

Feminist framework for gender equitable climate disaster response

Description of the project

Baithak CSO and DASTAK Foundation, in their collaborative efforts to respond to the disastrous droughts and floods in Pakistan with a gender-just and an intersectional approach, developed a strategic framework tool for policymakers and practitioners. It offers actionable recommendations for gender-equitable response measures that meet the specific needs of women and girls during climate disasters and prioritize their health, well-being, and safety. This feminist policy resource builds on extensive stakeholder engagement, including social media listening targeting 30,000 menstruating individuals, direct consultations with 5,000 women and girls affected by floods, and collaboration with 40 grassroots organizations.





Transformative outcomes

Climate impact



Nation-wide mapping and ground research on climate emergency impacts on women and girls and existing response measures.



Relevant policy recommendations for an adequate use of Loss and Damage Funds allocated to Pakistan.

Gender impact



Awareness raising on the gender differentiated impacts of climate disasters I.e., exacerbated gender-based violence and additional unpaid care work.



Intersectional approach to ensure gender equitable disaster response: menstrual products, WASH facilities, pregnancy kit, pre- and postnatal care services.

Inclusion of women in policy processes and grassroots initiatives.

Scalability / replicability



The framework is an open source document where insights and expert opinions are crowd sourced.



Government, INGOs, NGOs, and grassroots organizations are invited to integrate recommendations into their existing



climate crisis response programs and actions. Partnership with 40 local organizations to develop the framework tool.





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