

# A GLOBAL FINANCING ARCHITECTURE THAT DELIVERS FOR WOMEN AND GIRLS IS NOT A CHOICE, IT'S A NECESSITY.

The current financial architecture is failing women and girls. It deepens inequalities, limits fiscal space for essential services, and excludes women from key decision-making spaces. The Fourth International Conference on Financing for Development (FfD4) is a once in a decade opportunity to change that.

## 1. Put women at the Center of Economic and Financial Decision-Making

- Investing in gender equality is not just right, it makes sense: Doing so could increase global GDP by more than 20%.
- FfD4 must enable countries to invest in healthcare, education, care systems, and basic services that empower women.
- Women must shape policies on debt restructuring, taxation, and fiscal reform.
- Women should have access to financial services to support their enterprises and economic autonomy.
- Women's unpaid care work alone is adding at least \$10.8 trillion per year to the global economy, a figure three times larger than the tech industry. The care economy, mostly on the shoulders of women, should be professionalized, valued, and funded.



## 2. Integrate the Climate-Gender Nexus into FfD

- The climate crisis is an existential threat. Women and girls are disproportionately affected and displaced, tied to food insecurity, caregiving burdens and health risks.
- Gender-blind climate finance is not only unjust but ineffective. Women as entrepreneurs, farmers, and leaders multiply benefits: better policies, vibrant economies, lower emissions, and stronger societies.
- FfD4 must commit to accessible, concessional, and gender-responsive climate finance, aligned with all climate commitments and goals.



## 3. Reform Global Financial Governance

- Drive structural reforms that mainstream gender equality across financial systems, making institutions more effective, transparent, and accountable.
- Only 26% of policymakers in central banks and finance ministries are women. Ensure that women are represented in leadership positions at all levels of financial and economic decision-making, including in international financial institutions and that they are part of decisions on global tax cooperation, climate finance, and debt restructuring processes.
- Create the structures and mechanisms needed to close the Financial Gender Gap across all sectors: employment, climate adaptation, public services, care infrastructure and food security.

