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Female Climate Expert Mentorship Program

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WHAT IS THE FEMALE ACCELERATOR CLIMATE EXPERT PROGRAMME?

The impacts of climate change have been more detrimental to women than men. This is because most communities, particularly in the least developed countries, have sidelined women and left them at home. Unlike men, women are not part of many decision-making processes, and they have limited access to resources (e.g., land, radios, mobile phones), leaving them tremendously vulnerable to the impacts of climate change. When these impacts hit and force men to migrate to other areas to search for work, women are often left behind with the added responsibility of agricultural activities in addition to raising children and household chores. Women have played a pivotal role in running households for a long time, including making major contributions to food and agricultural sector. Still, the existing gender disparity has made it difficult for women to access information that can enhance their resilience to the impacts of climate change. Recognising this gap, the

WFP'S FIRST CLIMATE SERVICES MENTEE, JACQUELINE

Jacqueline Tesha explains the role of women in supporting households and communities in ensuring food and nutritional security, generating income, and improving livelihoods and well-being. Investing in women by empowering them is essential, not only for the well-being of individual families and communities but also for the overall economic productivity, given women's presence in the small-scale agricultural sector.

She describes how women's gender roles and limited access to resources such as radios and mobile phones have been limiting their access to climate information (e.g., forecasts aired when women are busy with the house chores or when men have left home with the radios). This mentorship program will allow her to bridge the existing gender gap which has been hindering women from accessing climate information. These messages are crucial for planning and decision-making in both women's agricultural and daily activities. She says that sharing this information with

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