



Invest in Women to Tackle Climate Change and Conserve the Environment

THE WORLD TODAY

**4.3
MILLION**

people died prematurely from household air pollution in developing countries in 2012

**26
MILLION**

people have been climate displaced

**2.9
BILLION**

people in the developing world still use polluting fuels like wood, coal, and charcoal

**ONLY
35%**

of environmental sector ministries have a gender focal point

THE INVESTMENT CASE

Continuing to use solid fuels =

\$123 BILLION

in annual costs, encompassing:



health



environmental



economic

A study of 130 countries found female parliamentary representation is associated with the ratification of international environmental treaties

SOLUTIONS



Female involvement in climate negotiations and resource management, including indigenous women



Integration of environmental conservation strategies within women's health programming



Investment in technologies that enhance renewable and clean energy sources



Secure land rights and inheritance rights for women



Women bear the brunt of climate change, but they are the world's best bet in the fight for a clean, healthy, and sustainable planet.

ASKS

Ensure female involvement, **including indigenous women and grassroots groups**, in climate change negotiations and resource management.

Develop policies to address climate change that **recognize gender-sensitive impacts**, provide women with access to resources, and give them opportunities to participate in mitigation and adaptation processes.

Ensure that key decision-makers understand how environmental degradation and climate change **affect women differently than men**.

Invest in technologies and initiatives to enhance sustainable and renewable energy sources that **reflect women's knowledge, needs, and roles**, while incorporating indigenous expertise and traditional practices.

Include women in the creation of **policies and strategies around environmental protection** including disaster response, building resilience, securing land and inheritance rights, food insecurity, and ending energy poverty.

Integrate environmental conservation strategies **within family planning and women's health programming** and vice versa.

RIPPLE EFFECT

