UNICEF conducted a U-Report survey to assess young people’s views on climate change ahead of the 27th United Nations Conference on Climate Change (COP 27). This brief highlights responses from more than 12,000 adolescent girls (14-19) across 29 U-Report programme countries and the U-Report global platform.

MEET KETSIA, 18 YEARS OLD:

"Hello, I'm a UNICEF youth climate ambassador from Kinshasa. The climate crisis is deepening gender inequalities. But we, as adolescent girls, demonstrate our capacity to act through our local actions!"

8 out of 10 adolescent girls reported having experienced a climate-related shock.

Climate change has wide-ranging impacts on the lives of adolescent girls, such as on their education, mental health and food security.

We want to contribute to addressing the impacts of climate change by...

- Developing the requisite skills
- Sharing our ideas
- Helping our communities

UN Member States, philanthropic organisations, and private sector committed at COP 27 to unleash the power of education to tackle the climate crisis and support youth-led climate initiatives and green entrepreneurship. Let’s make adolescent girls and young women at the core of these agendas, including resourcing girl-centered interventions that build their skills and fund their solutions for climate resilience, mitigation and adaptation.

16% of adolescent girls reported feeling anxiety about climate change and its impacts.

32% of adolescent girls reported having less food to eat as a result of climate change.

16% of adolescent girls reported disruptions to their schooling or education as a result of climate change.

TIME TO ACT & MOBILIZE FOR & WITH ADOLESCENT GIRLS!

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17k+ adolescent girls responded in the survey from July-August 2022.

1 in 4 adolescent girls haven’t taken measures to adapt to climate change.
1 in 5 feel they’re not getting the required training to respond to the climate crisis.

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