

SE30: Addressing the unequal burden of climate change – Articulating the value for money of investments in climate resilience, gender equality, and nutrition

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Description

Climate change threatens progress towards the elimination of hunger, and food security and nutrition for all, but its worst effects are not shared equally; a 2021 report by the World Bank estimates that climate change widens the global gap between the poor and the better-off by \$20 billion annually. Without action, climate change will adversely impact food production, increase food prices, reduce diet diversity, and decrease the nutritional content of staple crops, particularly affecting poorer populations in low- and middle- income countries. By 2050, an additional 78 million people will face chronic hunger relative to a no-climate change future. Evidence also links climate extreme events with low birthweight, stunting in children, and many other adverse health and nutrition outcomes.

Entrenched gender inequalities cause climate change to impact the well-being of women and girls disproportionately. Women are often more vulnerable to climate change and less able to respond in ways that benefit them, which can perpetuate and, in some cases, exacerbate gender gaps in food security and nutrition. At the same time, women's empowerment is critical for achieving global food security and nutrition goals and increasing resilience to climate change.