

## **Community Outreach and Engagement: Climate Change Handout Template**

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**About:** This template provides a structure for a multilingual climate change handout. Sections are organized for English, Spanish, and Haitian Creole.

**Usage Description:** This template can be followed to create a unique Community Climate Change Handout to spark community engagement for a CCRH (Clean Energy Community Resilience Hub) project.



# Climate Change Handout Template

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## **Objective:**

This template provides a structure for a multilingual climate change handout. Sections are organized for English, Spanish, and Haitian Creole.

## **Step 1: Research and Write Climate Change Information**

### **What is Climate Change?**

Describe how burning fossil fuels releases greenhouse gases, traps heat, and causes global warming.

### **How Does Climate Change Affect Our Health?**

- Hotter temperatures (especially dangerous for very young or elderly people)
- Heatwaves causing dehydration and heatstroke
- Worsened air pollution, asthma, and respiratory issues
- Spread of diseases due to rising temperatures

### **How Does Climate Change Affect Resources & Economy?**

- Extreme storms damaging crops and causing food shortages
- Rising sea levels limiting livable areas
- Severe storms and wildfires destroying homes (climate refugees)
- Damage to energy, water, and transport systems raising costs and limiting services

### **Why Community Action Matters**

Explain why slowing climate change and preparing for impacts is everyone's responsibility, not just others'. Highlight benefits of working together to protect the Earth.

### **How We Can Help**

- Reduce expenses and costs
- Create local job opportunities
- Create a cleaner planet with fewer health problems

### **Local Community Initiative**

Explain how your project (e.g., expanding the new Community Center to a Clean Energy Resilient Hub) supports climate resilience and community wellbeing.

## **Step 2: Translate**

Translate the document into languages that reflect the community demographics in which the handout will be distributed