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FOOD SECURITY FOR WOMEN AND GIRLS

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Amid the intersecting crises of COVID-19, the climate emergency, and rising economic and political insecurity, progress on gender equality has not only failed to move forward but has begun to reverse.

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GLOBALLY, NEARLY 1 IN 3 WOMEN EXPERIENCED MODERATE OR SEVERE FOOD INSECURITY IN 2021
WOMEN ARE MORE FOOD INSECURE THAN MEN, EVERYWHERE

PREVALENCE OF FOOD INSECURITY HIGHER AMONG WOMEN THAN MEN, GLOBALLY AND ACROSS REGIONS


Note: Data refer to the prevalence of moderate or severe food insecurity.
Gender gap in food insecurity continued to rise in 2021 as 31.9% of women in the world were moderately or severely food insecure, compared to 27.6% of men.
GLOBAL FOOD CRISIS

1. Devasting impacts on women and girls worldwide, widening gender gaps and increasing rates of food insecurity, malnutrition and energy poverty, while violating their human rights.

2. In 2022, an estimated 345 million people across 82 countries are facing acute food insecurity or are at high risk, an increase of almost 200 million people from pre-pandemic levels.

3. Oil price shocks have exacerbated food price volatility and increased food and fertilizer prices, with greater impacts on women who are already grappling with unequal access to income and resources, such as land, credit and finance.
RAPID GENDER ANALYSIS

UN Women (and CARE) gender analyses of the Ukraine crisis on women and girls

• Consider impacts on food security
Global Impact of war in Ukraine on food, energy and finance systems

13 April 2022

Global impact of the war in Ukraine: Billions of people face the greatest cost-of-living crisis in a generation

8 June 2022

Global impact of war in Ukraine: Energy crisis

UN Global Crisis Response Group on Food, Energy and Finance

August 2022
1. Global Food 50/50 aims to address the knowledge and accountability gap by collecting and reporting key data on the gender and geographic dimensions of the leadership, policies, and work of organizations active in food systems, and their outcomes.

2. Two primary aims:
   • catalyze faster progress on gender equality by enabling enhanced accountability driven by rigorous evidence
   • increase recognition of the role that gender plays in the food system for everybody
JP RWEE Programme

JOINT PROGRAMME ON:
Accelerating Progress towards Rural Women’s Economic Empowerment
**JP RWEE PROGRAMME OUTCOMES:**

**Improved food security and nutrition** for rural women and their households that contribute to equitable and sustainable food systems

Rural women’s **income, decent work and economic autonomy increased** to secure their livelihoods and build resilience

Rural women’s **voice and agency increased** for full and equal participation and leadership in their households, communities, organizations and governance systems

**Gender-responsive legal frameworks, policies and institutions strengthened** to create an enabling environment for rural women to secure their livelihoods, rights and resilience
GENERATION EQUALITY FORUM

FEMINIST ACTION FOR CLIMATE JUSTICE
ACTION COALITION

ECONOMIC JUSTICE AND RIGHTS
ACTION COALITION
BUILD THE RESILIENCE OF WOMEN AND GIRLS TO CLIMATE IMPACTS, DISASTER RISKS, LOSS AND DAMAGE, INCLUDING THROUGH LAND RIGHTS AND TENURE SECURITY

ACTION
Enhance and leverage the capacity of millions more women and girls in all their diversity to build resilience to climate and disaster risks, mitigate climate change, and address loss and damage, including through community-based cooperative models and land rights and tenure security.

TACTICS
Service Delivery
INCREASE WOMEN’S ACCESS TO AND CONTROL OVER PRODUCTIVE RESOURCES

ACTION
Expand women’s access to and control over productive resources through increasing access to and control over land, gender-responsive financial products and services, and the number of firms owned by women by 2026.

TACTICS
- Laws & Policies
- Norms
- Service Delivery
RECOMMENDATIONS

• Promote and protect the right to food
• Ensure women’s and girls’ voice, agency, participation and leadership
• Increase access to productive resources (land, finance, markets, etc.)
• Promote gender-responsive, climate-resilient and sustainable food systems
• Expand gender-responsive and nutrition-sensitive social protection measures with targeted food and nutrition tailored for women’s and girls’ particular needs
• Invest in more and better gender statistics and sex-disaggregated data