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# WOMEN FOR CLIMATE

GCCA+ The Alliance for a changing world



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## KEY ISSUES

Women and girls are **particularly affected by climate change** as it exacerbates existing long-term socio-economic threats, post-disaster crises, and limits the scope of social improvements.

Where women are responsible for providing water for households, water scarcity increases time spent harvesting water and limits time available to pursue other livelihood activities. **When disaster strikes, women suffer more** because of their relative lack of control over farmlands and food sources. According to FAO **less than 10% of female farmers own their land** and barely 2% have paperwork proving their entitlement.

Of those displaced by climate change, **80% are women and girls**, according to UNDP. When obliged to move from their homes, women and girls become even more vulnerable to gender-based violence.

Finally, the potential of women to be **agents of change** in countries' transformations to low-emission and climate-resilient economies is frequently overlooked. On average just 35% of all environmental sector ministries have a gender focal point and only **64 nationally determined contributions (NDCs) out of 186** include a reference to gender in their national targets.



## GCCA+ LESSONS LEARNING

**Half of GCCA+ actions directly contribute to gender equality**, representing 20% of the programme's portfolio. (see graphs).

Many GCCA+ actions incorporate participative and community-based solutions, providing opportunity for activities with a gender focus. **Women are clearly recognised as key actors** in agricultural value chains, in securing water, collecting cooking fuel, food and managing other household resources.

**Good GCCA+ practices promoting women's climate action** include supporting women's access to land, increasing their participation in decision committees and facilitating economic empowerment through capacity building and microfinance.

A feature of GCCA+ actions is that **81% contain both mitigation and adaptation** elements: this leads to a wider scope, including societal changes, but further efforts are needed to design actions and activities that directly benefit women.

### In Uganda, the sisters are doing it for themselves - and the climate

Betty Ndugga is one of thousands who have been trained at farmer field schools funded by GCCA+ in partnership with the UN Food and Agriculture Organisation (FAO). As part of the €11 million programme, more than 300 field schools, attended by more than 4000 farmers.

*"I learned how to raise the coffee seedlings and started to operate this nursery as a business enterprise. I wanted to be able to look after my family because I am a widow."* Betty, said proudly while surveying the seedling nursery.

The schools were held throughout Uganda's central 'cattle corridor', highly vulnerable to climate change, suffering frequent floods, prolonged droughts and unpredictable rainfall.

See the full story on [gcca.eu/stories](https://gcca.eu/stories)

Photo: In Uganda women farmers are encouraged to become more resilient to the impacts of climate change by diversifying into different crops and income-generating activities. The programme is also supporting six giant tanks to provide water for 12,000 cattle as well as 300 small-scale irrigation schemes benefiting around 25,000 people.

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# THE GLOBAL CONTEXT

## EU commitment for gender equality

**Gender equality is an EU principle**, enshrined in the EC Treaty and the Charter of Fundamental Rights of the European Union. The strategic plan for gender equality 2016-2019 calls for the integration of gender into all EU policies and investments.

**DG DEVCO (Directorate-General for International Cooperation and Development) commitments:** more than 60% of supported actions implemented with EU Official Development Assistance (ODA) seek to advance gender equality and about 25% are climate relevant.

**DG DEVCO and GCCA+ contributions related to gender exceed** the overarching ODA percentages. 31% of ODA commitments are gender-related, compared to **62% of DG DEVCO and 49% of GCCA+ contributions respectively.**

- [GAP II - Annual implementation reports](#)
- [Thematic brief on gender and climate change](#)
- [Gender Mainstreaming in PCM](#)
- [Gender Impact Assessment](#)



## International Developments

### UN SDGs for gender and climate

**UNFCCC:** The Cancun Agreement on Adaptation (2010) includes eight references to women and gender. Since then, gender equality has become one of the cross-cutting social development issues listed in the 2015 Paris Agreement.

However, some climate change sectors lag behind. **Climate finance architecture for example**, includes 50 international public funds, 45 carbon markets and 6,000 private equity funds. Few prioritise women's access and specific gender positive measures to involve women are nascent: **only 0.01% of all global climate finance** supports projects actively address **both** climate change and women's rights.

- [NDC tracker](#)
- [Pocket guide to gender equality under the UNFCCC](#)
- [Universal Human Rights Index- UHRI](#)



- Goal 2**  
Zero hunger
- Goal 3**  
Good health and well-being
- Goal 5**  
Gender equality
- Goal 6**  
Clear water and sanitation
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Affordable and clean energy
- Goal 11**  
Sustainable cities and communities
- Goal 12**  
Responsible consumption and production
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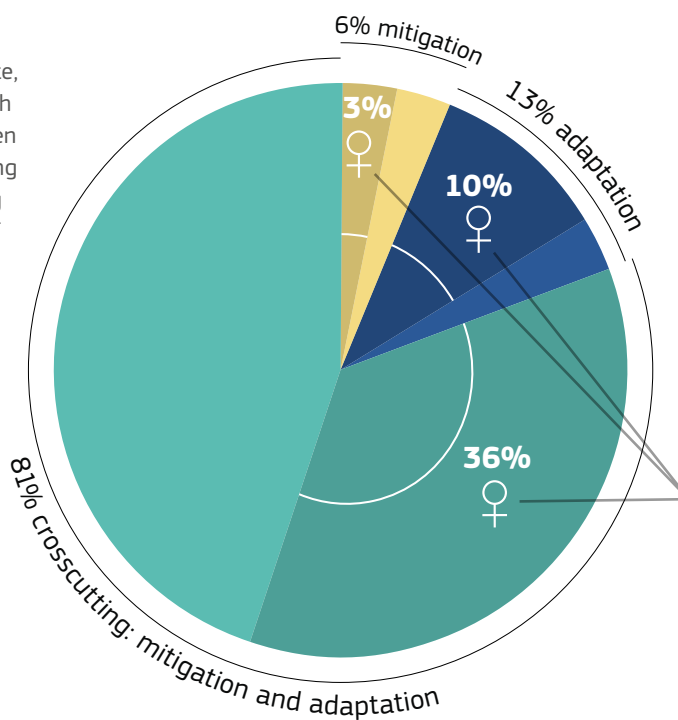
## GCCA/GCCA+ and Gender Equality

**72** million euros     **20%** of GCCA/GCCA+ portfolio     **33** gender related actions

**GCCA+ has 33 gender related actions**, such as:  
Gender mainstreaming in climate, Community-based solutions with a gender focus, Increased women access to lands, Capacity building and microfinance, Clean cooking energy programmes, Training of women in the energy sector.

### Main countries of intervention

- Cote d'Ivoire
- Mali
- Maldives
- Myanmar
- Mozambique
- Niger
- Haiti
- Rwanda
- Tanzania
- Uganda



The **G-marker** stands for Gender Equality Policy Marker is an accountability tool used to track resource allocations of donors for promoting gender equality  
*OECD-DAC Handbook on the Gender Equality Policy*

**49% of GCCA+ actions directly contribute to gender equality**

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