

HOW CLIMATE CHANGE AFFECTS WOMEN'S RIGHTS

HEALTH

Inequalities in access to and quality of health care mean that women are more at risk of injury during emergency situations. Climate change impacts can affect their mental health due to the unequal care burden. Women also suffer more from indoor air pollution due to their use of polluting fuels used for cooking.



LIVELIHOODS

Climate change **deepens inequalities in the job market**. After disasters, increased family demands and gender stereotypes place an unequal burden of care work on women can deprive them of time and opportunities to rejoin the labour market.



FOOD INSECURITY

Climate change affects food systems. Women are **more frequently exposed to food insecurity** and it can impact them more during pregnancy or breastfeeding. Discriminatory food allocation within families can also affect nutrition.



REPRODUCTIVE HEALTH

After disasters, the destruction of infrastructure and hardening of discriminatory gender norms can **decrease the quality and accessibility of sexual and reproductive health services**, leading to unplanned pregnancies, unmet contraception needs, unsafe abortion and maternal mortality. High temperatures and salinization of water can also impact maternal health.



GENDER-BASED VIOLENCE

The economic impacts of climate change can contribute to an **increase in human trafficking, forced and child marriage**. Disaster displacement may increase the risk of sexual violence. Less effective law enforcement after disasters may stop women from reporting violence.



ACCESS TO LAND & RESOURCES

Male-dominated structures often govern land ownership. Discriminatory laws and practices restrict women's ownership of, access to and use of land and other productive resources. **These practices undermine women's productivity**, adoption of climate-smart agriculture, and resilience to food price volatility.



DID YOU KNOW?

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 meets 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.**