

# 2014 ENVIRONMENT AND SUSTAINABILITY REPORT CARD

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Rising global temperature, unpredictable weather patterns, climbing sea levels, more intense heat waves, and changing rainfall patterns will continue to challenge development. The world’s children are affected by this changing landscape – particularly those living in poor and climate-vulnerable communities.

As an organisation dedicated to creating lasting change for children, we understand the importance of responding to a new environmental landscape and ensuring development gains are not lost to the impacts of climate change and environmental degradation.

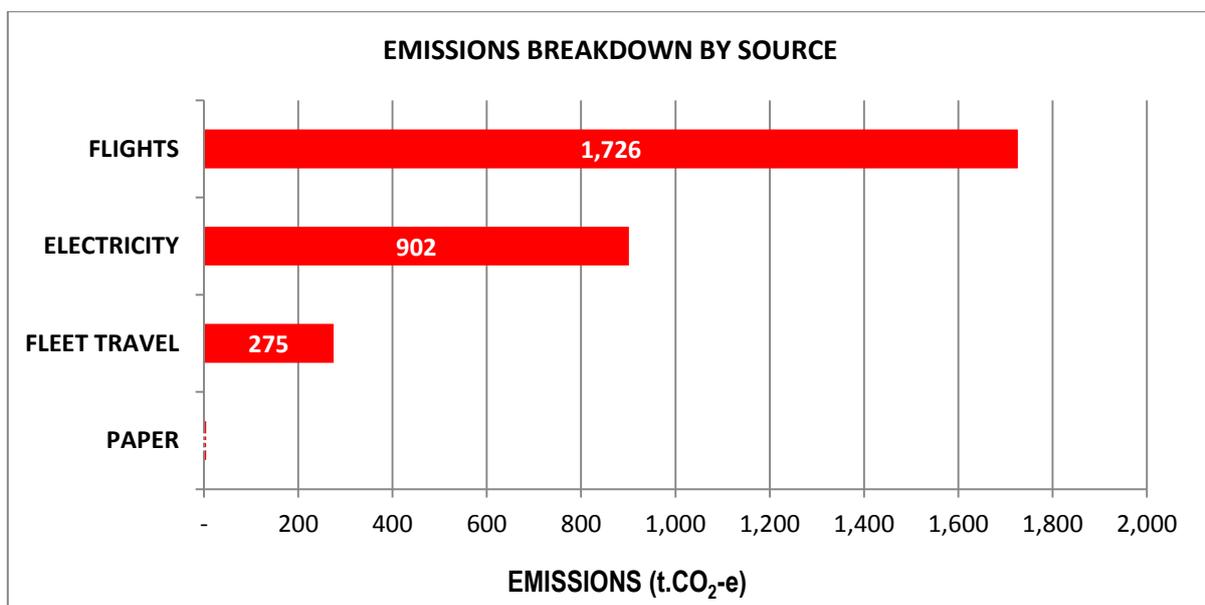
While Save the Children Australia is not a significant emitter of greenhouse gases, we are committed to laying the foundations for a low carbon operational platform to deliver our humanitarian and development projects into the future.

In 2013/2014 Save the Children Australia developed and created a Program Environment Management tool to support program teams to integrate environmental concerns (including climate change and disaster risk reduction) into development and humanitarian programs.

To more fully understand our environmental footprint, Save the Children Australia has started to assess the environmental and carbon footprint of our activities over the last year. This is the first year we have undertaken such a comprehensive review, and we view this as a step in an ongoing process of measuring and reducing our environmental impact.

Building on our Environmental Sustainability Policy 2012–2015 we are developing a new Corporate Environmental Sustainability Action Plan 2016–2018 to reduce our organisational carbon footprint and reduce the environmental impact of our development programs. From a 2014/2015 baseline we will make commitments to reduce our footprint over time.

The total figures reported below include emissions from Save the Children Australia’s National and Regional Offices in Australia, including our shops around the country for 2014.

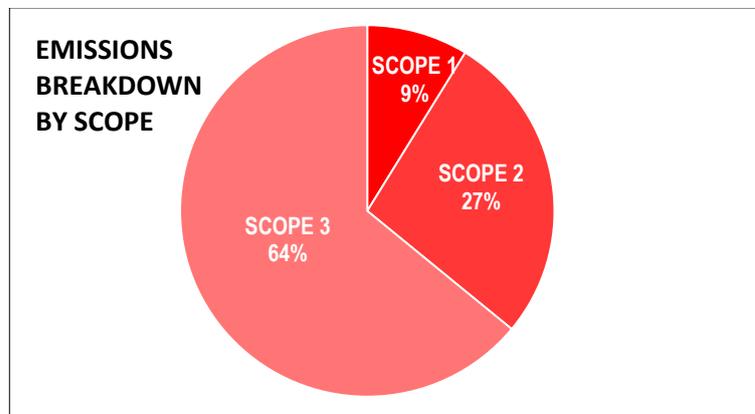


The vast majority of our emissions came from staff travel associated with our programs and activities (approximately 59 percent) and the remainder from energy used in our offices. Our priority areas of focus for programming remain Australia and the Asia Pacific region. In order to reach the most needy and vulnerable children in Australia, we operate across all states and territories, out of 33 offices and program sites, and 35 retail shops across the country. In Asia and the Pacific region we support programs in four Pacific Island countries and 10 Asian countries. Furthermore we had humanitarian programs in the Middle East and Africa. Whilst we recognise travel constitutes the majority of our emissions and will endeavour to reduce the impact of travel on the environment, it is an essential part of our way of supporting the most-needy children and is required to ensure the quality of our programs.

We've reported our 2014 emissions using three 'scopes':

Source	Scope 1	Scope 2	Scope 3	Energy
Air Travel	N/A	N/A	Included	Included
Electricity	N/A	Included	Included	Included
Fleet	Included	N/A	Included	Included
Paper	N/A	N/A	Included	Excluded

- **Scope 1: Direct greenhouse gas emissions**, including fuel combustion, company vehicles and fugitive emissions
- **Scope 2: Energy indirect greenhouse gas emissions**, including purchased electricity, heat and steam
- **Scope 3: Other indirect greenhouse gas emissions**, including purchased goods and services, business travel, employee commuting, waste disposal, use of sold products, transportation and distribution, investments, leased assets and franchises



- The current reporting boundary includes electricity consumption for all office and retail locations which comprise the majority of Save the Children's electricity consumption. Save the Children is looking to expand its reporting boundary to include its program offices and ancillary activities in future years.
- In preparing the 2014 greenhouse gas inventory, a portion of electricity consumption was estimated due to the accessibility of information. The estimated portion represented approximately 30 percent of electricity consumption. Save the Children is in the process of implementing a more robust data collection, management and reporting processes and systems that will reduce the amount of electricity consumption that needs to be estimated in future years.
- Further, Save the Children will be exploring opportunities to expand its reporting of scope 3 emissions source in future years.