



Title: Ipas's experience on Women-led climate justice - Intersectionality between climate change, reproductive justice and gender in Malawi, South Africa and Zambia

Women-led climate justice is catering women's voices, leadership and needs in all climate change solutions. Women led climate just is about empowering women and girls to claim their environmental rights and actively participate in decision-making processes.

This matters because:

- We cannot separate women's rights from human rights, reproductive rights from human rights.
- The climate crisis cannot be tackled without addressing gender equity as all are intertwined.
- Women and girls are well suited to contribute to climate change mitigation, adaptation and resiliency efforts and need to be key players in solving the crisis.
- Many women and girls continue to be side-lined from being part of the solution.

Ipas as a partner to reproductive justice works globally on the intersectionality between climate change, gender and reproductive justice. Ipas works with women, girls as well as communities to prepare for and respond to increasing climate emergencies and to create holistic strategies to mitigate the effects on their populations and ensure that women and girls are part of the solution because they are impacted the most. Women are essential to the wellbeing of their families, communities and are most affected by climate change. Our work as Ipas is to promote women-led climate justice and reproductive justice which is central to global development and stability.

Ipas has implemented the following women-led climate justice initiatives in Malawi, South Africa, and Zambia:

1. Developed an Emergency Response Preparedness Plan for the region.
2. Conducted training in climate change and humanitarian response for Malawi, Mozambique, South Africa, and Zambia
3. Facilitated a workshop for local government officials and refugee leaders in Zambia
4. Donated equipment for safe abortion and post abortion care, dignity packs and JoJo water tanks for three facilities in Durban South Africa.

5. Responded to the flood situation in Malawi during hurricane the floods in 2023.
6. Conducted dialogues with women and girls on climate change in South Africa
7. Participated and contributed to the Climate Change bill review process for South Africa

Ipas will continue to advocate for integrated approaches in climate change, reproductive justice, and gender in order to strengthen health systems and access to sustainable SRHR services for women, girls and other marginalized groups.