



3ZERO HOUSE

A COLLABORATIVE HUB FOR LOCAL CHANGEMAKERS

Philippines
Tajikistan
Sri Lanka
Myanmar
Türkiye



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ZERO EXCLUSION
CARBON
POVERTY

**In the last decade,
humanitarian crises have
undergone significant changes**

driven by shifts in global geopolitics, demographic pressures, prolonged conflicts,
and the worsening impact of climate change-induced natural hazards.

In 2023,

**50% of the global population requiring humanitarian aid
lived in countries highly vulnerable to climate change**

while 39% resided in regions facing a combination of intense conflicts,
socio-economic fragility, and climate-related vulnerabilities.



GOING TOWARDS A 3ZERO WORLD

In 2015, Acted developed the 3ZERO strategy, linked to the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), and aiming to achieve **Zero Exclusion, Zero Carbon and Zero Poverty (3ZERO)**. We do this by promoting a global, sustainable, and inclusive approach to meet the humanitarian, environmental and economic challenges faced by vulnerable communities around the world.

ZERO EXCLUSION *because no one should be left behind*

We strive for inclusion and integration of all individuals, irrespective of gender, ethnicity, religion, or social standing, into programs and initiatives to prevent anyone from being marginalized or overlooked.

ZERO CARBON *because we only have one planet*

We are committed to minimizing our carbon footprint by reducing emissions, embracing renewable energy sources, and advocating for sustainable practices within local communities.

ZERO POVERTY *because poverty should not hold back potential*

We focus on collaborating with communities to enhance their living standards by providing economic opportunities, bolstering resilience against climate change, and ensuring access to essential services such as water, healthcare, and education

THE 3ZERO HOUSES

The 3ZERO Houses, powered by Acted, serve as **dynamic, inclusive, and sustainable hubs** that aim to facilitate and accelerate local partnerships, innovations, and solutions dedicated to the realization of a 3ZERO world.

These spaces foster collaboration among various stakeholders, including **local social and environmental enterprises, civil society organizations (CSOs), youth, and other changemakers.**

The primary goal of the 3ZERO House is to **accelerate a fair social and ecological transition within a country.** This is achieved by integrating efforts to alleviate poverty, lower carbon footprints, and foster inclusivity, thereby promoting **sustainable development in underserved local communities.**



WHAT WE DO

We bring together diverse actors to foster actions in favor of a 3ZERO world

Innovative partnerships are encouraged to collectively identify and solve local challenges related to climate change, poverty, and exclusion.

We provide :

- Co-working and office spaces
- Networking opportunities
- Co-development workshops
- National and global meet-ups



CONNECT

We unleash human potential and create empowered communities of changemakers to guide the transition towards a 3ZERO world.

Local changemakers are trained and empowered to promote the 3ZERO goals at home. Individuals feel more confident and gain skills to foster positive change.

We provide :

- Workshops around climate change and agri-smart practices
- 3ZERO Hackathons
- Vocational trainings for youth
- Leadership and soft skill coaching



UNLEASH

We promote experimentation and test solutions to accelerate promising and innovative projects aligned with the 3ZERO objective.

Innovations emanate from the 3ZERO houses and are given visibility at a local and global scale.

We provide :

- Incubation and acceleration programs for entrepreneurs
- Capacity-building workshops for civil society organizations
- International and national 3ZERO forums
- Innovation challenges and access to capital through investor/demo days



INNOVATE



+79

social and environmental entrepreneurs received comprehensive support through the 3ZERO Houses in 2023.

70%

of 3ZERO House stakeholders acknowledge that the initiative fosters collaboration and breaks down silos, driving collective efforts towards achieving a 3ZERO world.

+43K\$

43,800\$ of micro-credit loans and grants were disbursed to support the creation and scaling of 3ZERO solutions in 2023.

+159

events and activities were organized in 2023 across the 3ZERO Houses.



