



Our story so far

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FeME:

£2.2 million

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**Tomorrow's Engineering Research
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Meet the Team



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The impact of climate change on women and children



Climate change escalates social, political and economic **tensions** globally.

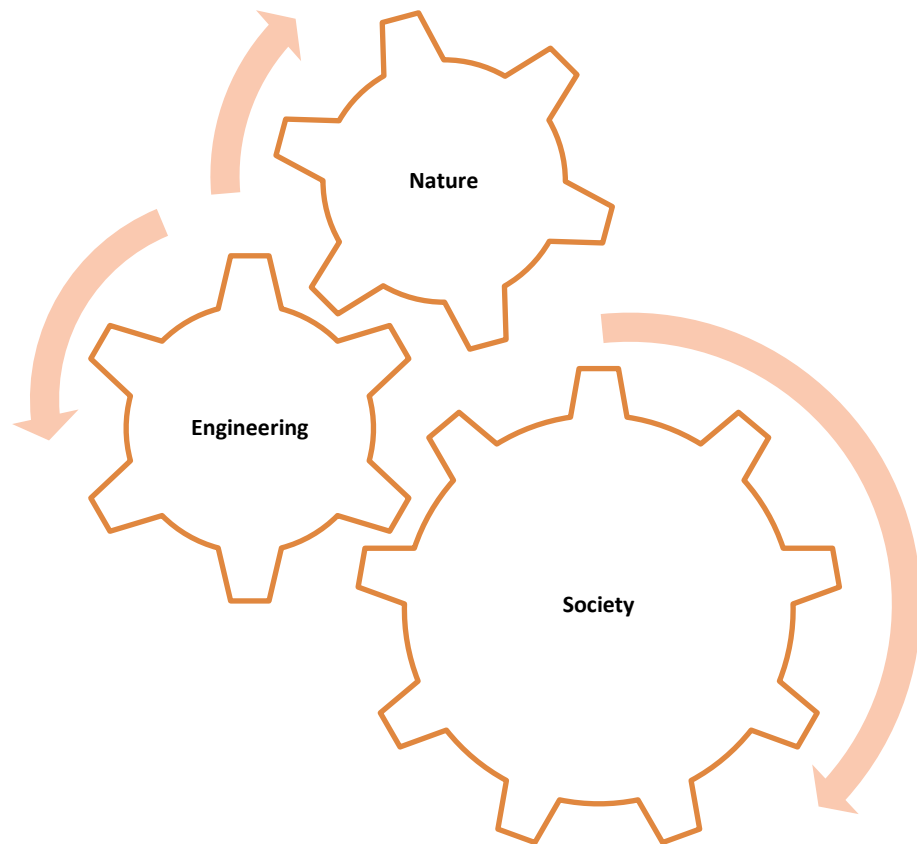
When natural disasters strike, **women and children are less likely to survive and more likely to be harmed** due to long-standing gender inequalities that have created **disparities in information, mobility, decision-making, and access to resources and training** ^{1,2}.

Underrepresented groups (e.g., indigenous communities, impoverished communities), as well as Global South societies are more at risk.

¹ United Nations, "Achieving gender equality and the empowerment of all," Fourth World Conference on Women, 2022.

² United Nations Environment Programme, "Women at the frontline of climate change, Gender risks and hopes, A rapid response assessment," 2011.

What is the role of engineering in the climate crisis?



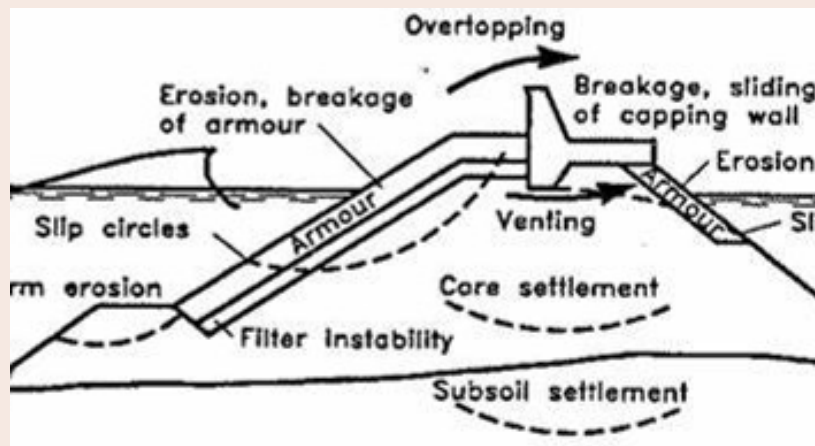
How do engineers speak about failure? What is a Failure Mode?



