

# Climate Policy

## Our Foundation

[Our Credo](#) provides Johnson & Johnson with a clear, compelling and enduring reminder of our responsibility to the environment. It states we must be good citizens in the global community, and we must protect the environment and natural resources we are privileged to use. Reflecting that responsibility, we have been setting public environmental performance goals for nearly 30 years. We believe that the health of people is inextricably linked to the health of the planet, and as the world's largest, most broadly based healthcare company, Johnson & Johnson remains committed to improving the environmental health of the places where we live, work and sell our products today—and for generations to come.

## Our Position

In the field of climate science, there is consensus that human influence has warmed the atmosphere, ocean and land.<sup>1</sup> The most recent comprehensive report by the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) is the Physical Science Basis—Sixth Assessment Report, commonly referred to as AR6. Released in August 2021, the report provides a clear and up-to-date view of the current state of scientific knowledge relevant to climate change. The IPCC's Impacts, Adaptation and Vulnerability Report, released in February 2022, emphasizes that climate change is causing widespread harmful effects to the environment and people, with many risks greater than previously appreciated.<sup>2</sup>

**Environmental health impacts human health.** Poor environmental health is a significant threat to human health. Air, water, and soil pollution; improper waste management; and degradation of ecosystems all negatively impact human health. According to the World Health Organization, climate change is impacting health and will continue to do so both directly and indirectly by changing infectious disease patterns; increasing extreme weather events and the risk of drought, floods, and subsequent food insecurity; and increasing respiratory disease from poor air quality and associated mental health implications.<sup>3</sup>

**Risks resulting from a changing climate have the potential to negatively impact economies around the world.** According to the 2022 Global Risk Report by the World Economic Forum (WEF), the environmental risks of extreme weather events and temperatures, accelerating biodiversity loss, and failures of climate-change mitigation and adaptation could result in disruption of critical infrastructure and global supply chains.<sup>4</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> [IPCC, 2021: Climate Change 2021: The Physical Science Basis. Contribution of Working Group I to the Sixth Assessment Report of the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change \[Masson-Delmotte, V., P. Zhai, A. Pirani, S.L. Connors, C. Péan, S. Berger, N. Cau](#)

<sup>2</sup> [IPCC, 2022: Climate Change 2022: Impacts, Adaptation and Vulnerability. Contribution of Working Group II to the Sixth Assessment Report of the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change \[H.-O. Pörtner, D.C. Roberts, M. Tignor, E.S. Poloczanska, K. Mintenbe](#)

<sup>3</sup> ["Preventing disease through healthy environments: a global assessment of the burden of disease from environmental risks," World Health Organization, 2018.](#)

<sup>4</sup> [Global Risk Report 2022, 17th Edition, World Economic Forum, 2022, pages 30-44.](#)

The potential financial impact of these risks, as highlighted by WEF's Top Global Risks,<sup>5</sup> is significant to the global economy and is a compelling driver for businesses to act.

**We have a responsibility to help abate climate change and environmental degradation.** Businesses have an important role to play in responding to climate change by implementing voluntary reductions of greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions within their control and engaging in mitigation and adaptation activities outside their immediate control where they may have influence. We support the objectives of the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change and its work to facilitate global agreements aimed at reducing GHG emissions. Companies should continually strive to improve the efficiency and sustainability of their operations, products and services, and should source cleaner energy to power their operations—not only to avoid the consequences of a changing climate but also to improve the cost effectiveness and resilience of their businesses.

**We believe multi-stakeholder engagement is key to improving climate health.** As a healthcare company, Johnson & Johnson has an unparalleled responsibility to customers, and to the nurses, doctors, consumers and patients we serve who are seeing and feeling first-hand the impacts of climate change on human health. However, while companies have a responsibility and ability to impact these issues, the unilateral capabilities of businesses are limited; addressing these issues requires the collaboration of companies with governments and non-governmental organizations to achieve systemic change at scale.

## Our Commitments

**Johnson & Johnson is committed to the following actions:**

- Establish strategies and programs to reduce the carbon footprint of our operations, supply chain and products by improving energy and water efficiency, addressing commodity-driven deforestation, and increasing our use of renewable energy;
- Set both short- and long-term science-based goals for GHG emission reductions with an ambition to reach net zero across our value chain, and work toward powering 100% of our operations with renewable energy;
- Ensure the availability of information and resources to meet our goals, and report regularly and transparently on our progress toward those goals;
- Engage our suppliers and customers to improve transparency and collaboration, and minimize the environmental impact—including the carbon footprint—of our purchased goods and our services and products;
- Work to remove commodity-driven deforestation from our global supply chain;<sup>6</sup>
- Review business risks associated with a changing climate and integrate them into our risk mitigation programs, business continuity and capital planning programs to ensure that we can continue to meet our patient and customer needs;

<sup>5</sup> [Global Risk Report 2022, 17th Edition, World Economic Forum, 2022, page 14.](#)

<sup>6</sup> See our [Responsible Wood-Fiber Product Sourcing Policy](#) and [Responsible Palm Oil Sourcing Policy](#).

- Ensure compliance with all relevant legislative and regulatory requirements; participate in coalitions that aim to achieve a low-carbon economy and abate climate and human health risks; and
- Work with partners to advance efforts beyond our properties that improve climate health and related human health outcomes.

## Our Governance

### **We implement processes to assure adherence to this Policy:**

This Policy has been reviewed by senior management, is applicable to the Johnson & Johnson Family of Companies and is to be shared publicly with all stakeholders. The Science & Technology Committee of Johnson & Johnson's Board of Directors regularly reviews the Company's policies, programs and practices on environment, health and other environmental, social and governance (ESG) priorities, including Enterprise goals directed at carbon reduction and renewable energy.

This Policy is to be regularly reviewed and updated as necessary. First published in 2003; revised in 2004, 2012, 2018, 2021 and 2022.

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