

## **Making the Connection:**

The expert working group identified **action opportunities** to advance the goal of achieving universal access to family planning as part of climate compatible development under four strategic approaches:

1. **Build awareness about trends in unintended pregnancy and unmet need for family planning and their connections to climate change.**
2. **Create an enabling environment for connecting these issues and advancing these policy opportunities by fostering more cross-sector dialogue and action among health, family planning, climate, and development sectors.**
3. **Identify and act on policy opportunities to ensure that universal access to family planning is part of climate compatible development strategies.**
4. **Increase the financing available for both climate change and family planning and create innovative financing for family planning within climate compatible development plans.**

The specific action opportunities under each strategic approach provide a path forward for groups that want to link these issues and ensure that universal access to family planning is part of efforts to achieve climate compatible development.

When safe and effective family planning services are available to all, experience shows that average family size falls, pregnancies occur at more optimal times in women's lives, and mothers and children are healthier and more able to contribute to their countries' development—and are more resilient to rapid change.

Linking population, reproductive health, and climate change is unconventional for many policymakers.

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