

FAST FACTS



On Gender Equality

1. **Empowering women and girls to have a voice** and a role in decision-making on climate change-related issues is essential for sustainable development and greater gender equality.
2. As early adopters of many new agricultural techniques, first responders in crises, entrepreneurs of green energy and decision-makers at home, **women offer invaluable insights and solutions** into better managing the climate and its risks.
3. **The climate crisis is not “gender neutral.”** It exacerbates existing inequalities, leaving women and girls to experience unique threats to livelihoods, health and safety.
4. **Women are less able to confront climate change** due to limited access to and control of environmental goods and services, less participation in decision-making and the distribution of environmental management benefits.
5. During periods of drought and erratic rainfall, many women in low- and lower-middle income countries, who depend on agriculture, **work harder to secure income and resources for their families.**
6. **Current climate finance rarely reaches women** and their organizations, and only a tiny proportion of funding focuses on their needs, rights and solutions.
7. As climate change drives conflict across the world, **women and girls face increased vulnerabilities to all forms of gender-based violence.**
8. When disasters strike, **women are less likely to survive** and more likely to be injured due to limited access to information, mobility, decision-making, as well as resources and training.
9. **Women’s and girls’ health is endangered by climate change and disasters** by limiting access to services and health care, as well as increasing risks related to maternal and child health.
10. **Extreme heat increases incidence of stillbirth.** Climate change also increases the spread of vector-borne illnesses such as malaria, dengue fever, and Zika virus, which are linked to life threatening maternal and neonatal outcomes.

