

Despite its urgency, climate crisis remains the most neglected cause:

## 1. Introduction

The biggest challenge of the contemporary world i.e. climate change is the most neglected of all causes due to a number of reasons its adverse effects are inflicting damage to the entire world and will continue to do so if immediate counter-acting measures are not taken.

Why is the attention to the climate crisis

2. ~~How is the climate crisis being ignored~~  
so urgent?

3. The reasons behind the neglect of the climate cause:

a. The 'right-now-sacrifice' requirement of climate change for a 'down-the-line pay off'

b. The climate injustice: Those causing maximum damage, receiving minimum damage

c. Lack of individual efforts due to the horrible big picture

d. The tendency of human nature to react to immediate discomfort

e. Irresponsible behaviour of the influential international actors

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f- Reasons of neglect in the third world countries.

g- Pakistan and the neglect of climate cause.

#### 4. The effects of climate change: The reason behind urgency.

a- The long-term effects of the unescapable reality.

b. Erratic change in weather patterns.

c- Natural disasters and their influence on the world.

d- Climate-change and Pakistan.

e. The socio-economic implications of the climate crisis.

#### 5. The way-forward.

a- Climate change:

A joint venture for the international community.

b. lifting up the third world countries in their disaster preparedness capacity.

c. Avoiding the root causes and raising awareness against them.

#### 6. Conclusion.

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In 90s, when people talked about climate change, noone understood. But now everyone, especially people from rural areas, where they are more close to nature can see the impacts of climate change. (Imran Khan, IUCN's regional conservation forum, November 2019). It is clear that the effects of climate are becoming stronger with every passing day. It has become the biggest challenge for the contemporary world but it seems that this factor alone is not enough for grabbing the attention of the world. The right-now-sacrifice requirement of the climate change for a down-the-line-pay off is a big factor behind this neglect. Moreover, the tendency of humans to react to only immediate discomforts, the lack of individual effort due to the lazy big picture, irresponsible behaviour of the international actors fuelled by the climate injustice i.e. those causing maximum damage be receiving minimum damage are a few of many causes of the neglect of the climate crisis. However, the cause requires urgent steps or else it would become impossible for the world to escape from the long term effects of this unescapable reality. Erratic weather changes, uncontrollable natural disasters followed by severe socio-economic consequences will be on their way. ~~hence~~, treating climate change as a mere trend is a mistake. Therefore

mate change as a joint venture by the international community, lifting up the third world countries in disaster preparedness capacity, avoiding the root causes of the crisis and raising awareness against the causes are some of the many immediate steps that <sup>are</sup> needed to be taken in order to fight the curse of climate change. Hence, the biggest challenge of the contemporary world i.e. climate change is the most neglected of all causes due to a number of reasons. Its adverse effects are inflicting damage to the entire world and will continue to do so if immediate counteracting measures are not taken.

¶ The climate crisis / climate change refers to long term shifts in temperature and weather patterns. These shifts may be natural but since the 1800s human activities have been the main driver of the climate change primarily due to the burning of fossil fuels (coal, gas, oil) which produce heat trapping gases. If we don't limit green house gas emissions from the burning of fossil fuels the consequences of rising global temperatures include massive crop and fishery collapse, the disappearance of hundreds of thousands of species, and entire communities becoming uninhabitable (Courtney, What are the effects of climate change?, October 2022)

The right-now-sacrifice requirement of climate change for a down-the-line pay off is one of the major reasons behind the neglect. Major national and international changes, for example compromising on industrial efficiency for a short term, fuel-switching, using renewable energy resources etc, required for the stopping and to some extent reversing of climate change induced damages will need some immediate sacrifices that will have massive beneficial impacts on the entire human race in future. But, compromising and sacrificing something in present which is yet to come in future is a big challenge as this is not how human nature works, humans seek benefits and power that are immediate in nature, careless of its future costs. As Thomas Hobbes says in his Leviathan: "So that in the first place, I put for a general inclination of all mankind a perpetual and restless desire of power after power, that ceaseth only in death" Therefore, we can safely assume that asking loss and sacrifice for something that has majorly existed only in theory until recently was quite hard and unrealistic.

The climate change has not really proven to be a very just phen-

phenomenon as the countries with maximum contribution to the phenomenon itself have seen to be the least affected ones and vice versa. It majorly occurs because of the geographical factors. Year 2022 ~~was~~ provided a live picture to the world of how severely climate change can impact a country's entire population. Despite making 3% of the entire global population Pakistan contributes a negligible 0.8% of the global carbon footprint (UN environment program, 2022) making it the most severely affected country yet one of the least contributing countries. Therefore, those contributing maximum to the climate crisis could not be careless about it as it is the third world countries facing the direct consequences.