3ZERO
HOUSE
PHILIPPINES



Manila, Philippines



Established in October 2019



- 6 floors
- 1 café
- 1 event area
- 1 meeting room
- 1 production studio
- 1 lounge area
- Roofdeck
- Office spaces
- Co-working space



Overall capacity: +100 people

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The 3ZERO House Philippines connects changemakers through events like breakfast forums and community chats, fostering collaboration on 3ZERO issues.

It supports individuals and organizations with training programs, advancing social and environmental initiatives through consultation and mentoring for grassroots organizations, and leveraging partnerships across industry, academia, and government sectors.

SERVICES AND ACTIVITIES

- 3ZERO breakfast forums to connect stakeholders around climate change, poverty and exclusion issues in the Philippines
- Workshops with partners for local sustainability practitioners, youth leaders, and civil society organisations
- 3ZERO community chats to share initiatives and create linkages among actors

DID YOU KNOW ?

The Philippines grapples with pressing issues of food insecurity, poverty, and climate change. Despite economic growth, a significant portion of the population lacks stable employment and fails to benefit from this progress. Despite contributing only 0.2% to global emissions, the country faces severe climate-related challenges, experiencing an average of twenty typhoons annually. Over the past decade, climate-related hazards have caused losses totaling US\$10 billion, earning the Philippines the title of the world's most disaster-prone country in the 2022 World Risk Index.





Dushanbe, Tajikistan



Established in December 2022



- 3 floors
- 1 library
- 1 production studio
- 6 office spaces
- 1 co-working area
- 1 social café
- 3 event spaces
- Green-tech showroom



Overall capacity: +100 people

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The 3ZERO House in Tajikistan aims to boost economic inclusivity by fostering business ventures for micro, small, and medium-sized enterprises, as well as startups.

Additionally, it supports civil society organizations by providing trainings and financial support to ensure their sustainability and enhance dialogue with authorities. The 3ZERO House also advocates for citizen-led climate initiatives, emphasizing energy efficiency and the transition to renewable energy sources.

SERVICES AND ACTIVITIES

- Incubation and acceleration programs for start-ups and social entrepreneurs
- Assessment and capacity-building support for CSOs
- Awareness workshops and trainings on sustainable production and consumption
- Advocacy and communication campaigns in support of the SDGs and climate change commitments through 3ZERO forums
- 3ZERO related socio-cultural activities and events

DID YOU KNOW ?

Tajikistan faces major challenges from climate change and limited economic opportunities. The country is highly vulnerable to extreme weather events, exacerbating issues like glacier melting, erratic rainfall, and prolonged droughts. With over half the population reliant on agriculture, inefficient resource management and low investment heighten risks to livelihoods and food security. Labor out-migration and a lack of diverse income sources in rural areas further impede economic advancement.





Colombo, Sri Lanka



Established in October 2023



- 2 floors
- 1 exhibition space
- 1 meeting room
- 1 courtyard and patio for external events



Overall capacity: +35 people

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The 3ZERO House in Sri Lanka revolves around an exhibition space dedicated to raising awareness and initiating discussions on vital topics such as plastic management, marine conservation, climate-related disasters, and gender equality.

Additionally, it actively addresses plastic waste management, circular economy, climate change, and disaster risk management through various initiatives, including an entrepreneurship program for social and environmental entrepreneurs, networking events, volunteering opportunities, and annual 3ZERO Hackathons aimed at empowering local changemakers.

SERVICES AND ACTIVITIES

- Incubation program for social and environmental entrepreneurs
- 3ZERO Hackathons to build business ideas
- Card games related to climate change
- Networking opportunities to bring different local stakeholders together
- Awareness sessions around the 3 pillars
- Volunteering programs



DID YOU KNOW ?

Sri Lanka faces significant challenges in waste management and the circular economy, with only 30% of waste managed and a mere 3% recycled. Another concern for the country is brain drain, with Sri Lanka ranking 20th globally and 9th in the South Asian region in 2023. Nevertheless, the country possesses immense potential, with a high literacy rate of 93% and a strong foundation in renewable energy, including wind and hydroelectric power.





