

Vulnerability of Women to Climate Change

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Vulnerability refers to the physical, social, economic, and environmental factors or processes which influence a group's capacity to anticipate, cope with, resist and recover from the impact of climate change



Vulnerability of Women to CC

- Poverty
- Limited/no access to community resources
- Gendered division of labor
 - food producers & providers
 - guardians of health
 - caregivers
 - economic actors
- Increase in female headed households
- Increased responsibilities due to CC
- Socio-cultural norms

The manifestations of climate change and women's vulnerability to its effects, especially poor women in the global South, together determine the impact of climate change on women

Manifestations of CC

- Resource degradation and scarcity
- Decline in biodiversity
- Natural disasters
- Extreme weather conditions
- Sea level rise
- Shifts in the natural world
- Displacement of people
- Civil War & conflict



Impact of Climate Change on Women

- Scarcity of water
- Inferior energy sources
- Calorie deficiency
- Increase in heat related illness
- Reduction in agro biodiversity
- Energy Shortages
- Use of contaminated water
- More vector and water borne diseases
- Loss of traditional medicines
- Physical and mental stress from war, displacement, sexual violence

Leads To



- Increased burden on women's work
- Increased vulnerability to disease
- Reduced opportunities for economic advancement
- Threat to livelihood of women
- Greater incidence of mortality
- Limited participation in making decisions for dealing with CC

Exacerbates



Feminization of poverty and gender inequality