

AT A GLANCE
Climate & Health

Flooding in Sylhet, Bangladesh, 2022. Pathfinder works in Sylhet district to ready communities and health systems to withstand climate disasters.
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The climate crisis threatens the ability of people—especially women and girls—to be healthy, thrive, and live the life they choose.

At Pathfinder, we acknowledge the profound impact of climate change on health systems and gender equity, and the implications that has for sexual and reproductive health and rights (SRHR). Climate resilience is critical to health, women’s autonomy, and forging pathways towards SRHR for all.

Around the world, we engage women, young people, and communities in developing locally led solutions to climate and health challenges. As we deliver crucial services to communities on the frontlines of climate change, our approaches create resilience to climate shocks and crises. We integrate climate initiatives with women’s economic empowerment and SRHR to build more climate-resilient societies.

Pathfinder’s Climate & Health Goals

Support climate-resilient health and health systems that provide continuous services responding to the needs of women, young people, and communities throughout their lives, thereby reducing climate-related health risks and cementing health as a tool for agency and a pathway to equity.

Address the human impacts of climate change through holistic, integrated, and human-centered approaches that give communities the tools to lead adaptation and manage the impacts of climate change, including through livelihoods opportunities, social safety nets, education, and voice and equity in society.

Promote the next generation of climate leaders and innovators by building the leadership capabilities of women and young people and shifting power toward women and girls, enhancing their participation, voice, and agency in climate actions and decision-making.

Climate and Health Impact: 2020-2024



792 health clinics supported in developing contingency plans for climate shocks, drafting emergency preparedness plans, and hosting climate-related educational events.



4,634 youth leaders trained in climate advocacy, who have reached **418,791** people with climate change information.



960 health professionals trained on climate change awareness, potential risks, and mitigation measures.



58,000 community members trained in sustainable agriculture practices, renewable energy sources, and emergency preparedness measures.

Climate & Health Strategies

Health Systems Strengthening

We enhance health systems' climate resilience through coordination, systems strengthening, advocacy, tools, training, equipment, and technical support. We support health care workers' and health facilities' climate resilience and preparedness, thereby enabling them to provide continuous, high-quality, climate-responsive services.

Community Engagement

We lead multisectoral community mobilization and behavior change communication activities to advance gender-transformative climate-smart actions; climate preparedness planning; response to climate emergencies; uptake of adaptive practices; and integrated climate, environment, and livelihoods goals.

Learning & Digital Innovations

We apply digital applications that integrate climate and health information for cost-effective knowledge dissemination, integrated data tracking, enhanced preparedness, and agile response to community needs.

Women's Leadership & Gender Equity

We integrate gender equity, and women's leadership and economic development into our climate and health programming. This approach builds holistic climate resilience, accelerates women-led climate innovations, and advances women's and girls' voices in climate and health initiatives from grassroots efforts to the global level.

Advocacy

We engage in advocacy and technical capacity strengthening to support local, regional, and national governments in integrating climate, health, and gender into their policies and strategic plans. We engage with academic and private-sector partners to drive impact.



Current Climate & Health Programs

Tuangane: Since 2011, has created integrated solutions that support healthier families, fisheries, and forests in the Greater Mahale Ecosystem of **Tanzania**. Engages women to address climate, health, and food security through climate-smart agriculture, and access to local finances and sexual and reproductive health services. We continue to build on this work through our role on USAID MOMENTUM Integrated Health Resilience.

Youth Champions for Climate

Resilience in West Africa: Funded by Fondation Chanel, aims to catalyze youth in **Burkina Faso, Côte d'Ivoire, and Niger** as leaders and innovators at the intersection of climate and SRHR by engaging youth champions in climate advocacy. Thus far, this program has reached more than 400,000 people with information on climate change.

Advancing the Leadership of Women & Girls Toward Better Health & Climate

Change Resilience: Funded by Takeda Pharmaceuticals, builds resilience of communities in **Bangladesh and Pakistan** to withstand climate shocks through women-led preparation, response, and recovery, Combines health systems strengthening; improved water, sanitation, and hygiene; livelihoods; gender-transformative initiatives; and women's economic empowerment.

Women-Led Climate Resilience Project:

In **Egypt**, contributes to women's financial independence, food security, reduced stress on local ecosystems, and supports health clinics to become green through use of solar energy, green waste disposal, and water conservation, and training of health providers on climate and health..

Photo above: Juma Mustapha Mahmoud and his friend Gillnet fishing from Lake Tanganyika in western Tanzania where Pathfinder's Tuangane program has encouraged sustainable fishing practices and reduced agricultural run-off into the lake. *Photo credit: Roshni Lodhia*

Pathfinder expands access to sexual and reproductive health services, opening the door to opportunities for women and all individuals to thrive—economically, educationally, and civically. Driven by our country-led leadership and local community partners, Pathfinder brings together a suite of services and programs that enable millions of people to choose their own paths forward.

