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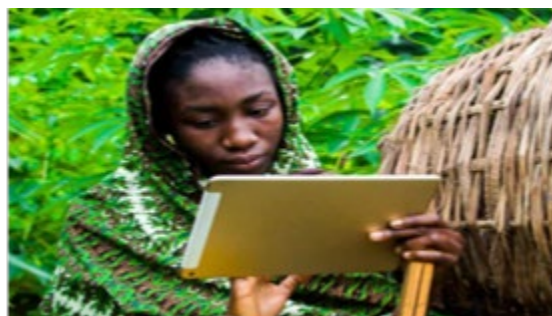
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GCAN receives new grant to support the integration of gender, climate change, and nutrition.

Signaling its strong commitment to work at the intersection of gender equality, nutrition, and climate change in agriculture, the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation is

Innovation Initiative on November 7-9. The focus of the event was on cultivating inclusion in digital solutions for agrifood systems. Five organizations were announced as winners of the [Inspire Challenge](#), which motivates digital agrifood organizations to increase the participation of women in their services or programs. GCAN sponsored one of the winners, [Wombees](#), for its potential to provide tailored services to women beekeepers and increase their climate resilience.



CGIAR launches a new Agricultural Innovation Mission for Climate (AIM4C) Innovation Sprint on gender and climate action

The AIM4C sprint on gender and climate action was officially [launched on December 3, 2023 during COP28](#). At the time of launch, CGIAR and 21 partners have joined the sprint with a total commitment of US\$31 million over 4 years (2023-2027). The Sprint is comprised by three main pillars of work: 1) testing new climate innovations that address both climate change and gender inequality; 2) promoting more widespread, inclusive uptake of climate solutions; and 3) developing metrics to measure progress towards these goals. More information on the sprint and partners can be found [here](#) and [here](#).

WEAI-Climate Stakeholder Consultation Workshop: Bringing together experts to inform the development of a climate change add-on module to pro-WEAI

The [Methods Module](#) of the CGIAR GENDER Impact Platform convened a group of experts on climate change and gender from CGIAR and partner organizations at a [workshop](#) held in Washington on November 9-10, 2023. The goal of the workshop was to identify measurement gaps and best practices to support the development of a new tool focused on measuring aspects of women's agency important for climate change action and resilience to complement the [Pro-WEAI](#). The tool will be developed and piloted by GCAN over the next two years.

Outreach Events



COP28 events:

Launch of the [Aim for Climate Innovation Sprint on gender and climate](#) at an official side event on December 3, 2023.

GCAN presentation during a session on “[Advancing gender equality and nutrition through climate action and monitoring progress](#)” at the Food and Agriculture Pavilion on December 04, 2024.

Panelist on gender equality at session on “[Financing Climate Resilient Food Systems for achieving NDCs and NAP targets- options for implementing the Commonwealth Living Lands Charter](#)” at NDC Pavilion session organized by the Commonwealth Secretariat.

Panelist on [AIM4C Sprint on Gender and Climate Action](#) at the Multi-Sector Partnerships for Food System Transformation, December 10, 2024.

Other events:

March 4, 2024, Presentation on “Connecting Gender to Climate Change and Nutrition” at the Alliance for Transformative Action on Climate and Health (ATACH) Global Meeting breakout session on [Nutrition, Climate Change and Health Research](#), hosted by the Global Alliance for Improved Nutrition (GAIN) and the World Health Organization (WHO), the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO), and the Scaling Up Nutrition (SUN) Movement.

December 13, 2023, Presentation on “[Climate change and nutrition— why does it](#)

[matter?](#)" at the Center for Development Research, Bonn, Germany.

October 9-12, 2023, Gender Impact Platform conference: Oral presentation on the "[Drivers of Gender Inequality in Employment Participation and Intensity in African Agriculture](#)", Poster presentation on "[Women power! Gender-related inequality in agriculture and labour: empirical evidence from seven sub-Saharan countries](#)".

October 3, Presentation on "[A qualitative study exploring entry points in the Senegalese goat value chain for strengthening women's empowerment, climate resilience, and nutrition](#)" at Adaptation Futures, Montreal, October 3.

