



## COP28 | POLICY ADVOCACY KEY MESSAGES

- The stakes are high for today's children and youth at COP28, this year's climate summit in Dubai UAE (November 30-December 12, 2023). 2023 is the hottest year on record. It's a year of unprecedented extreme weather events around the world including heatwaves, droughts, wildfires and floods with devastating impacts for people and the planet.
- Plan International welcomes the COP28 Presidency's recognition of the urgency of ensuring that the "voices of youth are front and center at COP28" and its efforts to "bring together all stakeholders to highlight a joint commitment to a gender-just transition and the importance of direct access to climate financing for women and girls".
- Plan International believes that the climate crisis is the greatest intergenerational injustice children and youth face today, especially in countries in the Global South where communities are experiencing the most severe negative impacts of the climate crisis daily, despite contributing least to the crisis. Discriminatory social and gender norms mean that girls and young women are more affected by climate change and yet have the fewest resources to cope and build resilience to these shocks.
- Plan International's call to action for COP28 is urging all Parties at COP28 to advance intergenerational climate justice with five tangible solutions to address the climate crisis:
  - 1| Ensure climate policy and action upholds children's rights, recognising the disproportionate impact of the climate crisis on children and girls in particular.
  - 2| Support and resource girls' leadership in climate action and policy processes.
  - 3| Increase climate finance that is gender responsive and accessible to girls and young women.
  - 4| Embed children's rights in loss and damage finance governance and decision-making processes.
  - 5| Invest in and implement climate resilient and gender transformative climate education and health systems.