Women's Stories

from the Climate Frontlines

Abject poverty seen in Bangladesh is currently being exacerbated to an overwhelmingly degree by climate change-related devastation, such as flooding, which has created concerning issues around food security. Twenty-one year old Sumitra from Satkhira was encouraged to enter into an early marriage during a post-flood devastation period in the hope that it would safeguard her future. She got pregnant soon after her marriage but miscarried because she was unable to access proper food and adequate medical care. Climate change related disasters are forcing families to find quick solutions to their immense struggles and the unavailability of adequate medical services is adding to their burden. Early marriage can reduce the economic burden to a family but we know it is often never favourable to the women and girls involved. Sumitra's story speaks for the need to increase awareness around harmful practices that limit sexual and reproductive health, including early marriage, so girls have healthier lives and brighter futures.



Sumitra Mondol (21 years old)
Satkhira, Bangladesh

Women demand the fulfilment of their sexual and reproductive health and rights (SRHR) in the face of climate change.

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