

Climate Change in National Action Plans in the Global South

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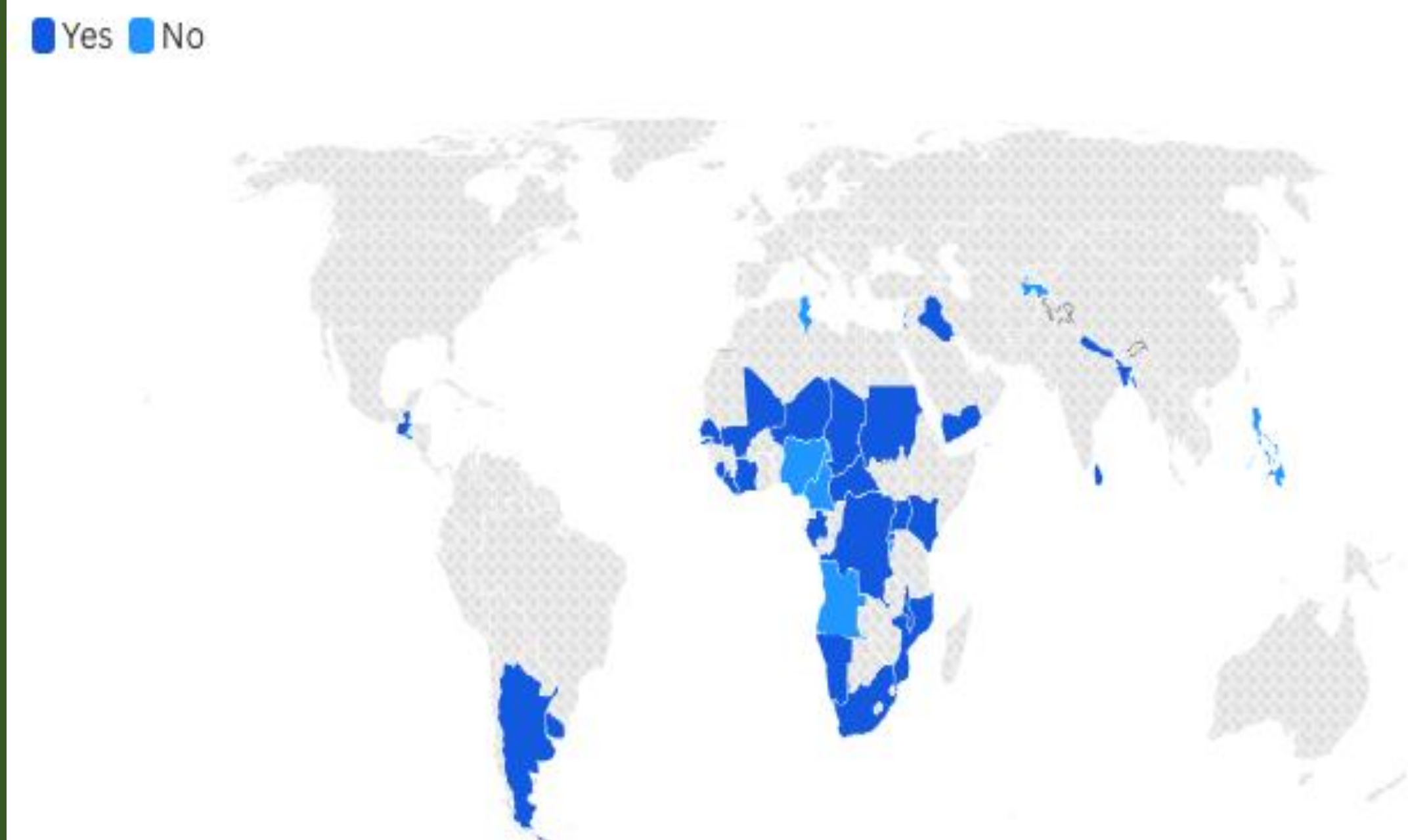
IMPACT ON WOMEN

- **Higher mortality rate** in natural disasters (Neumayer & Plümper 2007), largely due to 'gender-specific socioeconomic factors' (551)
- Relative vulnerability of women **climate migrants** (Chindarkar 4, 2012)
- Terry (2009) differentiates between 'mitigation' and 'adaptation'

PRESENCE IN WPS & NAPs

- As of 2019, represents **~7% of states' NAPs** (Shepherd 11, 2020)
- Mawby and Applebaum (2020) argue WPS is essential to climate migration discourse.
 - Policy through the UNSC creates more powerful legislation, but also prone to blockage via vetos (11)

Countries in the Global South with National Action Plans (NAPs) that Mention Sustainable Development Goals



