

GENDER & CLIMATE CHANGE

How climate change and gender equality linked?

FACTS

- Developmental gains in education are offset due to damage or destruction of school facilities, extended disruption of education, and limited access to schooling
- Climate change drives inequality and creates and prolongs poverty traps, with children and adolescents particularly exposed.
- Up to two-thirds of preventable illness and death from environmental hazards is experienced by children, with the burden predominantly in those aged under five years.

MAIN CHALLENGES

- “Educating girls is one of the most effective but overlooked ways to mitigate against climate change
- Extreme weather events — floods, droughts and hurricanes — will have impact on the vulnerable children and their families most.
 - The risk of child marriage increases during vulnerable times and periods of instability, the report says.



Forced to leave school to help fetch water during a drought.



Teaching girls about their rights



130 MILLION



girls are not in school



The most vulnerable populations that suffer most and in many countries that means girls and women.

- Teaching life skills focused on competencies like public speaking, critical thinking, and self-confidence can help to increase girls' abilities to problem solve and respond to urgent situations like those they would have to deal with after a climate change-related crisis.
- By increasing gender equality through education, girls can be made less vulnerable during natural disasters.

Recommendations