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In-class Exercise (Individual task)

From the World Bank VDO Expert - Discuss the issues females face during the COVID-19 crisis.

<https://www.worldbank.org/en/news/video/2020/05/22/why-are-women-and-girls-threatened-by-coronavirus>

(1) Do you agree that "This pandemic will reverse the progress toward gender equality"? Why?

agree , according to the video

- boys go back to school or labor market quicker and some girls are not return .
- boys prioritized over girls (more access to learning materials)
→ girls fall in terms of learning opportunities and learning outcomes.
- Shecession ① women work in the sectors that are first and hardest hit
lead to higher unemployment , lack of income , and ability to cope.
② women work in informal employment (don't have benefits)
③ Demand of caregiving is higher

we can clearly see that this pandemic leads to gender equality.

(2) Using a country as an example, explain what policies the government of that country has implemented to address this problem.

USA government

- The Families First coronavirus Response Act (FFCRA)
= Provided 12 weeks of parental paid leave to reduced poverty rates
- The CARES Act help education budgets and child care and development.
- To increase women's labor market , the Gov trying to close the wage gap and make work more accessible for mothers (predictable work scheduling , work hours)

However they have to ensure that women can access all of these subsidy plus essential and keep going.