Yangon, Myanmar



Established in November 2023



- 2 floors
- 1 co-working space
- 1 open room for trainings and events
- 1 garden with recycling station and compost



Overall capacity: +80 people

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The 3ZERO House in Myanmar is a community-driven hub focused on addressing youth unemployment, rising poverty, and supporting local civil society organizations and entrepreneurs.

Located in the heart of Yangon in a century-old building, it offers customized training programs covering crucial topics such as waste management, climate-smart agriculture and social innovation. The 3ZERO House aims to empower birmanese with skills to tackle environmental challenges and foster sustainability in their communities.

SERVICES AND ACTIVITIES

- Acceleration program to support social and environmental entrepreneurs
- Green and agri-smart initiatives to support local farmers and small businesses
- Networking events to foster connections between different stakeholders
- Youth empowerment workshops to support young birmanese in their professional careers and personal growth

DID YOU KNOW ?

Myanmar grapples with the dual challenges of climate change and poverty, aggravated by extreme weather events, agricultural disruptions, and natural resource degradation, particularly affecting impoverished communities. Additionally, the fallout from the 2021-2022 crises—stemming from the military coup and COVID-19—has further exacerbated these challenges. Many startups and social enterprises have halted operations due to a lack of support amidst economic turmoil, compounding existing issues like inflation and infrastructure deficits.





Hatay, Türkiye



Established in April 2024



- 1 open space for trainings and events
- 1 restaurant
- 1 common garden
- 16 wooden houses - serving as shops and office spaces for businesses and CBOs



Overall capacity: +100 people

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The mission of the 3ZERO Village is to assist businesses and civil society affected by the 2023 earthquakes, empowering vulnerable groups to advance the 3ZERO agenda and promote sustainable economic growth.

Prioritizing Zero Poverty, it offers commercial spaces and operational support to those in need, while advocating for Zero Exclusion by including underrepresented and marginalized groups. Additionally, through Zero Carbon efforts, the village utilizes eco-friendly wooden houses and climate-smart solutions to reduce environmental impact.

SERVICES AND ACTIVITIES

- Business support for small and micro-businesses
- Capacity development for civil society organizations
- 3ZERO workshops to support youth and women in their professional careers and personal growth
- Community-led initiatives (cultural events, vocational trainings etc.)



DID YOU KNOW ?

The February 2023 earthquakes devastated Antakya, with 3,100 buildings collapsing and over 20,000 lives lost. The destruction caused almost \$148.8 billion in damage, nearly 10% of Turkey's GDP. Hatay province, where Antakya is located, suffered the most, with half its population displaced and the highest death toll. Reconstruction efforts face challenges as unemployment and poverty rates soar. The region's vulnerability to climate change underscores the urgent need for support in this predominantly agrarian area.



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OUR COMMITMENT

Our dedication lies in the belief that it is crucial to **involve those most affected by exclusion, climate change, and severe poverty in identifying solutions to their challenges and amplifying these solutions on a global scale.** Through endorsing their initiatives, we strive to spark worldwide action.

We aim to empower all stakeholders in the 3ZERO Houses to shape a future guided by 3ZERO principles.

By encouraging collaboration and sharing within the 3ZERO House, members can maximize the use of their resources, promote collective growth, and achieve their goals more effectively.



WHY JOIN A 3ZERO HOUSE ?



**COMMUNITY
SUPPORT THROUGH
KNOWLEDGE-SHARING AND
MENTORING**



**BUSINESS OPPORTUNITIES AND
CONNECTIONS THROUGH AN
INTERNATIONAL 3ZERO HOUSE
NETWORK**



**MAXIMIZATION OF FINANCIAL
RESOURCES VIA ACCESS TO
CAPITAL AND COST-SHARING
MECHANISMS**



**VISIBILITY AND BRAND
RECOGNITION THROUGH
GLOBAL 3ZERO ADVOCACY**



OUR 3ZERO HOUSE PARTNERS

Join us in building a 3ZERO world!

The 3ZERO Houses thrive thanks to our incredible local and global partners. Together, we're turning vision into reality. As we continue our journey, we welcome impact investors, philanthropists, and collaborators to join our cause. If you're passionate about creating positive change and exploring partnership opportunities, reach out to us.

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