

## **Agencies raise concern over global warming and development**

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Environment and development agencies have launched a joint statement of concern that climate change due to global warming is already happening, and hitting poor communities and vulnerable ecosystems.

The agencies include Action Aid, Christian Aid, ITDG, Oxfam GB, Tear fund, Water Aid, World Vision, Friends of the Earth, Green peace, Worldwide Fund for Nature and the RSPB.

The report says environment and development concerns cannot be separated. Global warming threatens the world's ability to achieve the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) to halve poverty by 2015; but achieving the MDGs is also the best way to help poor communities cope with climatic shocks.

The report, *Up in Smoke? Threats from, and responses to, the impact of global warming on human development*, includes three case studies from Oxfam programmes - of more frequent and more intense droughts in Turkana, Kenya; drought and glacier melting in Tajikistan, central Asia; and research into how poor people are adapting to climate change in South Africa and Mozambique.

Among the recommendations, the report calls for more efficient humanitarian relief arrangements to respond to the increasing burden of climate-related disasters.

The report is published by New Economics Foundation (nef) and is available on the [nef website](#).

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