



# TARGET 8

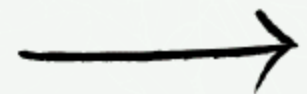
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## What is Target 8?

Minimize the Impacts of Climate Change on Biodiversity and Build Resilience

**Minimize the impact of climate change and ocean acidification on biodiversity and increase its resilience through mitigation, adaptation, and disaster risk reduction actions, including through nature-based solutions and/or ecosystem-based approaches, while minimizing negative and fostering positive impacts of climate action on biodiversity.**



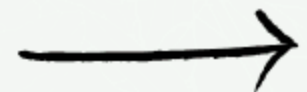


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## Why is this Target important?

Climate change is one of the main direct drivers of biodiversity loss. In addition to climate change, rising atmospheric carbon dioxide concentrations have also resulted in ocean acidification. Various mitigation, adaptation and disaster risk reduction measures, including nature-based solutions and/or ecosystem-based approaches, have the potential to increase the resilience of ecosystems and human livelihoods to the impacts of climate change, including reducing emissions from deforestation and other land-use changes, and by enhancing carbon sinks. These approaches can also deliver numerous social, economic and environmental co-benefits.







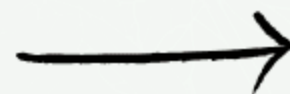
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## **How is this Target significant for a gender-responsive implementation of the KM-GBF?**

### **Case Study: Gender inequities leave women and children more vulnerable to the impacts of climate disasters**

Women and children are 14 times more likely than men to die during disasters. This is especially true for developing countries like Pakistan where deep-rooted gender inequities that define the moral and social codes make them more vulnerable than others. According to the 2022 World Economic Forum's Global Gender Gap Index report, Pakistan ranked as the second worst country in the world in terms of gender parity.





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A girl sits on a cot as she crosses a flooded street at Sohbatpur in Jaffarabad district of Balochistan province on October 4, 2022.  
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This parity is exacerbated by a severe lack of gender-responsive policies and responses. Lack of education and information, limited access to resources, economic conditions, and cultural issues are some of the key issues that contribute to women's vulnerabilities. The multiple natural disasters that Pakistan has witnessed in the past 20 years (since 2022) such as floods and earthquakes, reflect the dire need for legislative, policy and institutional reforms to ensure the prevention, protection and rehabilitation of women and girls during disasters and conflicts.

Source: Feroz, N. (2022, October 06). *Deep-Rooted Gender Inequities Make Women More Vulnerable During Climate Disasters*. Common Dreams. <https://www.commondreams.org/views/2022/10/06/deep-rooted-gender-inequities-make-women-more-vulnerable-during-climate-disasters>