



# UN-WOMEN EXECUTIVE BOARD

## INFORMAL BRIEFING 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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**Sima Bahous, Executive Director**  
UN Women

**GLOBALLY, NEARLY  
1 IN 3  
WOMEN  
EXPERIENCED MODERATE  
OR SEVERE FOOD  
INSECURITY IN 2021**

**14** TOTAL  
INDICATORS

**2** GENDER-SPECIFIC  
INDICATORS

**2** ZERO  
HUNGER



# WOMEN ARE MORE FOOD INSECURE THAN MEN, EVERYWHERE

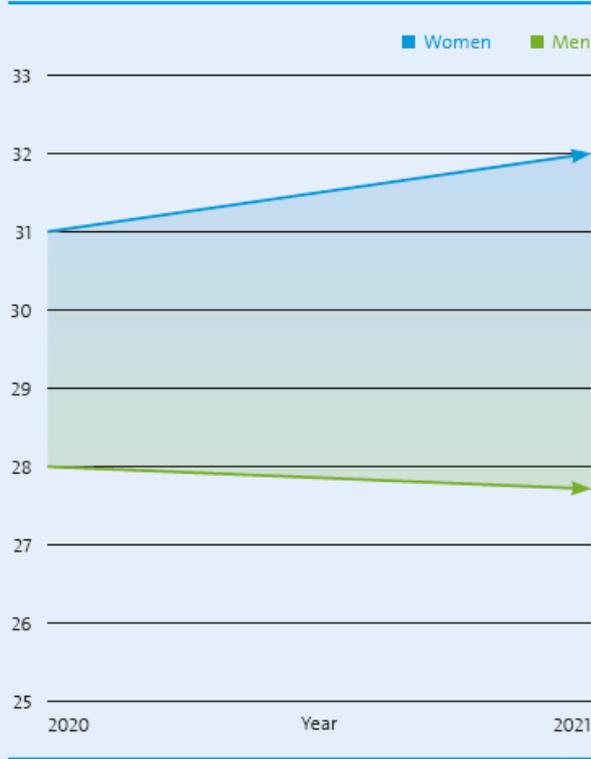
## PREVALENCE OF FOOD INSECURITY HIGHER AMONG WOMEN THAN MEN, GLOBALLY AND ACROSS REGIONS



**Source:** FAO data from FAO, IFAD, UNICEF, WFP and WHO. 2022. [The State of Food Security and Nutrition in the World 2022. Repurposing food and agricultural policies to make healthy diets more affordable.](#) Rome.

**Note:** Data refer to the prevalence of moderate or severe food insecurity.

## PREVALENCE OF MODERATE OR SEVERE FOOD INSECURITY (%), BY SEX



**Source:** Data calculated based on [UN Women Sustainable Development Goals dataset](#) (2020) and the [The State of Food Security and Nutrition in the World](#) (2022).

# GENDER GAP IN FOOD SECURITY CONTINUES TO WIDEN

- 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 Gendered Impacts of the Ukraine Crisis

on Energy Access and Food Security and Nutrition

## 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 Assessment: Impact of the War In Ukraine on Women's Civil Society Organizations](#)



[Challenges encountered by young women affected by war in Ukraine](#)



[UN Women Ukraine: Five-month Update](#)



[UN Women and CARE Rapid gender analysis of Ukraine: Secondary data review](#)



[UN Women and CARE Rapid Gender Analysis](#)

# RAPID GENDER ANALYSIS

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

- Consider impacts on food security

# GLOBAL CRISIS RESPONSE GROUP

BRIEF NO.1

## Global Impact of war in Ukraine on food, energy and finance systems

13 APRIL 2022



BRIEF NO.2

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

UN GLOBAL CRISIS  
RESPONSE GROUP  
ON FOOD, ENERGY  
AND FINANCE

8 JUNE 2022



BRIEF NO.3

## Global impact of war in Ukraine: Energy crisis

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RESPONSE GROUP  
ON FOOD, ENERGY  
AND FINANCE

AUGUST 2022



# HUNGRY FOR GENDER EQUALITY

## GLOBAL FOOD 50/50 2022 REPORT

A review of the gender- and equity-related  
policies and practices of 51 organizations  
active in the global food system



## GLOBAL FOOD 50/50

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



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United Nations



# 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 **voice and agency** increased for full and equal participation and leadership in their households, communities, organizations and governance systems



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



**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

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**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**