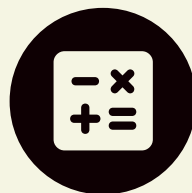




HOW DOES GIRLS' EDUCATION DRIVE CLIMATE RESILIENCE?





THE PROBLEM

Climate change affects us all, and girls in rural Africa are directly impacted...

Girls are often the first to be pushed out of school by hunger and lack of resources when crops fail and families lose their income.

Girls are then at greater threat of early marriage and early pregnancy, because they are not at school.

Research shows that girls and women excluded from education are more likely to suffer injury or death in climate disasters.



“I’m Chise, I was motivated to become a climate activist after seeing climate change affect my community and the communities and businesses of CAMFED Association members across Zambia. Today I am a Climate-smart Agriculture Guide.” [HEAR FROM CHISE](#) ►



THE SOLUTION

Girls' education has the power to solve our most pressing global challenges

Educated girls and women are better equipped to protect themselves, their families and their communities from the damaging effects of climate change.

Education enables women to start, grow and nurture resilient and dynamic businesses, harnessing climate-smart technologies.

Educated women bring powerful and knowledgeable climate-focused voices to decision-making tables - at the family, community, national, and global levels.



“I’m Esnath and as a CAMFED Association member, sustainable agriculture expert and entrepreneur, I am a role model to girls and young women in my community who aspire for a brighter future as leaders in climate action.” [HEAR FROM ESNATH](#) ▶



HOW CAMFED HELPS...

Learn, thrive and lead change

We get girls into school, help them to learn, support them to succeed, and unlock their power to lead.

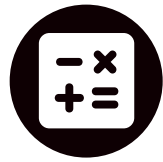
We've launched a new in-school climate education program, in partnership with Ministries of Education in Zambia and Zimbabwe. It's led by young women graduates and complements the existing curriculum.

Our unique sisterhood of leaders, the CAMFED Association, is a powerful network that widely shares climate expertise.

Through our Agriculture Guide program, young women are leading grassroots climate action in their communities.



“I’m Naomi, a game changer in the CAMFED Association, educated with CAMFED support. I am respected in my community and beyond for my activism on education and climate change. My story could have been very different.” [HEAR FROM NAOMI](#) ▶



THE NUMBERS

The stats don't lie...

Analysis of 125 countries shows that education (particularly female education) is the single most important socioeconomic factor associated with a reduction in vulnerability to natural disasters.¹

60%

If all girls had the opportunity to complete their secondary education, we'd see a massive reduction in deaths due to extreme weather events - more than 60%.²

150M

If women farmers had the same access to resources as men, the number of hungry people in the world could be reduced by up to 150 million due to productivity gains.³

33%

Around one third of the young educated women in our CAMFED Association are running agriculture businesses providing for themselves, their families, and using profits to send more children to school.⁴

Women in leadership roles are more inclined than men to support environmental initiatives and pursue more sustainable futures for their communities. They are also incredibly effective in conservation and protection efforts.⁵

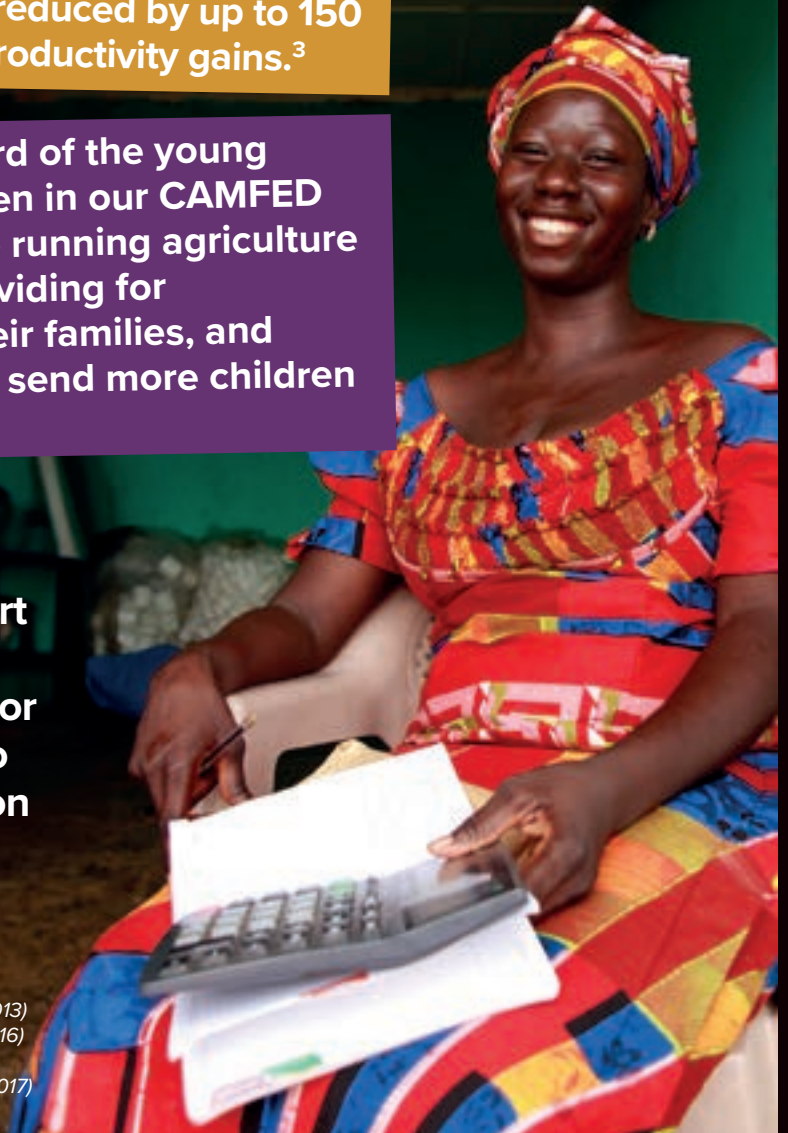
¹ Project Drawdown Lift Policy Brief Girls Education (2021)

² Effects of Educational Attainment on Climate Risk Vulnerability (2013)

³ Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations, FAO (2016)

⁴ CAMFED

⁵ 3 platforms for girls' education in climate strategies - Brookings (2017)





THE CLIMATE HEROES

Meet our sisters leading change...



Patience, a CAMFED Association member and Agriculture Guide from Wedza district in Zimbabwe is supporting her household and community to thrive, through her climate-smart farm.



Agriculture Entrepreneurs Sabinah, Munyaradzi, Ethel, Modester and Calista are growing sustainable businesses and supporting community members to gain vital climate-smart agriculture skills.



“I’m Sara and I’m helping to build a society that believes in women to lead and run successful businesses! Growing up in rural Chalinze, Tanzania, my family depended on agriculture to make ends meet. We rarely had enough to eat and life was tough.” [HEAR FROM SARA](#) ▶



TAKE ACTION!

This is where you come in...

Be part of the action and join our change-making campaign. Here are three simple ways that you can take positive action today...

Make a donation to CAMFED

As well as paying school fees and other essentials, your support helps beyond the classroom, supporting young graduates to become economically independent leaders in their communities.



Sign our Global Sisterhood Pledge

Stand with a powerful, growing group of women and supporters, committed to lifting each other up, and supporting more girls to succeed.

Shout it loud on your socials

Tell the world all about CAMFED's work, your commitment to the sisterhood, and why you stand with us and our cause.





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