September 26, 2023, Panelist in a session on "Gender-based barriers and opportunities for future food security and sustainable agricultural systems" at the Agri4D 2023 conference on "Building resilient food systems in uncertain times."

September 20, 2023, GCAN presentation on "Gender, Climate Change, and Food Security," to the IFC/World Bank Gender x Climate Community of Practice.

September 19, 2023, Panelist in a session on the "Role of Women in Implementing Biodiversity, Climate, and Land Agendas," at a New York Climate Week side event on "From Policy to Practice – Bringing Rio Conventions to life through women's leadership in climate and biodiversity agendas" organized by the CARE-WWF Alliance.

GCAN Publications

Where women in agri-food systems are at highest climate risk: A methodology for mapping climate-agriculture-gender inequality hotspots.

The climate-agriculture-gender inequality hotspot maps show where women involved in agri-food systems are at high climate risk while signaling that reducing this risk requires addressing the structural barriers to gender equality. Applying the authors' methodology to LMICs reveals that the countries at highest risk are majorly situated in Africa and Asia. Applying the same methodology for agricultural activity-specific hotspot subnational areas to four focus countries, Mali, Zambia, Pakistan and Bangladesh, for instance, identifies a cluster of districts in Dhaka and Mymensingh divisions in Bangladesh as a hotspot for rice. [Read the article.](#)

The gendered impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic in Kenya, Niger, Rwanda, and Uganda: Evidence from phone surveys.

Results from phone surveys conducted in selected regions of Kenya, Niger, Rwanda, and Uganda showed that the COVID-19 pandemic has had sweeping impacts on people living in rural areas, including losses in income, depletion of savings and assets, and reduced access to food. [Read the report.](#)

Water insecurity is associated with greater food insecurity and lower dietary diversity: panel data from sub-Saharan Africa during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Data from panel surveys conducted during the COVID-19 pandemic among adults involved in smallholder agriculture in Niger, Nigeria, Senegal and Ghana showed that individuals living in water-insecure households had 1.67 times higher odds of reporting any food insecurity experience and were estimated to consume 0.38 fewer food groups than those living in water-secure households. This research calls for further studies to identify the pathways by which water insecurity impacts nutrition. [Read the article.](#)

Policy Notes

Examining the gender digital divide: A case study from rural Kenya, [GCAN Policy Note 17](#). Washington, DC: IFPRI.

Examining the Gender Digital Divide. A case study from rural Nigeria. [GCAN Policy Note 16](#). Washington, DC

Examining the Gender Digital Divide. A case study from rural Bangladesh. [GCAN Policy Note 15](#). Washington, DC: IFPRI

These policy notes summarize research designed to identify the barriers female farmers in Bangladesh, Kenya, and Nigeria face in accessing technology and information so that future policies and initiatives can address these challenges and, in so doing, promote gender equality and the empowerment of rural women. Findings from these studies show the crucial role digital technology plays to support gender equality and transformation of the countries' agricultural sector.

Announcement

GCAN Issues Request for Proposals from Partners in Kenya

The [Gender, Climate Change, and Nutrition Integration Initiative \(GCAN\)](#) has issued a Request for Proposals from local partners in [Ethiopia](#) and [Nigeria](#) to lead policy engagement and capacity strengthening activities on the integration of gender and nutrition in climate change policies and action with support from the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation.

The deadline for proposals from partners in Ethiopia is **March 29**

The deadline for proposals from partners in Nigeria is **April 5**

Link to the call for Ethiopia: [RFP Ethiopia](#)

Link to the call for Nigeria: [RFP Nigeria](#)

More information on GCAN: [GCAN: Gender, Climate Change and Nutrition Integration Initiative](#)

Contact ifpri-gcan@cgiar.org with questions and to apply.

This work was undertaken as part of the Gender, Climate Change, and Nutrition Integration Program (GCAN), led by the International Food Policy Research Institute (IFPRI). The GCAN project works with partners to enhance understanding of the linkages between climate change, gender, and nutrition and conducts strategic research to fill knowledge gaps. Funding for this project is provided by Feed the Future Initiative of the United States Agency for International Development and the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation. The opinions expressed here belong to the GCAN project team, and do not necessarily reflect those of IFPRI or our donors.

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