

# EMPOWER: WOMEN FOR CLIMATE-RESILIENT SOCIETIES

PHASE II (2023-2027)



WEBSITE

## CONTEXT

The impacts of climate change are unequally felt across Asia and the Pacific. Women and marginalized groups have less access to information, resources, finance and technologies, leaving them with greater challenges in coping and rebuilding after a crisis.

Women and marginalized groups also remain underrepresented in decision-making related to climate change, energy transition and disaster risk reduction (DRR). Without their participation, representation and leadership, the solutions and response to the climate emergency will continue to exclude their needs and undermine their rights.

## EMPOWER PROGRAMME APPROACH

In 2018, UN Women and the UN Environment Programme (UNEP) initiated the **EmPower: Women for Climate-Resilient Societies** programme with support from the Government of Sweden to accelerate gender-responsive and human rights-based climate actions in Bangladesh, Cambodia, Viet Nam and in the wider Asia-Pacific region.

As the programme enters its second phase in 2023, it has expanded to include Indonesia and the Philippines with support from Governments of Sweden and New Zealand.

EmPower targets a variety of stakeholders and processes at different levels, to promote gender-responsive and human rights-based climate action, operationalizing the central pledge of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development to leave no one behind.

We work with our partners to achieve the following outcomes:

- **Asia-Pacific actors increase action** on gender-responsive climate change adaptation and mitigation.
- **Women in all their diversity and other marginalized groups are represented** as key environmental actors in climate and DRR decision-making.
- **Women and other marginalized groups in Asia-Pacific engage** in climate-resilient livelihoods.



## OUR TARGETS

By 2027, EmPower is expected to:

- Support **5,000 women** in generating direct economic benefits from renewable energy-based businesses
- Support **100,000 women** in accessing climate-resilient livelihoods and services
- Lead to a **308,100 CO<sub>2</sub> eq** reduction
- Mobilize **USD 20 million** in additional finance for renewable energy initiatives
- Support **15 institutions** in implementing and monitoring gender-responsive and human rights-based climate change, renewable energy and DRR policies
- Bring **100 women-focused and environmental CSOs** participating in platforms and dialogues including policymaking spaces on DRR, renewable energy and climate change

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