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The climate crisis is happening now.



For Fairtrade producers, this is one of their biggest challenges. Low prices for their crops mean that they are struggling to fight back. Fairtrade gives them higher income so they can meet their everyday needs and deal with the challenges of climate change.

Climate, Fairtrade and You

This Fairtrade Fortnight, schools and families across the UK will come together to learn about, and celebrate, the people who grow our food and drink and explore the topic of 'Climate, Fairtrade and You'.

Young people will have the opportunity to discover how their choices as individuals can make a difference to the lives of people around the world and the planet we share. [#ChooseTheWorldYouWant](https://www.fairtrade.org.uk/choose-the-world-you-want/)



Climate change is when there is a big difference in normal climate patterns over a long amount of time. The Earth's climate appears to be **changing** very fast.

Global climate change includes **warming temperatures** and **changes in precipitation**, as well as the **effects of Earth's warming**, such as:

- Rising sea levels
- Shrinking mountain glaciers
- Ice melting at a faster rate than usual
- Changes in flower and plant blooming times.

The climate crisis is an immediate and ever-increasing threat to the livelihoods of farmers and workers across the world, from deforestation and changing weather patterns to rising temperatures water scarcity and contamination.

Despite contributing the least to the climate crisis, smallholders in developing countries are excessively affected and can't easily adapt to changes in climate and other stresses. **These farmers manage over 80 percent of the world's 500 million farms and rely on this land for their livelihoods.**



Climate Change is directly impacting farmers of some of our most loved foods: cocoa (chocolate), coffee and bananas.

The farmers that Fairtrade works with have seen their crops of coffee, cocoa, honey, and vegetables in Honduras, Guatemala and Nicaragua be completely devastated.

By 2050 as much as 50 percent of the global surface area currently used for coffee farming may no longer be suitable and many cocoa growing regions in Ghana and Côte d'Ivoire – who produce over half of the world's cocoa – will become too hot to grow the crop.



The things we buy to eat, wear and use have been through lots of places and processes. **At every step of the way, there are people.**

Choosing products that ensure farmers are treated fairly, tells big companies that we care and is a way we can change the world