

Sustainability Strategy



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Our Why



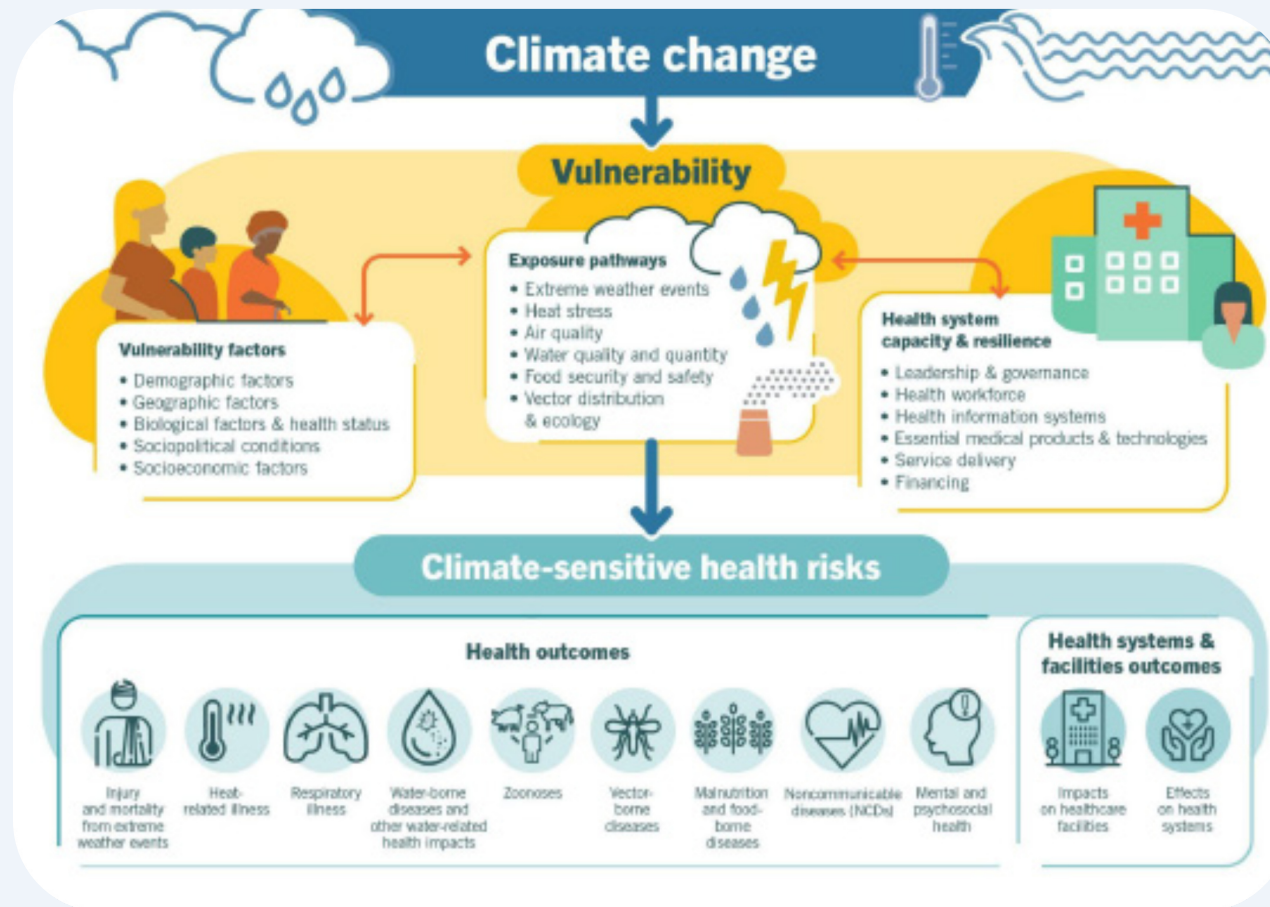
“Climate change presents a fundamental threat to human health. It affects the physical environment as well as all aspects of both natural and human systems—including social and economic conditions and the functioning of health systems.”

- *World Health Organisation*

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.

