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This project will determine how drought and water scarcity impacts women in Palestine and Jordan. Although drought conditions and water stress affects all people living in Palestine and Jordan, I argue that these specific environmental conditions disproportionately affect women. While an increasing number of environmental reports on drought and its relation to decreasing water supplies have concluded that women are affected disproportionately more than men, most ecological studies on drought and water scarcity do not reflect or focus on how these particular issues are impacting women in urban and rural areas within Palestine and Jordan. Due to the gap in addressing these specific environmental issues and its relation to gender, I will focus on the ways in which women are working to solve problems related to drought and water scarcity along with commonalities and/ or differences in how these solutions are being implemented. Ultimately, this research project investigates the multi-faceted, complex interactions between women, drought, water, and the environment in order to effectively guide environmental policies and strategies that address these gender disparities through effective drought and water management.