

Sustainability Strategy

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“Climate change presents a fundamental threat to human health. It affects the physical environment as well as all aspects of both natural and human systems – including social and economic conditions and the functioning of health systems.”

- *World Health Organisation*



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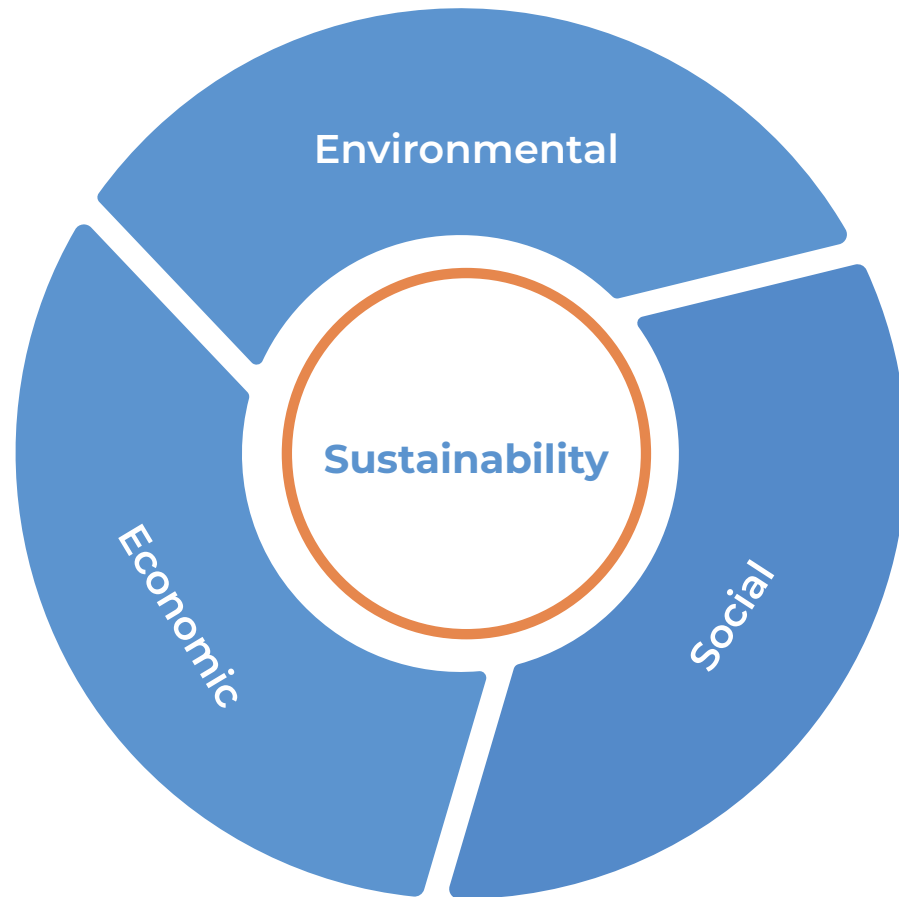
EMUGS Sustainability Statement



In alignment with the UN's Sustainable Development Goals & the World Health Organisation's Transformative Action on Climate & Health, this strategy identifies our role within the interconnected layers of public, socio-economic and environmental health, and outlines the ways in which we aim to support a sustainable future for our people and our planet.

Strategy Foundation

The EMUGS Sustainability Strategy is based on the three foundational elements of Sustainability as defined by the United Nations.



Environmental

Preserve & protect the natural environment through appropriate practices & policies, meeting present needs without compromising the availability of resources in the future.

Social

Create & support inclusive societies, reduce inequality, and ensure long-term well-being for all people while preserving social cohesion.

Economic

Create a balance between economic growth, resource efficiency, social equity and financial stability.

