# Principles for Locally Led Adaptation Action

***Commitment Form***

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*Type of Organization or Government:* International Non-Governmental Organization (NGO)

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*Short Commitment Statement*:

*Please specify how your organization intends to implement, use, or deliver on the principles for Locally led adaptation in 100 words or less. Note this text may be listed on webpage*.

Save the Children recognizes the **climate crisis is a child rights crisis.** Children – the least responsible for the situation – will feel the worst effects during their lifetime, and the poorest children will suffer first and worst. It is critical that those most affected by the climate crisis – including children - have a meaningful voice in how programming and policy decisions are made. That is why we are happy to **endorse the Principles for Locally Led Adaptation Action**. Save the Children is working to ensure that the projects we support will live up to these principles. We will work to **build local capacity and address the structural inequalities that prevent local communities, and children, from having the powerful voice they deserve**. This is very much part of our ongoing commitment as an organisation to social and environmental justice for all children.

*Detailed Commitment Narrative*

Please describe in more detail what changes will be made or current practices strengthened to better incentivize or support adaptation that is driven by local stakeholders, to deliver on these principles. Please add rows and additional pages if needed. Note this is voluntary, but highly encouraged!

| Principle Number | Detail of Implementation |
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| 1 | **Devolving decision making** – this is a principle already implemented by Save the Children, and which we will be ensuring is part of all future climate resilience programming (including in partnership with the Green Climate Fund). In particular, we work, in partnership with national government, closely with local government and communities, as well as children and other marginalized groups who are directly impacted. We will continue to programme directly with the communities we serve, and to support them – and children in particular – to raise their own voices with key decision makers. Our adaptation programmes work at all levels – we work with local communities to better understand the current and likely future impacts of climate change and to articulate their adaptation support needs, which we then provide support for implementation. We work with sub-national government to build capacity to provide ongoing technical support for the sustainable roll out of adaptation actions |

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| | at the local level. And we work with national government to embed local-level adaptation into plans, systems and processes, including future climate finance flows. |
| 2 | **Addressing structural Inequalities faced by women, children, youth, disabled, and excluded ethnic groups** – Save the Children has an existing commitment to the most deprived and marginalized children – including displaced children, girls, adolescents, children with disabilities, and the extreme poor. Our programming, using a rights-based framework, aims to address structural inequalities faced by young people, and their communities. All our climate resilience programming use a gender lens, and aim to be at a minimum gender sensitive, but ideally gender transformative. We are developing an enhanced approach to gender and power analysis, which will help us further strengthen our analysis of, and response to, social justice issues. We recognize that without this, the climate crisis will continue to affect the poorest and most vulnerable children most. |
| 4 | **Investing in local capabilities to leave an institutional legacy –** as part of our commitment to the localization agenda – in both humanitarian and development contexts – Save the Children works closely with local partners – from local NGOs to grassroots organisations and community groups. We aim to strengthen our partnership approach – moving from contractual relationships to true partnerships of mutual learning and support. Save the Children brings strong experience from some of our members – particularly in Scandinavia – of building the capacity of local civil society – and will apply this in our climate resilience programming. Our support to local governance structures and sub-national government is designed to ensure that communities we work with through adaptation programmes are well placed to effectively access and utilize future flows of climate finance. |
| 5 | **Building a robust understanding of climate risk and uncertainty –** Save the Children has developed a child-centred climate vulnerability index – using national level climate and development data to help us with our prioritization and strategic level decision-making. Our climate-resilience programs are also devised using households and community-level risk assessment with child-centered approaches in both rural and urban context. All of our climate resilience programming includes a strong component of knowledge and capacity building to meet current adaptation needs and to ensure we leave robust institutional structures at the local level to address future anticipated and unanticipated impacts. One of our strengths is ensuring information is provided to communities in accessible and relevant ways – to help make decisions, and support child and family well-being. |
| 8 | **Collaborative action and investment:** For Save the Children, much of our programming will be in partnership with others – actors who are better placed to work on particular niche issues. We will bring our expertise in supporting a range of child outcomes – from improved nutrition and health through to improved incomes and livelihoods of their care givers. We have the benefit of working in both humanitarian and development contexts, and in the 'nexus'. We will seek to build long term solutions to the climate crisis – reducing risks and vulnerabilities so that humanitarian needs can be minimized, and helping ensure children and communities have the adaptive capacity they will need to follow sustainable development pathways in the context of a changing climate. |

*Authorization*

By submitting this form, my organization agrees to have its logo publicly listed as endorsing the Principles for Locally Led Adaptation and commits to being part of a learning community of practice on locally led adaptation action. I certify that I am authorized to make this commitment on behalf of my organization.

*Signature:* Yolande Wright

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