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Report of the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights
Analytical study on gender-responsive climate action for the full and effective enjoyment of the rights of women (A/HRC/41/26)

Make Mothers Matter thanks the OHCHR for its excellent analytical study on gender-responsive climate action.

We particularly welcome the spotlight on:

- The disastrous consequences of climate change on pregnancy and birth, and more generally on maternal and child health
- And its negative impact on women's unpaid care workload.

However, we at MMM also strongly believe that women must not only be considered as victims but also as a powerful force for change in achieving climate mitigation and resilience.

From the Mother's day climate demonstrations organized in several countries, to the waste recycling in India... the planting of vegetables resistant to cyclones and drought in Yasawa Islands, to the adoption of solar cooking.. women around the world are taking action - often driven by the desire to protect their children's health and future.

But women in their role as mothers also have a specific game-changing purpose. Through values and sustainable practices they pass on to their children in everyday life, they are key levers for the changes in behavior, which, as highlighted by the IPCC, are critical in the fight against climate change.

To complement the report's recommendations, MMM therefore calls for the recognition and support of the skills and contributions of women in their multiple roles, including their role in education on sustainable development within families.

Thank you

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