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

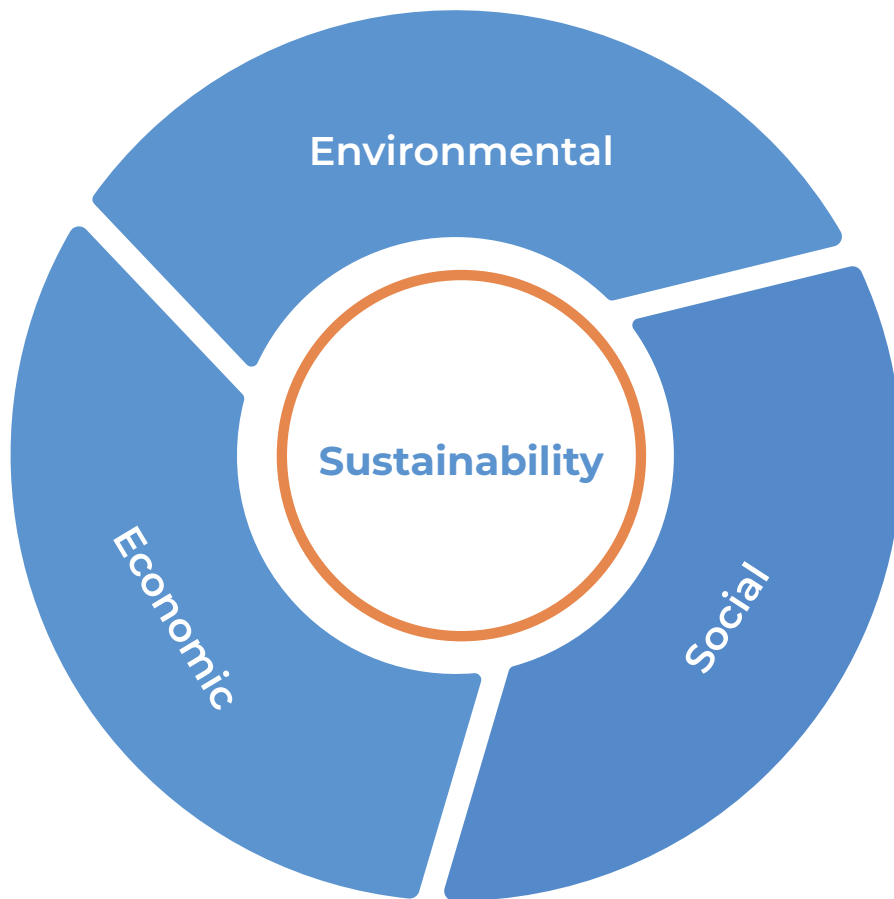
- Supporting a rapid & equitable transition to a clean energy economy.
- Ensuring that health is central to climate change mitigation policy.
- Accelerating mitigation actions that bring the greatest health gains.
- Mobilising the strength of the health community to drive policy change and build public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

Our Approach

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.

Goals

Reduce EMUGs
event carbon
footprint.

Contribute to
sustainable
environmental,
social and economic
development.

Inspire action &
pioneer change in
the healthcare
community.

Process

Prioritise

Collaborate

Engage

Communicate

- 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

How EMUGS is Taking Action

Event Management

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

Shipping & Transportation	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Partnering Greenfleet to offset travel emissions• Recommend ride-sharing to and from events• Reuse event supplies• Prioritise local instructors where available and appropriate
Food & Beverage	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Increase plant based options at event• Eliminate plastic bottle use
Waste Management	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Minimise waste wherever possible• Prefer sustainable suppliers• Engage venues in providing effective waste management options
Reuse or Rehome Materials	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Beds• Packaging• Name Tags• Signage• Ultrasound gel• Consumables

How EMUGS is Inspiring Action

Community Mobilisation

Offer and inspire the EMUGS community the opportunity to mitigate impact:

Environmental Protection	Partnering Greenfleet as a ticketing add on option for event delegates to offset event-related carbon emissions.
Social Equity	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. EMUGS Outreach Fund supports clinicians in Pacific Nations and rural/indigenous communities.2. Partnering Humantix for ticketing whose profits directly fund global education, accessibility, and sustainable development initiatives.3. Respectful and culturally appropriate acknowledgement of Country at events.
Economic Viability	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Tiered Ticket Pricing Policy making event attendance equitable.2. Developing Nations Free Online EMUGs Subscriptions.

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