

How Facebook is Helping Fight Climate Change

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Facebook released their 2020 Sustainability Report, showing the progress made on their sustainability goals. Facebook has met sustainability goals including reaching net zero emissions and 100% renewable energy for their global operations. They've also reduced their greenhouse gas emissions by 94% from 2017 levels, exceeding their goal of a 75% reduction.

They've also set a new goal: reaching net zero emission for their value chain in 2030. Climate change is one of the biggest challenges we face. Delivering essential technologies and reliable climate information to billions of people is at the heart of how Facebook can help address the crisis. And we believe we can do it with a net zero carbon footprint

--Mike Schroepfer, Chief Technology Officer, Facebook

Facebook's 2020 sustainability highlights include:

- Their renewable energy portfolio totaled over 5.9 gigawatts (GW) of wind and solar projects under contract, and they increased their operating portfolio of wind

and solar to over 2.8 GW spanning 15 US states, Europe, and Asia.

- Facebook restored nearly 5.8 million cubic meters of water in high water stress regions.
- The launch of the Climate Science Information Center, a dedicated hub for authoritative information from the world's leading climate science sources.
- Supporting the electricity use of Facebook employees while they worked from home with renewable energy. This was the first year Facebook incorporated work from home emissions into their environmental inventory.
- Facebook invested in high-quality carbon removal projects that removed 145,000 metric tons of carbon from the atmosphere, including reforestation projects in East Africa and the Mississippi River Valley.
- Facebook also introduces how they map to the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals and share their ESG priority topics.
- During last year's global pandemic and economic recession, the health and resilience of workers in Facebook's global supply chain was a leading priority. To that end, Facebook worked with priority suppliers to address labor, human rights, and health and safety focus areas across our supply chain.

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