

CLIMATE CHANGE PUNISHES EVERYONE

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BUT IT PUNISHES WOMEN HARDER

OUTLINE

1- Introduction

Thesis Statement: The impacts of climate change are not gender equal. Due to gender discrimination, unequal distribution of resources, lack of menstrual hygiene, higher risks of sexual violence, and destruction of farming lands have made women more exposed to the impacts of climate change.

2- Why climate change is not "gender neutral"

3- How everyone is affected by climate change

a- Climate change induced disasters leaves million of people homeless

b- Destruction of infrastructure affects everyone

c- Climate change causes food insecurity

d- Economic losses due to climate change impacts everyone.

e- Climate change increases risk of epidemics and diseases

f- Psychological problems increase during natural disasters

4- How climate change punishes women more

a- Women experience more physical injuries during natural disasters

b- Menstrual hygiene becomes harder

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- c- Reproductive health is compromised
- d- Lack of reproductive health facilities cause deaths during pregnancies
- e- Greater risks of sexual violence
- f- Gender discrimination causes unequal distribution of food and resources
- g- More women have internally displaced during climate change events
- h- Women are deprived of their source of sustenance due to the destruction of farming lands
- i- Women get less opportunities to recover from the impacts of climate change
- j- Economic conditions cause the poor to willingly sell young girls to elites

6- Conclusion

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According to a report of UNDP; when disasters strikes, women and children are 14 times more likely than men to die. For instance, 230,000 people were killed in the 2004 Indian Ocean Tsunami out of which 70 percent were women. So, climate change is not gender neutral. It punishes everyone in the form of homelessness, destruction of infrastructure and economic losses. Climate change increases food insecurity and increases risk of epidemics and diseases. Psychological problems also increase during natural disasters. Climate change punishes women more as they experience more physical injuries during natural disasters. Menstrual hygiene becomes harder and reproductive health is compromised which eventually leads to higher number of deaths during pregnancies. Greater risks of sexual violence, gender discrimination, and unequal distribution of food and resources worsen the situation. Destruction of farming lands deprive women of their sustenance. Poor economic conditions force people to willingly sell young girls to elites. In a nutshell, the impacts of climate change are not gender equal. Due to gender discrimination, unequal distribution of resources, lack of menstrual hygiene, higher risks of sexual violence, and destruction of farming lands have made women more exposed to the impacts of climate change.