

STRENGTHENING CLIMATE RESILIENCE IN VULNERABLE COMMUNITIES IN WESTERN SYDNEY

OUR IMPACT SO FAR

2,800,000+ REACHED INDIRECTLY & ON OUR WAY TO ACHIEVING MORE THAN 15,000 LIVES IMPACTED BY PROGRAM END

- Risk awareness ●
- Action before, during & after emergencies and disasters ●
- Partnerships & collective change ●
- Knowledge & learning ●

The **Urban Climate Resilience Program** (UCRP), 2023-2026, brings together global actors including the International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies (IFRC), ICLEI, C40 Cities, R-Cities and Plan International to develop climate resilience initiatives in urban contexts in nine countries around the world. Funded by the Z Zurich Foundation, the Australian Red Cross, together with Zurich Australia, is leading UCRP in Western Sydney.

EXTREME HEAT AWARENESS DAY

Inaugural Extreme Heat Awareness Day, **engaging 3.3+ million people** nationally through TV, radio, online, print, and social media, as well as in-person engagement, with the support of more than 80 organizations.

HEAT SMART CITY PLAN

Collaborative development of the Heat Smart City Plan as part of the Heatwave Taskforce led by the **Western Sydney Regional Organisation of Councils** (WSROC).

Implementation of the **Climate Resilience Measurement for Communities** (CRMC) framework to increase understanding of resilience strengths and gaps, build credibility for proposed solutions and engage diverse stakeholders.

50+ KEY INFORMANT INTERVIEWS

120 HOUSEHOLD SURVEYS

3 FOCUS GROUPS

INFLUENCING POLICY

Communication of key resilience gaps and priorities to city councils contributing to **flow on effects** such as better accessibility to cooling centres.

COLLABORATIVE ACTION

Supporting the development of an **interactive climate and heat education program** for high school students with the Powerhouse Museum.

LOCALLY-LED SOLUTIONS

Continuing **deep engagement with local groups** to identify and operationalise solutions to increase community resilience through the development of community heat action plans.

FIRST AID FOR SUMMER

Building **life-saving skills** through Heat Preparedness Workshops and First Aid for Summer trainings.



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