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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?

I would agree because in terms of schooling, boys have greater learning opportunity than girls where some countries, boys have greater access to the internet than girls which makes boys may be prioritized over girl for having more access to learning materials. Thus, in terms of economics, women has more greater differential impact than men as the jobs in the sectors where women predominate are the ones that hits first which consequently makes women lack of income and ability to cope in terms of labor force. Women also predominate in informal employment where their job do not come with fringe benefit, for example, social protection, health insurance and unemployment compensation. The solution for this consequence would be government should pay attention to women as the frontline caregivers like nurse and doctor to reduce their risk of exposure and make sure that women can easily access to health services.

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

Finland would be a good example that is relevant to this problem since Finland is the first country in the world that allow women to run for office which they have made an efforts to include women in leadership. Additionally, Finland has attained parity in technical roles where men and women can access to technological learning materials equally so there will be no gap toward gender equality.