Environmental performance indicators



Our reporting process

Environmental data is collected and reviewed on a quarterly basis. The 2021 environmental and resource data published in the Novartis in Society Integrated Report are actual data for the period from January through September and best estimates for the period October through December. This data has now been updated with actual data following the criteria set out by the Greenhouse Gas Protocol Corporate Accounting and Reporting Standard.

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1. Scope 1 combustion, process, and vehicles; Scope 2: purchased energy

2021 data includes infract emissions from air travel, car rentals and hotel stays. The methodology changed in 2021, with previous years' data covering emissions from air travel only. This is part of a calculation effort to expand the Scope 3 category 6 emission activities reported and part of a wider Scope 3 calculation review that aims to increase the coverage to more than 90% of the overall Scope 3. New to 2021, air travel emissions now also cover radiative forcing, which multiplies the indirect emissions by 1.9.

Scope 3 emissions are reported in accordance with the GHG Protocol. Only the scope 3 categories which are material and relevant to Novartis are reported.
Offsets based on data provided by third parties. The Santo Domingo forest carbon offset project in Argentina is due to reach maturity; as projects near this phase, routine operations involve thinning and harvesting. These operations have therefore released CO₂e emissions in 2021.

5. Sum of contact water and non-contact (cooling) water use 6. Water discharged via treatment and water lost

7. Operational waste excludes debris from the demolition or construction of new buildings and any other construction or landscape changes

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