

Gender, Climate Change, Social Security: A Study Based on Himalayan Regions, *Nagarkot*

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Gender, climate change, and social security are interconnected issues that have far-reaching impacts, especially in the Himalayan region. This paper aims to explore the relationship between gender, climate change, and social security in the Himalayan regions, specifically Nagarkot. The research objectives were to identify how climate change is impacting the region's social security system and exacerbating gender inequalities. The study used a mixed-methods approach that included both quantitative and qualitative data collection techniques. The experimental design involved collecting primary data from 50 households in Nagarkot through household surveys, focus group discussions, and in-depth interviews. The results of the study revealed that women are more vulnerable to the impacts of climate change and are less likely to have access to social security services. Women, in particular, are disproportionately affected by the impacts of climate change, as they are more likely to work in vulnerable sectors such as agriculture and have limited access to resources and decision-making power. Women's workloads increase during extreme weather events, but they have limited access to resources such as finance, technology, and training that could help them cope with these challenges. Moreover, patriarchal attitudes and social norms restrict women's participation in decision-making processes related to climate change. In conclusion, gender, climate change, and social security are complex issues that require a comprehensive and integrated approach. The study recommends the implementation of gender-responsive social security policies that address the unique challenges faced by women in the Himalayan region. It also emphasizes the need for increased awareness and advocacy to promote gender equality and empower women to participate in decision-making processes. Overall, this research provides valuable insights into the interconnections between gender, climate change, and social security in the Himalayan region and highlights the importance of adopting a gender-responsive approach to address these challenges.

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