Process



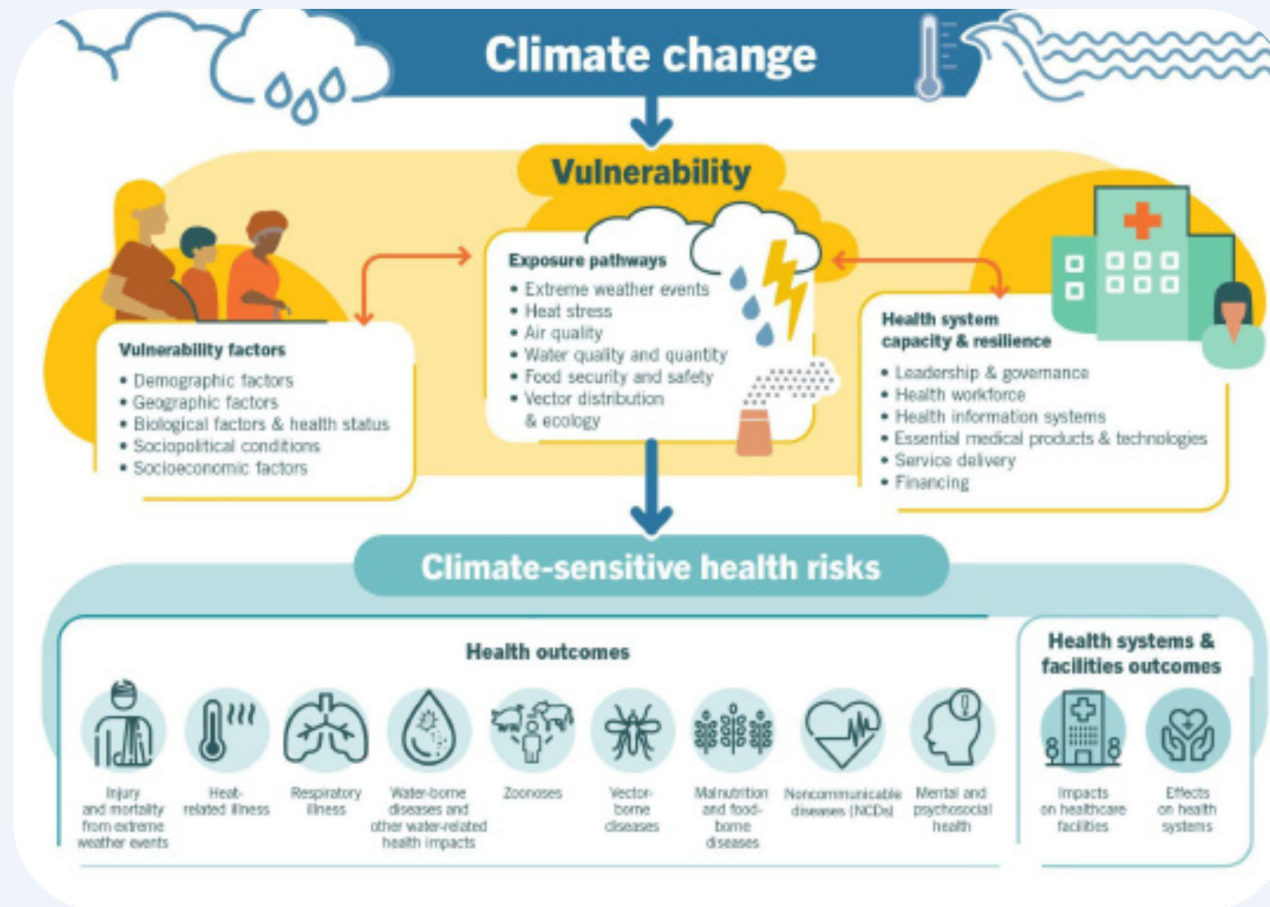
- Prioritise areas where we can make an impact
- Collaborate with partners to support & facilitate impact
- Engage our team and community to increase impact
- Communicate opportunities for action to increase impact

Goals

1. Reduce EMUGS event carbon footprint
2. Contribute to sustainable environmental, social & economic development
3. Inspire action & pioneer change in the healthcare community

Predicted Health Risks

Diagram



For more information:

[Alliance for Transformative Action on Climate and Health \(ATACH\)](#)

Predicted Health Risks

Environmental	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Changing temps / precipitation patterns, drought, floods & rising sea levels degrade environmental & social determinants of health• Increases risk of deaths, noncommunicable diseases, the emergence/spread of infectious diseases, and health emergencies
Social	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Jeopardises the realisation of UHC by compounding the existing burden of disease and by exacerbating existing barriers to accessing health services• Undermines many social determinants for good health, such as livelihoods, equality and access to health care and social support structures
Economic	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Threatens to undo the last 50 years of progress in development, global health and poverty reduction, and to further widen existing health inequalities• Impacts our health workforce and infrastructure• Undermines and potentially reverses decades of health progress

