Sustainability at Tearfund Netherlands: 2025 Update

Tearfund believes that a sustainable way of living and working is one of the best strategies to combat poverty and injustice. Therefore, we not only work alongside vulnerable communities to build climate resilience but also strive to reduce our own environmental footprint as an organization.

Progress in sustainable programming

In 2025, we continued to strengthen the integration of environmental and economic sustainability considerations across our international programmes. Of the projects reviewed during the year, 67% were assessed as either "responsive" or "transformative" in addressing environmental and sustainability issues. This means these projects actively contribute to sustainable development, climate resilience, and the responsible management of natural resources. Projects in countries such as Ethiopia, Nepal, Bangladesh, and Zimbabwe demonstrate how locally led initiatives are increasingly embedding sustainability into their programmes and decision-making.

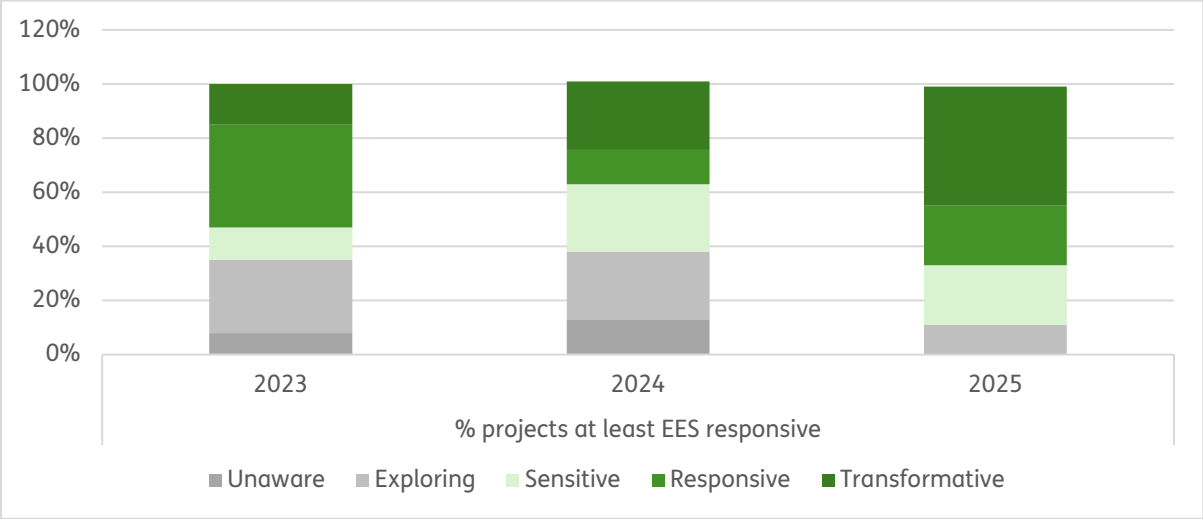


Figure 1: EES mainstreaming in our programmes

In addition, staff members and partner organizations participated in training programmes and knowledge-sharing activities focused on environmental sustainability, climate risk management, and green entrepreneurship. These efforts help strengthen the capacity of local organizations to make decisions that benefit both people and the environment.

Our environmental footprint

Reducing our own greenhouse gas emissions remains an important challenge. While Tearfund has committed to reducing its emissions by more than 10% by 2026 compared to the baseline, emissions related to international travel increased in 2025. Travel-related emissions were 19% higher than the baseline year. International travel remains an important part of programme support, monitoring, and partner engagement, but we continue to seek opportunities to reduce the environmental impact of our travel wherever possible. To increase awareness and encourage behavioural change, we developed an internal Green Code of Conduct for travel in 2025 and continue to engage with key suppliers regarding the sustainability measures they have in place.

