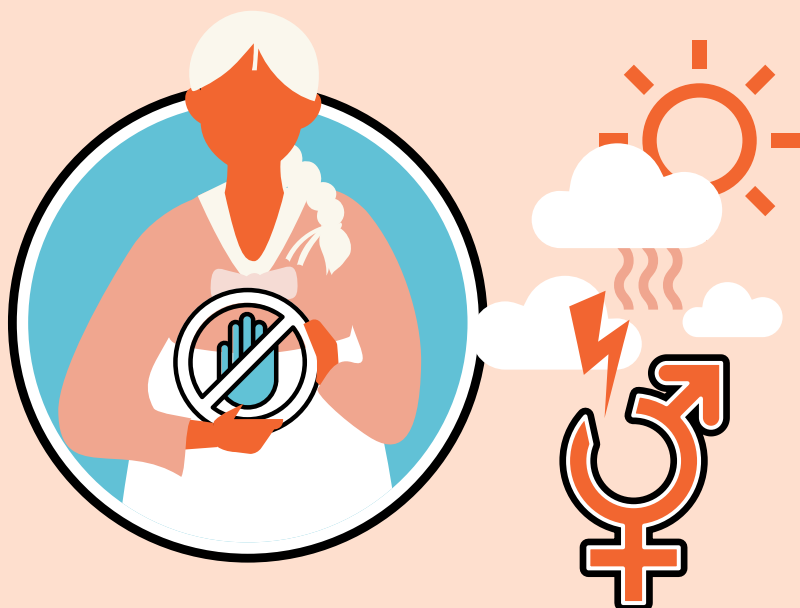


# GENDER-BASED VIOLENCE



Climate change creates and exacerbates circumstances conducive to gender-based violence. Climate action must tackle gender-based violence.



GBV, trafficking, and child, early and forced marriages



**INCREASE FOLLOWING DISASTERS AND EXTREME WEATHER EVENTS**

(McLeod, 2019; Mason, 2016)

## IMPACT OF CLIMATE CHANGE ON GBV

When women and girls need to travel greater distances to gather **BASIC NECESSITIES SUCH AS WATER AND FIREWOOD** they can also be at increased risk of physical and sexual violence

THE TANNA WOMEN'S COUNSELLING CENTRE reported a

**300% INCREASE**

in new domestic violence cases after two tropical cyclones hit Tafe province in **VANUATU** in 2011 (CARE, 2015)

During a period of drought in

**UGANDA** from **2014** to **2018**,

there was an increase in the rates of domestic violence, sexual abuse, and female genital mutilation

(Mason, 2019)

**WOMEN WHO ARE ENVIRONMENTAL DEFENDERS** have also been assaulted and killed while defending environmental commons



Climate change

**INCREASES THE RISK OF VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN**

(UNFCCC, 2019, etc)



**CALL TO ACTION**

WE NEED TO

**respond to climate impacts** BY STRENGTHENING HEALTH SYSTEMS, including sexual and reproductive health services, and strengthening protection services in GBV responses. Climate adaptation, resilience-building policies and financing must support action to end GBV and harmful practices