

The Ants & The Grasshopper – What’s Next

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Climate Change Impacts to Africa

We often talk about how climate change is affecting us in North America, but climate change is also a threat to other continents, including Africa. Subsistence farmers (those who grow small amounts of crops, most of which are consumed rather than sold) are especially vulnerable to climate change, because they are more likely to rely on rainfall instead of irrigation. Climate change poses three main challenges to small family farms like Anita Chitaya’s:

- **Droughts:** Rainfall is becoming more inconsistent and unpredictable. The rainy seasons are shifting in many places throughout the globe, and farmers are struggling to adapt.
- **Other extreme weather events:** Flooding is also becoming more frequent and more severe because of climate change. Floods, along with storms and unusual periods of hot or cold weather, can destroy crops and leave farmers desperate.
- **Diseases and plant pests:** The spread of pests and diseases has increased significantly during recent decades. Climate change means that winters are no longer cold enough to kill off common insects, and many plant diseases are increasing in geographical range because of warmer surface temperatures.

What You Can Do

The Ants & The Grasshopper emphasizes the importance of “thinking globally and acting locally”. Our actions here in the United States are felt worldwide, and it is crucial that we begin to dramatically reduce our greenhouse gas emissions. There are many ways for citizens to get involved in the fight against climate change:

- **Talk with your friends, family, and neighbors:** You don’t have to be an expert on climate change to start the conversation with those around you. Start by asking them if they’ve noticed a change in regional weather patterns.
- **Take the Climate Action Pledge:** <https://hub.walkingmountains.org/take-the-eagle-valley-climate-action-pledge-for-colorado>
- **See this list of resources to help you reduce your carbon footprint:** <https://www.walkingmountains.org/climate-action-collaborative/community-resources/>