Climate Centre

Vacancy

The Red Cross Red Crescent Climate Centre is the expertise centre of the International Red Cross and Red Crescent in the field of climate change and climate disasters. The Climate Centre's mission is to help the Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement, and its partners reduce the impacts of climate change and extreme-weather events on vulnerable people.

Due to a vacancy at the Climate Centre, we are immediately looking for a:

Intern – CARA, Vietnam

Envisaged start date: 1 June 2026 – 31 August 2026

Assignment title: Development of knowledge management materials, communication resources, and training manuals.

Project title: Climate Action for a Resilient Asia (CARA)

Supported by: British Red Cross (BRC)

Project Background: Vietnam is highly vulnerable to natural hazards such as typhoons, floods, and droughts, which are exacerbated by climate change. In September 2024, Typhoon Yagi, the strongest storm in decades, struck Quảng Ninh and Haiphong, killing over 320 people, injuring nearly 2,000, and damaging over 102,000 homes. The estimated economic damage reached 83.7 trillion VND (around US $3.3–3.5 billion), roughly 0.6% of Vietnam's 2023 GDP, leading to projected GDP growth downgrades. Without proper adaptation, Vietnam risks losing 12.5% of its GDP by 2050 and requires $233 billion in investments for climate resilience.

The British Red Cross (BRC), in partnership with the Vietnam Red Cross (VNRC) Society, has been implementing the Climate Action for a Resilient Asia (CARA) project, a UK Government initiative supporting climate adaptation and resilience across the Indo-Pacific, in Vietnam. The initiative aims to explore the use of blended finance instruments for the Red Cross Movement, using Vietnam as a pilot case to demonstrate how National Societies (NSs) can access finance. In line with this intention, BRC is working with the Climate Centre to conduct a strategic assessment of VNRC's response and climate programming, a cost-benefit analysis of their Nature-based Solutions (NbS) interventions, and build their staff capacity in climate and innovative/blended financing.

Project Scope and Objective: The Climate Centre will undertake a comprehensive diagnostic assessment of VNRC's emergency and climate programming and develop a climate resilience framework to design actions that address current and future climate risks within the ambit of disaster risk management cycle and considering GESI indicators.

a) Investigate cost benefits and return on investments of NbS related interventions made over the years by Vietnam Red Cross, and present them as impactful case studies
b) Develop several knowledge materials and advocacy pieces on climate resilience that include NbS, adaptation, anticipatory/early actions or response interventions, to support Red Cross positioning with funders and partners.
c) Design training package on climate/blended financing for Vietnam Red Cross and build their staff capacity on climate and and innovative/blended blended financing.

Learning Objective: The intern will gain an understanding of climate resilience frameworks, NbS, adaptation strategies, and climate finance, while strengthening research, analytical, and technical writing skills through contributions to reports, policy briefs, and case studies. Additionally, the intern will gain practical experience in documenting knowledge and communication products. The intern will enhance their teamwork, professional communication and coordination skills working with a multidisciplinary project team.

Responsibilities: The intern will support the wider study team at the Red Cross Red Crescent Climate Centre (RCCC) and is expected to assist the team in carrying out the following responsibilities:

- Support the project team in drafting specific sections of the report on the diagnostic study and the climate resilience framework.
- Preparation of knowledge materials for external publication, including short briefs or policy briefs, summarising the diagnostic findings, the proposed resilience framework, and the Return on Investment (RoI) of NbS interventions implemented by VNRC for wider dissemination.
- Support the team in drafting case studies on climate resilience, including NbS, adaptation strategies, and anticipatory actions, that summarise their successes and investment potential.
- Support in the preparation of a short training manual/guidebook summarising key concepts, tools, and follow-up steps on climate and innovative/blended financing.
- Participate in regular coordination calls with team members and support the project core team as needed.

Education

The Intern must be enrolled in a university programme for the entire duration of the placement (1 June 2026 – 31 August 2026, for three months), have a background in Environment Science or Planning, Environmental Communication or Journalism, Climate Change Adaptation or Climate Studies, Disaster Risk Management, Natural Resource Management or Nature-based Solution, Geography, Urban Planning or development.

Skills and Abilities

- Strong literature review, research, analytical, and writing skills are essential.
- Proficiency in written communication in English is required.
- Experience in editing will be preferred.
- Ability to coordinate with different stakeholders, including VNRC officials
- Ability to work quickly under time pressure, and manage multiple deadlines
- Ability to work well in an inter-cultural team
- Good interpersonal, and verbal communication skills
- Ability to work well independently with a primarily remote-based team
- Good understanding of socio-economic and geo-political context of Vietnam

Location

This is a home-based assignment.

We offer

The intern will receive compensation of Euros 450 per month on the basis of a 40-hour work week.

How to apply
Please submit your application, CV, and cover letter in English to the Climate Centre HR Officer at application@climatecentre.org . Please use “Intern – CARA, Vietnam” as the subject line.

Deadline
19 May 2026

Please note that due to the expected number of applications we will only contact you if you have been successful in your application.

If you have any questions about this vacancy, please contact us at hr@climatecentre.org.