Call for papers: The Impact of Global Warming on Women’s Health

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The challenges associated with global warming will exacerbate health problems globally, particularly in low/middle income countries (LMIC). Within a gender context, this will disproportionately affect women. For instance, according to the UNFCCC secretariat, the majority of the world’s poor are women and thus face high risks from natural disasters and health problems linked to climate change.

IJGO invites papers that focus on the impact of global warming on women’s health in order to help increase awareness of this increasingly topical issue. This broad special issue welcomes original research and reviews aimed at highlighting knowledge gaps and raising awareness of the health impacts associated with global warming, particularly in LMICs. We will also consider shorter commentary pieces, including brief communications, case reports, and editorials.

Potential topics include (but are not limited to):

- Impact on obstetric outcomes: preterm birth, low birthweight, stillbirth, congenital birth defects
- Impact on gynaecological outcomes: endocrine disruption, infertility, malignancy
- Climate change-related mental health
- Climate change impact on widening gender-based health disparities
- Family planning and population dynamics: access to contraception; education of young girls
- Health responses to natural disasters, spread of infectious disease, environmental migration
- Toxic environmental agents in relation to global warming and women’s health

Please submit via our submission site and mention that you are submitting as part of the global warming special issue in your cover letter.

Submission deadline: 1st April 2022.

If you are considering submitting your paper after this date, please email IJGO@figo.org to check whether you can be accommodated.

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