Mitigating Predicted Health Risks

Promote actions that both reduce carbon emissions and improve health

- Supporting a rapid & equitable transition to a clean energy economy
- Ensuring that health is central to climate change mitigation policy
- Accelerating mitigation actions that bring the greatest health gains
- Mobilising the strength of the health community to drive policy change and build public support

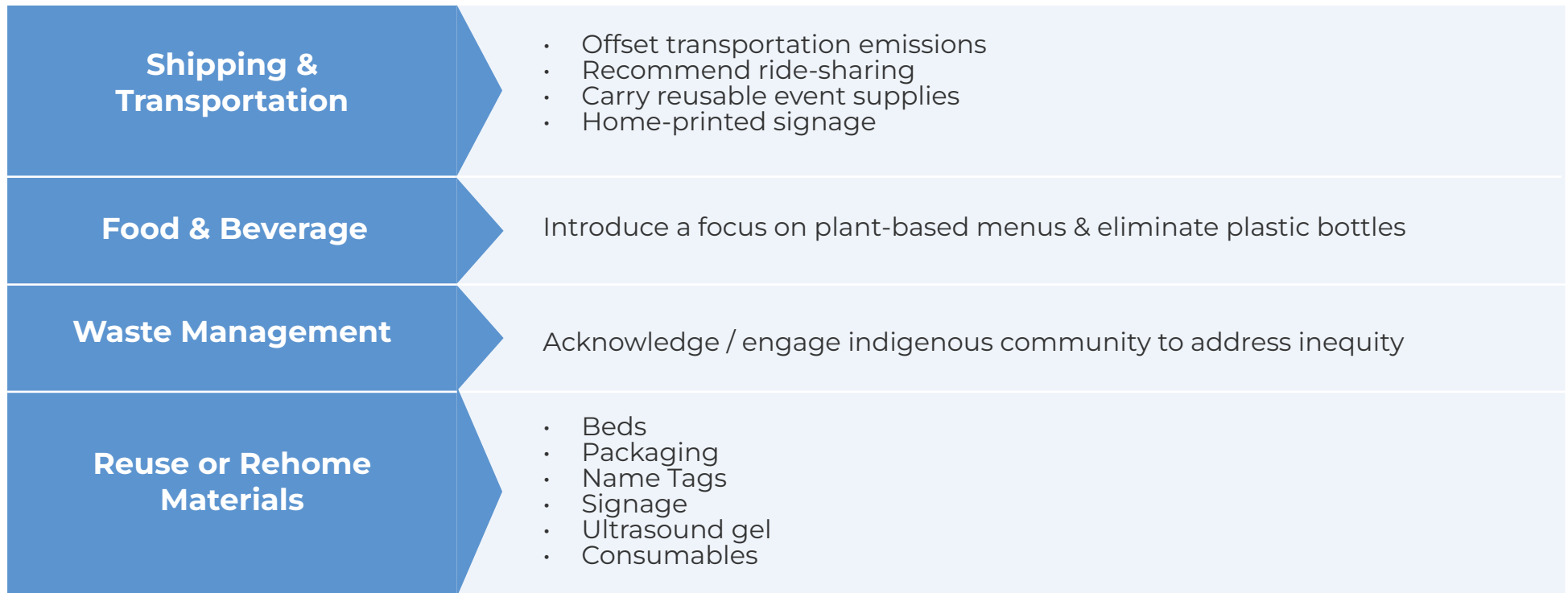
Protect health from the wide range of impacts of climate change

- Assessing health vulnerabilities and developing health plans
- Supporting resilience and adaptation in health-determining sectors such as water and food
- Closing the financing gap for health adaptation and resilience
- Integrating climate risk & implementing climate-informed surveillance/response systems for key risks, such as extreme heat and infectious disease

How EMUGS is Taking Action

Event Management

We have chosen 4 areas of our internal event production to address our sustainability goals:



How EMUGS is Inspiring Action

Community Mobilisation

Offer the EMUGS community the opportunity to mitigate impact through collaboration /financial support with 3rd party initiatives:



Closing Acknowledgment

Thank you for helping us inspire action through our community.



Empower



Motivate



Unite



Grow



Sustain

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