

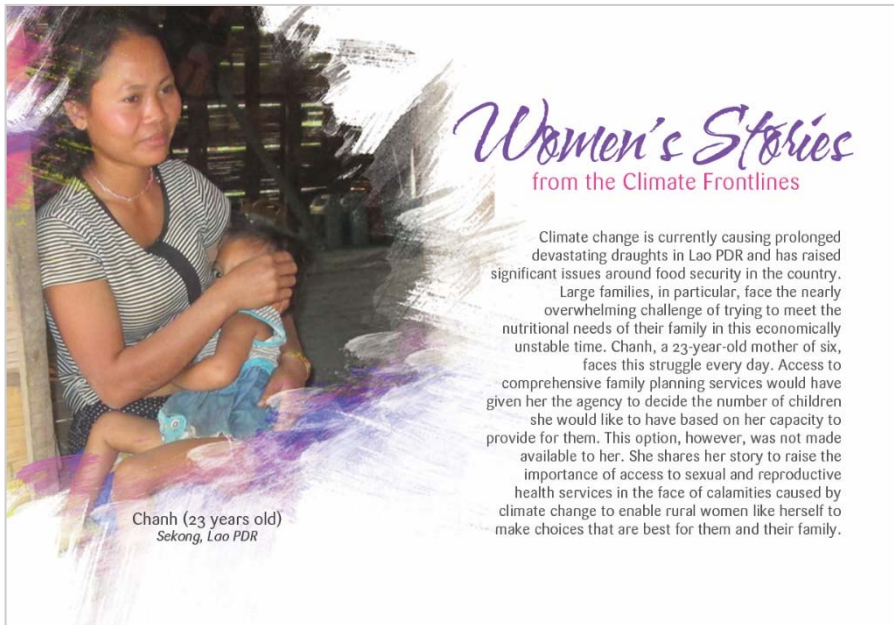
# Women's Stories

## From the Climate Frontlines

The Asian-Pacific Resource and Research Centre (ARROW) will launch a series of postcards featuring women's stories from climate change affected communities in Bangladesh, Indonesia, Laos, Maldives, Nepal, Pakistan, and the Philippines.

**Where:** WGC Space, Climate Generations Area

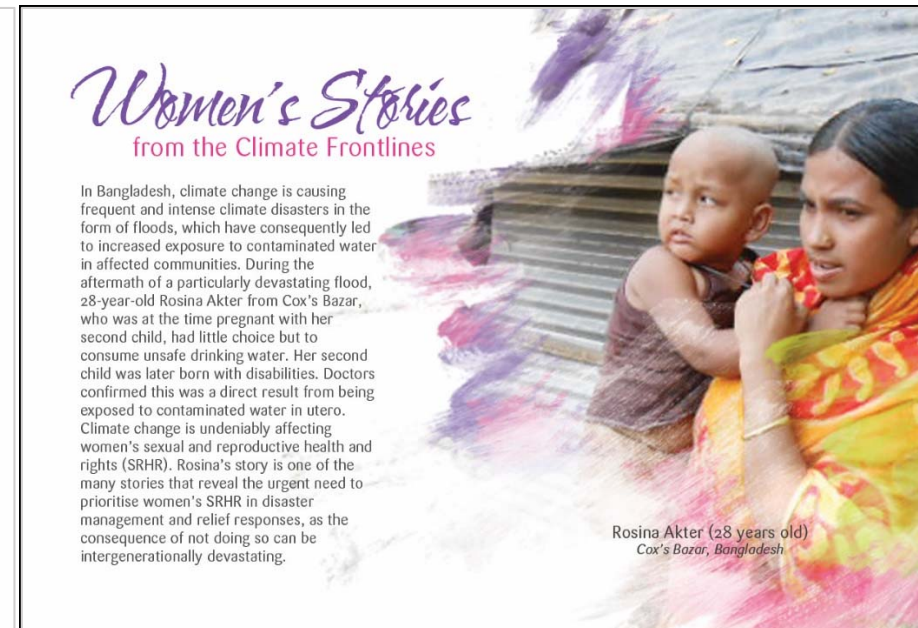
**When:** Friday, 4 December 2015 at 13:00



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Climate change is currently causing prolonged devastating draughts in Lao PDR and has raised significant issues around food security in the country. Large families, in particular, face the nearly overwhelming challenge of trying to meet the nutritional needs of their family in this economically unstable time. Chanh, a 23-year-old mother of six, faces this struggle every day. Access to comprehensive family planning services would have given her the agency to decide the number of children she would like to have based on her capacity to provide for them. This option, however, was not made available to her. She shares her story to raise the importance of access to sexual and reproductive health services in the face of calamities caused by climate change to enable rural women like herself to make choices that are best for them and their family.

Chanh (23 years old)  
Sekong, Lao PDR



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In Bangladesh, climate change is causing frequent and intense climate disasters in the form of floods, which have consequently led to increased exposure to contaminated water in affected communities. During the aftermath of a particularly devastating flood, 28-year-old Rosina Akter from Cox's Bazar, who was at the time pregnant with her second child, had little choice but to consume unsafe drinking water. Her second child was later born with disabilities. Doctors confirmed this was a direct result from being exposed to contaminated water in utero. Climate change is undeniably affecting women's sexual and reproductive health and rights (SRHR). Rosina's story is one of the many stories that reveal the urgent need to prioritise women's SRHR in disaster management and relief responses, as the consequence of not doing so can be intergenerationally devastating.

Rosina Akter (28 years old)  
Cox's Bazar, Bangladesh