its carbon footprint.

Waste Management: The organization will implement waste reduction strategies, such as reducing the use of single-use plastics, promoting recycling and composting, and minimizing waste sent to landfills.

Water Conservation: The organization will ensure its effort to conserve water by implementing water-efficient practices.

Sustainable Transportation: The organization will promote sustainable transportation practices, such as encouraging employees to use public transportation, and transitioning to a fleet of electric vehicles.

Sustainable Procurement: The organization will adopt sustainable procurement practices, such as sourcing environmentally-friendly products and services, and promoting sustainable supply chain management.

Stakeholder Engagement: YPSA will engage stakeholders in its environmental efforts, such as by promoting employee engagement and involving program participants and partners in environmental initiatives. YPSA will engage local communities in environmental initiatives by collaborating with community groups, participating in local environmental events, and implementing projects that benefit the local environment and community. YPSA will also work with government and regulatory bodies to promote policy changes that support sustainability, such as supporting renewable energy incentives, promoting sustainable transportation, and reducing greenhouse gas emissions.

Advocacy and Education: YPSA will engage in advocacy and education efforts to raise awareness about environmental issues and promote policy changes that support sustainability.

Effective communication and Reporting:

Effective communication and reporting is a critical component of Environment Protection and Climate Change Guidelines of YPSA. Here are some ways that YPSA will effectively communicate its environmental efforts:

Internal Communication: YPSA will communicate its environmental efforts to its employees through regular meetings, social media, and training programs. This can help employees understand the importance of sustainability and encourage them to take action.

External Communication: YPSA will also communicate its environmental efforts to external stakeholders, such as program participants, partners, donors, and local communities, through various channels, such as formal communication, social media, website, and press releases. This will help increase awareness and promote a shared sense of responsibility for environmental protection.

Reporting: YPSA will establish a reporting system to monitor and report on its environmental performance, including progress toward achieving its environmental goals. This can help demonstrate the YPSA's commitment to sustainability and provide transparency to stakeholders.

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