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WOMEN'S EMPOWERMENT IS KEY TO REDUCING CLIMATE CHANGE

Empowering women and girls in developing countries ranked second among 76 solutions for curbing global warming to 2 degrees Celsius, according to a new report by the climate research organization Project Drawdown. Drawdown estimates that girls' education and family planning would reduce carbon by 85 gigatons by 2050.

Gender equality in health and education hasn't received much public attention as a climate solution, even though it's been on the global sustainability radar for years.

In 2015, the United Nations included "achieve gender equality

and empower all women and girls" in its 17 Sustainable Development Goals.

How does gender equality reduce emissions?

With access to education, family planning and birth control, women have the ability to choose how many children to have and when they have them. The report shows that with this access, women have less children and have them later in life. In both rural and urban areas, slower population growth relieves stress on ecosystems, allowing resources to recover from overuse without compromising local food access.

With these additional resources, women also earn more money,

achieve career goals and face fewer health issues. Rural women see higher crop yields, providing better nutrition and financial stability for their families.

Unique contributions of women

But slowed population growth isn't the only sustainable benefit to empowering women. Women also hold valuable knowledge for adapting to climate change.

It's not only a human right, it's to be intelligent. Because if 50 percent of the population is underperforming, the economy is not going to flourish. Women's economic empowerment is empowering society.

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The World Earth Day

It is the day we celebrate the environment and the protection of planet Earth.

Attention to these issues has grown steadily in recent years, one thinks of the Paris 2015 conference (COP21) for the reduction of CO2 emissions and of the youth movement Fridays for Future which led the European Union to adopt the Green new deal. Lastly, the European Commission has asked European governments that at least 36% of the Next Generation Eu post-pandemic recovery plan be used for the ecological transition.

According to a research conducted by the University of Colorado - carried out through simulation games on groups that deal with resource management in various communities in Peru, Tanzania and Indonesia - and published in 2019 in the scientific journal Nature, environmental protection increases when groups assigned to the project are made up of at least 50% of female representatives.

LAB4GE - Strategic Partnership Project

The "**Learn Abroad to do Better at home for Gender Equality (LAB4GE)**" project aims to promote entrepreneurship and female participation in decision-making processes. With the participation of 6 organizations from six European countries, several actions will be implemented for: raising awareness on gender inequalities, supporting the entrepreneurship, and providing best practices for the empowerment of women as entrepreneurs in our communities.

A world that is more attentive to gender equality/female participation is a benefit for everyone, even for the environment!



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