

CALL FOR CONTRIBUTIONS! **Gender & Development: Climate Crisis**

In November 2020, *Gender & Development* will publish an issue on the global Climate Crisis. Despite decades of activism to turn the directions of international development around to focus on sustainability, global warming is now unavoidable. Recent studies show that Greenland and Antarctic ice sheets have decreased in mass, and worldwide glaciers are disappearing. During the past decade flooding and heavy rains have risen by 50% worldwide. And new elevation data triple estimates of global vulnerability to sea-level rise and coastal flooding, affecting millions of people living in coastal areas. These human-induced processes result in incredible loss of life and injuries, loss of livelihoods and unconceivable damage. Global action programmes and conferences, such as the Paris Climate Agreement (2015), and the Climate Action Summit that was held in New York this year (2019) are failing to result in the radical and immediate action needed to avoid the points of no return and incredible ecological loss and human suffering.

G&D is a unique journal, offering a forum for the sharing of analysis and experience between feminist activists across research, policy, and practice. This issue will feature the perspectives and experiences of feminist activists of all generations, working across research, policy, practice, and political activism, at the forefront of the Climate Crisis.

Feminist natural resources defenders are calling for justice for marginalised peoples – and in particular women and girls living in poverty in the global South – whose lives are devastated by the dangers, insecurities and wants associated with droughts, melting ice caps and rising sea levels, food insecurity, ecosystem changes and vector-caused disease spreading.

Five years after the Paris Agreement, humanity must finally adopt a radically different pathway based on feminist and sustainable principles. The current development model has a short-term focus on unsustainable economic growth, driven by free market capitalism. Climate crisis cannot be tackled with techno-fixes, and adaptation strategies, while critical, are not a solution. Governments and international institutions urgently need to prevent further damage wreaked by the huge economic vested interests representing the wealthy, who are likely to be last-affected and most able to mitigate the impacts of global warming and extreme weather events.

Feminists are demanding the radical and rapid policy changes and action required to address the damage to our planet and to humanity. There are glimpses of hope: a shift in the ways we analyse and talk about the Climate Crisis, a growing global protest movement and public acknowledgement of the emergency situation. Global solidarity is evident in these campaigns and protests, using both online and offline strategies, linking the most

affected together with supporters more fortunately positioned by wealth and location, in wide networks of protest. In the global North as well as South, protestors are adopting increasingly radical strategies to push elites in power to respond.

If you are an activist, policymaker, practitioner or researcher with feminist values and first-hand experience of the impact of Climate Crisis, or activism to combat it, please send a paragraph outlining your proposed article for the issue. Ideas include:

- *Grounded case studies from different countries of the impact of climate change on gender roles and relations in families and communities (e.g. early marriage, alternative livelihoods including forced migration, climate refugees)*
- *Feminisation of environmental sustainability and the unpaid labour of climate action: case studies about the burdens of addressing the climate crisis on women in poverty*
- *Biodiversity and the 'Sixth extinction': feminist struggles to prevent this, from micro-level to macro-level*
- *Organising for the 21st century to deliver on women's rights and climate justice: what is happening on the ground, and how are local protests resulting into global movement and collective action? How does feminism intersect with concerns for the environment?*
- *Critical and holistic feminist analysis of global development and capitalist systems that affect the environment and human wellbeing: what are the drivers and vested interests? How can feminist activists challenge them?*
- *A feminist view on democracy and climate justice: can we formulate a powerful reply to repressive and conservative forces, opening up space for civil society activism?*
- *How can feminists hold private sector interests accountable for environmental damage and pollution, and prevent future damage?*
- *A feminist lens on climate finance, and market-based climate mechanisms: are we heading for the right solutions? How can feminist analysis and activism influence these*
- *Exploring the tensions and synergies between government strategies to address climate change, and the agendas of local women's rights movements. How have government strategies advanced – or otherwise - the goals of local activists?*
- *Gender and Climate Justice in the context of Beijing+25 and the Climate Crisis: re-visiting the 1992 and 2002 'Women's Action Agenda for a Healthy Planet'*
- *International governance for climate justice and women's rights: what are barriers and opportunities for success?*

Please send your idea in an email (no attachments please) to csweetman@oxfam.org.uk by 6 January 2020. Commissioned articles (of around 6-7,000 words plus references) will need to be completed for a deadline of 15 April 2020. Guidelines for contributors can be found at www.genderanddevelopment.org .