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# The gendered nature of climate change



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## AT THE END OF THE WEBINAR, GRANTMAKERS WILL:

1. Understand the intersection between gender and climate change.
2. Discover why women's priorities and needs are critical to all phases of disaster- and climate-related risk reduction, mitigation, response and recovery.
3. Learn about funding opportunities to change the interaction between climate and gender.

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# Speakers

Thank you to our guests for joining us today.

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Director of Global Movement Partnerships  
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- Climate change exacerbates **existing inequalities**
- Climate justice seeks solutions that address **root causes**
- Momentum is building for **just solutions** to climate crisis

*"The forces of capitalism, racism, ableism, transphobia, and homophobia may have cornered us into a vulnerable position in this unprecedented moment in our planet's history, **but the wisdom we've gained along the way** could allow us all to survive in the face of climate chaos."*

Patty Berne | disability & climate justice activist



# Intersection of climate change and gender



# What is the link between gender and disasters and climate change?

- Disasters exacerbate the existing gender inequalities that emerge from unequal social status, discriminations, gendered social roles/division of labour in households, and state perpetuated patriarchal policies.
- Women, female headed households and gender minorities often have less access to resources as compared to men in for example land, credit, decision making structures, training, that can enhance their capacity to recover from disasters and adaptation to climate change.
- Intersection of gender, race, age, disabilities and other contextual social factors affect recoveries and adaptation potential. Need for better gender, race, age, disability disaggregated data and stories to understand intersectional effects.

# Can you give some examples from your research about how this plays out?

- Transgender women were not able to access food, employment, safe housing and health care services after the Chilean tsunami and the earthquake of 2010. To quote a transwoman: 'Before the disaster, it was already difficult for me to get a job as a transwoman. With the reduced employment opportunities in the aftermath of the disaster, I started struggling economically reaching a point of not having what to eat. The combination of all these facts led me to carry out a third suicide attempt' (forthcoming Velez and Akerkar).
- Women's and gender minorities right to participation has been violated in most disaster response and risk reduction strategies in practice despite aspirational statements. This often comes in the form of exclusion from community consultations.
- Women and female headed households were not well supported in their informal livelihoods or in accessing housing after disasters; for example South and South-East Asian Tsunami, 2004; Floods in India, 2016 among others.





# GENDER AND FOOD SECURITY

- Women play a pivotal role in agriculture and food systems
- **Gender-based barriers** increase vulnerability to food insecurity
- **Solutions to climate crisis** require addressing problems with industrial models of agriculture
- Gender and climate justice movements, and women's movements for food sovereignty, want to see **a new global food system**



# Project in Zimbabwe



# How can funders further women's voices and their rights?

- Ensure synergy between disaster mitigation, climate change responses, adaptation work and development goals that further women's equality and rights.
- Support humanitarian, development, climate change adaptation initiatives that work with women, gender minorities as persons with agency, voice, aspirations, capacities, enabling them to lead these initiatives as leaders.
- Show solidarity to rights based approaches to risk reduction and climate change adaptation, with longer term funding engagements.



# How Global Fund for Women Supports Movements and Shifts Power

Movements are collectives of individuals and organizations working together in loosely organized networks to challenge systems and powerholders perpetuating injustice. They articulate a new vision and mobilize the broader public.



economic

political

cultural

**Shift power to people most impacted by gender injustice**

**Long-term systemic change**

**Movement powered by the people**

**How GFW supports movements**



# Strategies for Funders







## NEXT STEPS AND ACTIONS

- 1. Consider each person's unique needs.**
- 2. Embrace leadership from impacted individuals.**
- 3. Recognize climate's broad impact.**

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