A step-by-step **approach to identify and prioritise potential failures in a design, manufacturing process or product.**

By analysing the causes and effects of the failure modes, engineering provides a pathway to increase reliability and improve outcomes.

- What are the causes of these?
- What are potential effects of these failure modes?
- How do we avoid these in the future?



Our FM approach



FM 1 – Diverse
Engineering

that builds on female talent through
education

FM 2 – Inspired
Engineering

that provides socially acceptable
solutions

FM 3 –
Connected
Engineering

that provides globally accessible data
to solve global issues

FM 4 – Inclusive
Engineering

that supports underrepresented
groups

FM 5 – Interdisciplinary
Engineering

that happens at a global scale

FM 6 – Agile
Engineering

that adapts to our resources in a
threatening climate

Our activities

Over the next 3 years we are developing...

Research in human-centred engineering for sustainable development

Hackathon events

Training programmes

Field visits

Scoping events

Seed funding

Networking events

Travel bursaries

Developmental workshops

Dissemination events

Award programmes

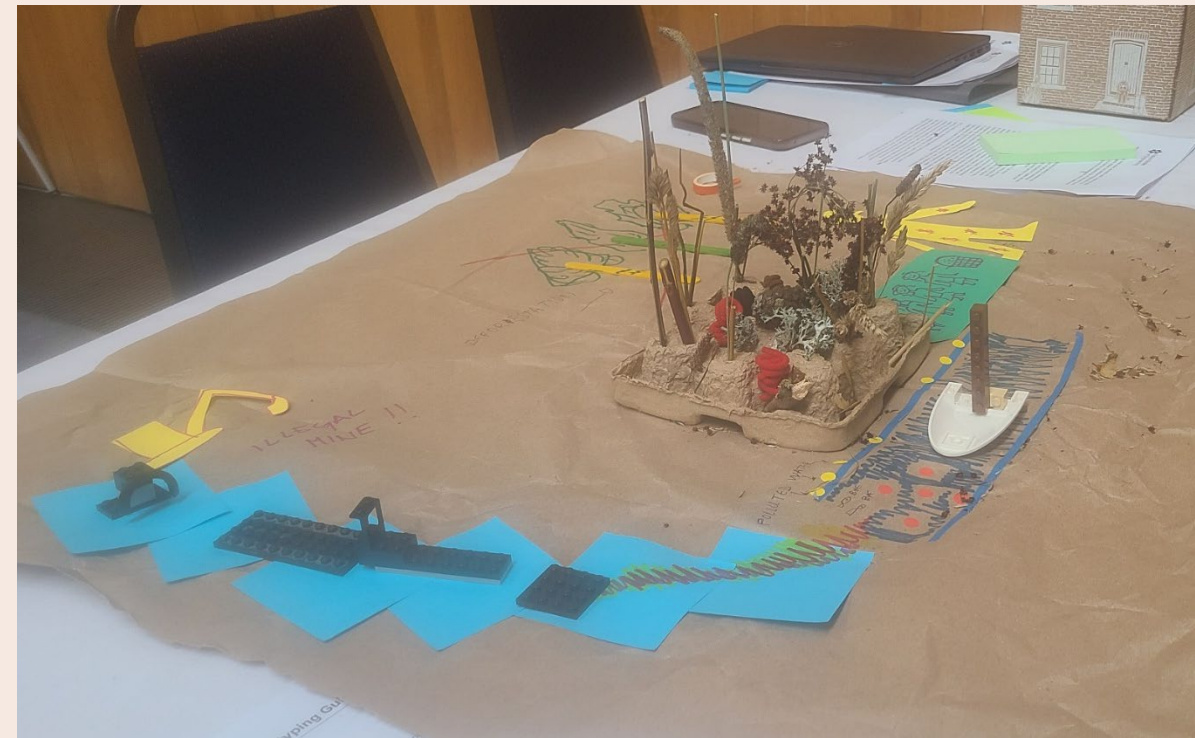
Visiting Fellowships



Our first Climate Challenge...



Impressions of the Climate Challenge



60 participants from 18 countries

Critical themes:

- Engagement and co-creation with end users
- Mitigation and adaptation
- Effective use of limited resources

Transport / Energy / Water

Working on interconnected challenges to co-create the future of FeME



What next?

Future funding for:

Research on critical themes

Sister networks

Supporting those in need

Doing more FeME!





Thank you!

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