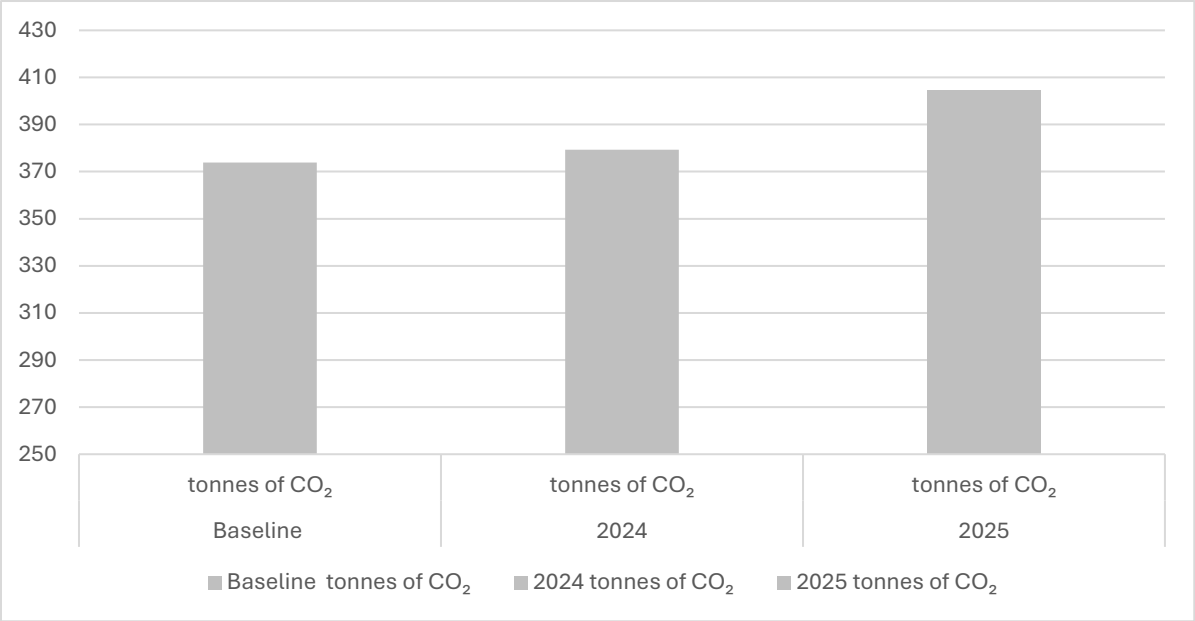


Figure 2: Annual emissions 2024-2026

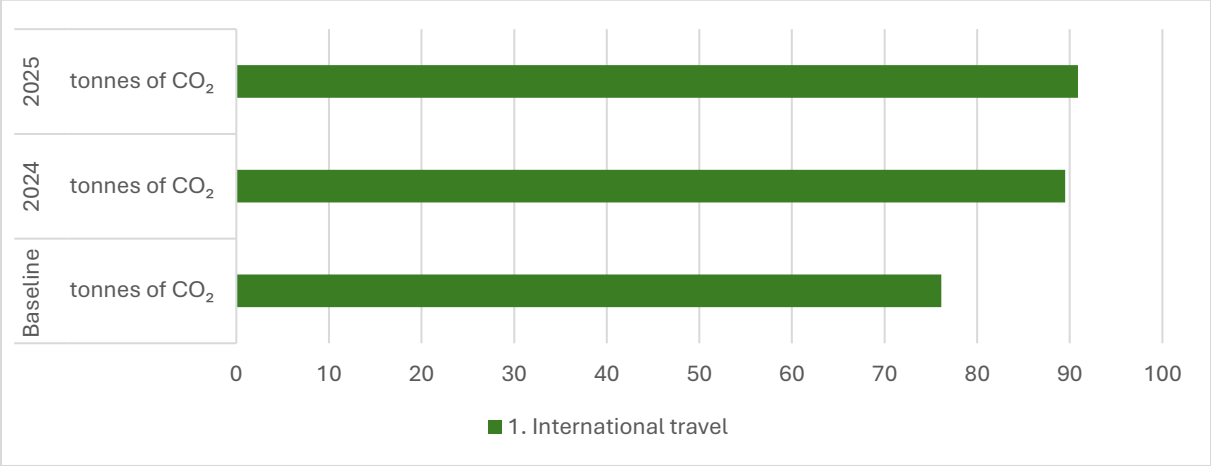


Figure 3: Internal travel related emissions

While Tearfund Netherlands did not achieve a reduction in absolute greenhouse gas emissions in 2025, it is also important to consider our environmental performance in relation to the scale of our operations. Measuring emissions per euro of annual turnover provides insight into how efficiently we create impact while managing our environmental footprint.