Source: Women, Peace and Security National Action Plans

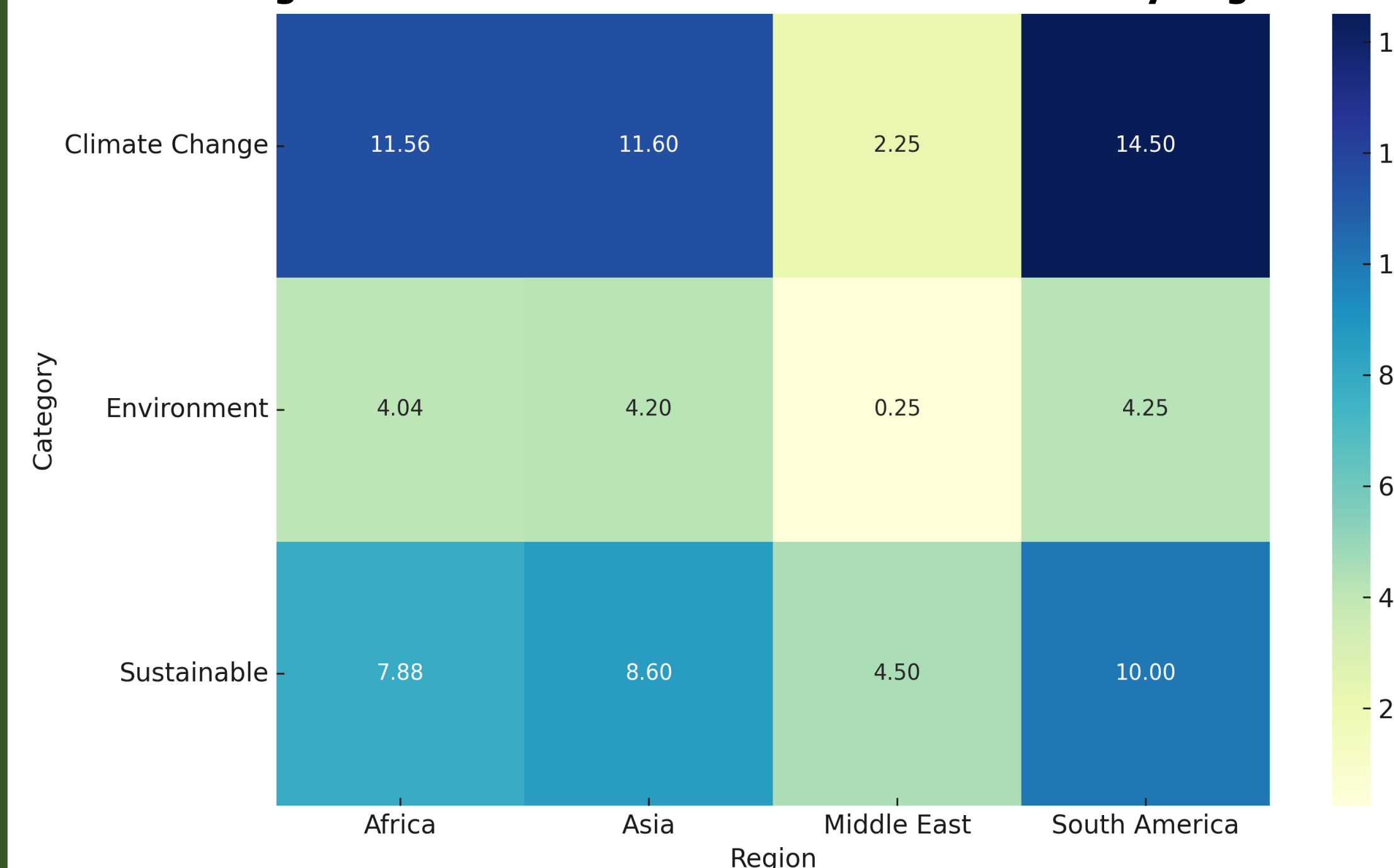
RESULTS

- Climate Change: **414 overall**
- Regional averages
 - Latin America (**14.5**)
 - Highest: Argentina
 - Asia (**11.6**)
 - Highest: Philippines
 - Africa (**11.56**)
 - Highest: Gabon
 - Middle East (**2.25**)
 - Highest: Lebanon
- **27/37** countries mentioned Sustainable Development Goals

DATA ANALYSIS

- **All GS but Middle East** (trend of most to least instances): Climate change, sustainable, environment, natural environ., social environ.
- **"Climate change:"** most instances; ME only 9, with **"environment"** and **"social environ."** as highest
- Great instance in GS for **"environmental or resource management;"** at least 1 NAP in each region: **social topic** on climate change (e.g. refugee conditions, women's leadership, etc.); Asia covers **women's role** in environ. most (2/5 NAPs)

Average Mentions of Environmental Terms in NAPs by Region



CONCLUSIONS

- Women: ↑ **mortality rate** = all GS NAPs cover **social/gendered** topic on climate
- "Environ. conditions in refugee camps," "security," etc. = **"vulnerability"** of women climate migrants"
- M&A: WPS crucial to climate migration; **GS least instances** = "social environ.," need more focus on women
- "Climate change" in WPS lens → **double priority** for women (social *and* environ.) = UNSC policy as "more powerful legislation"
- Challenge: **GS - disprop. effects** of climate change → hard to tell who's hit hardest, how women fare