

Her Land. Her Rights.

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Her Land Call to Action

Make women's land rights a reality

Healthy land is vital for human survival, it is the largest source of income, jobs and livelihoods for poor, rural households. It is also crucial for climate and biodiversity action. Yet, we are losing productive land daily through desertification, poor land management and worsening droughts.

As the main producers of food, when land is degraded women and girls are impacted first and most. They are disproportionately affected by poverty, hunger, displacement, and violence.

And yet they are known to be the best to protect and restore the land.

They cannot do so though, given they have minimal control over land itself or decisions about how to manage it. Less than one-fifth of landholders worldwide are women.

But it doesn't have to be this way. When land rights are secured, we have seen women and girls increase yields, restore land, and build resilience to drought.

Women also invest more in nutrition, health and education which benefits their families, and wider societies.

That's why we are calling for a step change in women's role in managing our land.

We call upon governments to eliminate legal barriers to women and girls' land ownership, ensure women can inherit land, and promote their participation in land management, conservation, and restoration.

We call upon the private sector and financial institutions to unleash more access to finance so women can invest in the technological inputs they need to improve land.

And we ask the public to join us by standing with women and girls around the world in their pursuit for equal and full rights to land.