In 2024, emissions per euro of turnover were already 26% lower than the baseline year, demonstrating that organizational growth and programme delivery can be achieved with a proportionally lower carbon impact. Although travel-related emissions increased in 2025 due to expanded programme support, monitoring visits, and partner engagement, these activities were directly linked to delivering our mission and strengthening the quality of our work. The decrease in 2025 compared to the baseline is 18%, which is in line with our ambition to reduce our footprint relative to our annual turnover.

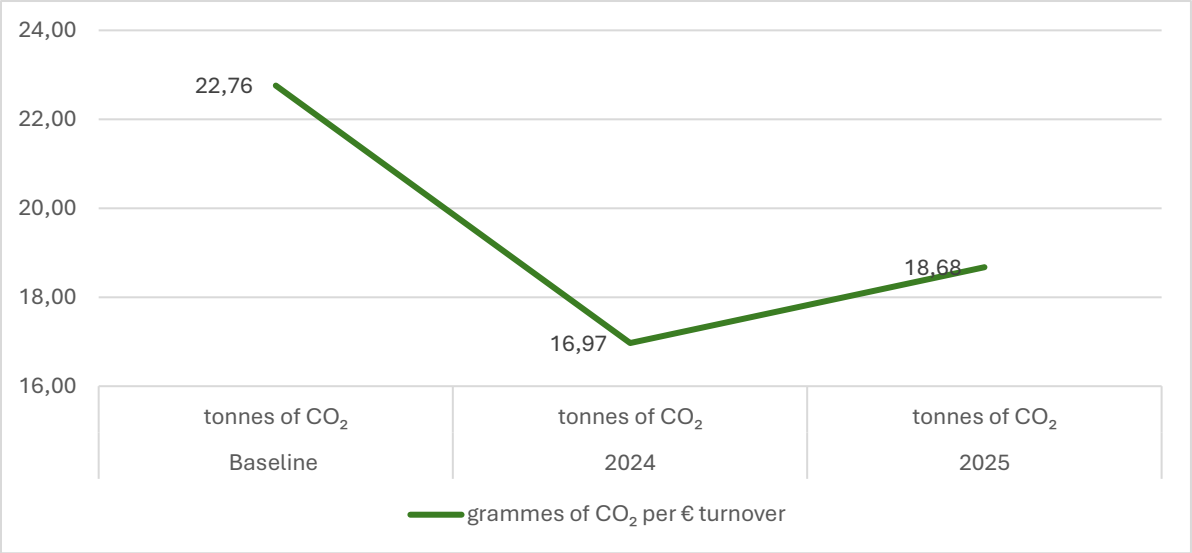


Figure 4: grammes of CO² per € turnover

Collaboration and knowledge exchange

Tearfund actively collaborates with Dutch and international organizations to strengthen sustainability in humanitarian and development work. Through networks such as the Dutch Relief Alliance and the Integral Alliance, we share knowledge, develop joint initiatives, and promote environmentally responsible practices across the sector. These collaborations help build a stronger collective response to climate and environmental challenges.

Raising awareness in the Netherlands

In the Netherlands, we continue to promote climate related justice and environmental stewardship. Through campaigns, events, and online engagement, we encourage people to reflect on sustainable lifestyles and stand in solidarity with communities most affected by climate change. In 2025, we organized the *Groen Gelovig* event, which focused on the relationship between faith, creation care, and sustainable living.

Looking ahead to 2026

In 2026, we will focus on further integrating sustainability throughout all our programmes, strengthening locally led initiatives, and continuing our efforts to reduce organizational emissions. At the same time, we will keep seeking practical solutions that contribute both to environmental protection and to a better future for vulnerable communities around the world.