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QUOTE OF THE WEEK



"It's important to realize that women are informal natural resources managers; they are the ones that allocate the energy resources in the household and other places. It's key to remember that women's participation in local, regional, and global processes that work on energy initiatives is very important. Because they (women) are the ones that hold a lot of knowledge," said WEDO's Youth Ambassador Lathia Swamy.

CRITICAL READS

- **Why is Water Sacred to Native Americans?** (The Conversation; 5 min. read) - The Lakota phrase "Mni wiziwoti," or "Water is life," has become a new national protest anthem. For Native Americans, water does not only sustain life - it is sacred.
- **The Politics of Water Insecurity** (Al Jazeera; 5 min. read) - Tackling water insecurity requires more than technological and managerial mechanism. Water insecurity is an effect, rather than a cause, of sociopolitical domination and infrastructural exclusion.
- **Climate Change is More Than a Tech Problem. So We Need More Than a Tech Solution** (Ennis; 6 min. read) - Climate change mitigation requires systemic change rather than merely technological optimism. Addressing gender equality is essential to addressing social issues and climate change together.
- **Benin: Men and Women Farmers in Benin Are Responding Differently to Climate Change** (All Africa; 3 min. read) - Grace Villamor, from the West Africa Science Centre of Climate Change and Adapted Land use (WASCAL) program, discusses her research on gender-responsive initiatives by farmers in Benin, and the importance of receiving training and education for female farmers in rural areas.
- **UN Reports Slow Women's Political Parity, Launches Latest 'Women in Politics' Mile** (UN News Centre; 3 min. read) - The Inter-Parliamentary Union (IPU) and UN Women launched *Women in Politics Mile*, which indicates women's participation in politics is declining in some regions. At the current rate of progress, "It will take 50 years to reach 50-50 parity," Mr. Chungong told the press.
- **Why Co-ops Matter for Women Around the World** (INCEA CLUSA; 1 min. read) - Read three stories and one study on why women's participation in co-op businesses—as farmers, leaders of financial institutions, innovators and community organizers—is a better business model for women in a changing world of work.
- **Plotting a New Path for Female Farmers in South Africa** (NewsDeeply; 4 min. read) - In Africa, up to 80 percent of agricultural production comes from small farmers, most of whom are rural women. Thato Moagi, a young rural female farmer, explores the challenges and opportunities she faces.

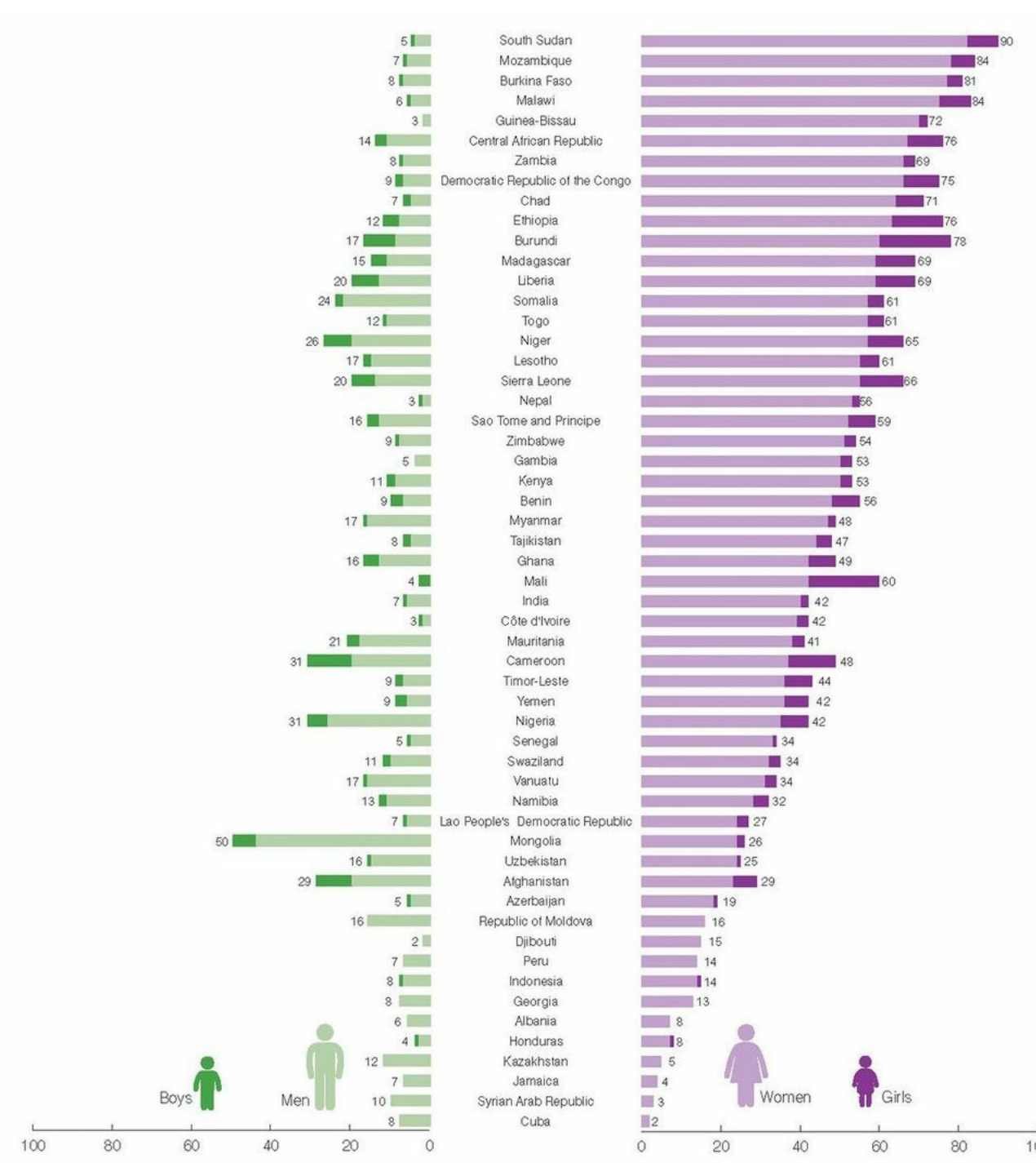
CLIMATE HOPE



These Scientists Sent a Rocket to Mars for Less Than It Cost to Make 'The Martian' (Back Channel; 14 min. read) - A team of female scientists in India's space organization, ISRO, launched a rocket toward Mars, within 18-months and a tight budget.

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The World Health Organisation/Unicef report delves into data on drinking water from the last 17 years to give a detailed view of the state of access to drinking water today. The data shows that huge inequalities remain and that collecting water is still a major burden for women.

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