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The mission of SOS Sahel UK is to find meaningful solutions to the poverty experienced by millions of people across the semi-arid lands of the African Sahel. We believe that this poverty has its roots in the historical neglect of dryland areas, and particularly in discrimination against pastoralists and nomadic groups. These challenges are deep-seated and call for significant change in the priorities and actions of both state and civil society.

As such, the environment is a central part of SOS Sahel UK's work and we recognise that every activity we engage in has an impact on the environment; we will strive to minimise these effects.

SOS Sahel UK will:

- Take environmental aspects and resource efficiency into consideration in every part of its work;
- Reduce its contribution to environmental emissions where possible;
- Comply with all environmental legislation and regulations that apply to our operations.

It is the policy of SOS Sahel UK to:

- Ensure that the projects it supports overseas work to avoid having negative consequences on local environments and rather seek to have a positive effect on the environment wherever possible;
- Make efficient use of natural resources by conserving energy and water, minimising waste, and re-using and recycling where possible;
- Actively promote the use of recycled materials and use suppliers who recognise and reduce the environmental impact of their products and transportation;
- Keep transport use to a minimum both for local travel and international travel, balancing these requirements with what is practicable and within budget constraints.

We will review this policy every three years, taking account of any changes within legislation and our organisation, and other factors.

We will communicate this policy to all our employees and ensure their awareness of environmental issues.

We will make this policy available when requested to interested parties including members of the public.