

Environmental Performance Report 2018

Sightsavers continues to monitor activities that have a negative effect on the environment and assess the ways in which we can minimise this negative impact. Our last environmental audit was completed in 2018 for the preceding year. Our flight data shows an increase in long haul flights which is reflective continued increase in scope and size of our projects into 2018. Short haul flights have reduced, bringing the net CO2 production down by 3% over 2017.

CO2 (tonnes)	2018		2017		2016	
	CO2	%	CO2	%	CO2	%
Short haul	250.16	14%	566.81	30.4	670.09	55.4
Long haul	1524.56	86%	1296.94	69.6	540.05	44.6
Total	1,804	100	1,864	100	1,210	100

Paper consumption and recycling

Printers at our UK head office capture usage and enable us to report the environmental impact of our in-house printing, scanning and photocopying. The software requires staff to use a programmed pass to release print jobs, ensuring paper is not wasted. In addition, our default print settings are set for duplex, grey scale printing to reduce the number of sheets and energy used. Against the known average of 10,000 printed sheets per employee per year, Sightsavers presents an average of 1040 sheets per head office employee totalling 1.000 tonnes of CO2.

Over the course of this reporting period, our fundraising teams have taken particular care with data selections and continue to make a conscious effort to minimise the volume of mail that goes out to supporters. We use FSC accredited paper for all of our fundraising printing and materials.

Environmental impact	Measure	2018	2017
Total printed sheets	Sheets	231,693	245,609
Trees consumed	Trees	2.90	3.05
Equivalent bulb hours	Hours	65,646	69,589
Total CO2 produced	Tonnes	1.000	1.124

Energy: Electricity

The table below relates to the UK head office location only. All conversions to CO2 (tonnes) are reported based on information provided by our energy provider or management company at the time. Currently, we are unable to collate data from overseas offices in respect of indirect greenhouse emissions arising from energy usage as many of their local energy providers lack the facility to calculate the emissions resulting from energy generation. We will continue to monitor this position with the aim to report when data is made available.

CO2 (tonnes) Electricity: UK only	2018		2017	
	KWH	CO2	KWH	CO2
Gas	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Electricity	160,283.7	69	256,793.0	110.4
Total	160,283.7	69	256,793.0	110.4

Transport and logistics

DHL remains our preferred logistics and transportation provider to globally transport the majority of our project resources and equipment. Wherever possible, consignments for transportation are consolidated and we look to purchase stock in bulk to minimise both cost and the environmental impact emitted through transportation. While corporate social responsibility is integral to DHL's strategy, its environmentally-focused Go Green policy is fundamental. DHL now not only offsets CO2 but also other greenhouse gases such as methane and nitrous oxide, meaning its Go Green programme has progressed from carbon neutral to climate neutral. We are looking to obtain emissions reports from parties throughout our supply chain so we can monitor our impact more. With regard to monitoring the mileage of Sightsavers-owned vehicles overseas, at the time of writing this report we are still in the process of accurately collecting initial vehicle information and will need to invest in a vehicle asset tracking management system to monitor mileage effectively.

Development

Sightsavers has not yet developed a systematic approach to assessing the environmental impact of our projects in developing countries; we carry out a vast number and variety of projects and work with a large number of partners all over the world, which makes the formalisation of this extremely difficult. While we continue to work towards understanding how we can collect this data, we continue to operate in a social and environmentally-minded manner in all our operations and never knowingly to the detriment of our beneficiaries.

Sightsavers is committed to continually evaluate its approach to environmental risk management. A key part of this is the continued appraisals of its environmental policy, inclusive of monitoring, reporting and minimising our environmental impact. To this end, an updated policy is due to be finalised in Q3 2019 which reflects the commitments the organisation will make to disrupt its environmental impact. Our focus will be, aside from the improvement of our environmental performance within our head office, on building our country office network's capabilities and understanding. Some key commitments include: a focus on the disposal of plastics and medical waste in country offices; to promote and encourage involvement in local environmental initiatives and schemes in our operating areas and encourage all our suppliers and partners to commit to the sustainable development philosophy with an emphasis on local environmental concerns.



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