

IS CLIMATE CHANGE GENDER NEUTRAL?

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ABSTRACT

Climate change is one of the most threatening challenges mankind has ever faced. Change in climate magnifies the inequalities between men and women as they exhibit different vulnerability and coping up capabilities. Climate change remains at the forefront of agendas throughout the global environmental meetings and the subject of intersection of gender-related aspects gain more attention. The extent to which the men and women are affected by the climate change also depends on their gender, status, power, poverty and their access/control over available resources for their livelihood. It is very important to identify and address the climatic change vulnerabilities towards gender and to recognize gender-sensitive strategies that could be adopted for addressing environmental crisis towards women. The data and the objectives for the study were gathered and compiled from different secondary sources. Climate change has gender-specific effects. Exposure of women towards climatic change when compared to men is equal to (Illiteracy + Decision making + Primary Education + Economic Activity) / 4. During the international negotiations, regional and national climate policies on research, analysis and plan for mitigation implementation, gender equality principles are adopted.

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