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Women produce up to 80% of the food in developing country regions but lack critical land rights, and are therefore increasingly threatened by desertification, land degradation and drought.

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In 2019, the United Nations Environment Assembly noted that women are often disproportionately affected by climate change yet hold a key role in developing climate change solutions.

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Women and girls hold important knowledge on water and sanitation management as they bear this burden in the household and community. The UN Special Rapporteur on the Right to Water underscored that the exclusion of women in rural communities from decision-making in this area is therefore unacceptable.

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