Climate change intensifies threats to land, water, species and livelihoods. Women defending ecosystems, resources and territories often pay a high price and face risks, including assassination, criminalization, intimidation and gender-based violence, including sexual violence.

Climate change can push women survivors into evacuation centres where they may be subjected to violence. In particular, lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and intersex persons may lack access to emergency shelters that meet their needs.

Extreme weather events combined with unequal care burdens can cause disproportionate pressure on women to support their families. Yet women are often excluded from decision-making, exacerbating existing inequalities and hampering the search for meaningful climate solutions.