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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?

NO, because according to the VDO, the expert said that during the pandemic the first groups to be affected is female workers in the healthcare system i.e. nurse, care givers, etc. even though men also get affected but not severely as women due to the fact that most women employed in an informal work which lack of social protection, health insurance and unemployment compensation. Additionally, from the data provided by expert, she said that after pandemic, most of girls choose to not come back to school as well as boys get more exposure to technology than girls. This imply that pandemic is one of the factors point out how unbalanced the gender equality are.

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

In Thailand, during COVID-19 many Thai citizens were laid-off and got a lot of household debts therefore they become poorer and spend less. As a result, this decrease in spending affect the whole market mechanism because the buyers spend less make seller got less income as well.

So the government implemented Kong-lu-krung (คชว.คชจ) to boost up consumer spending as well as help Thai citizens have an unearned income to support their family. Moreover, its program qualification is very fair and has no gender discrimination because you only has to be Thais with 19 years above therefore any male or female can have equal opportunity to have the right to access this program. Furthermore, the government also provide the vaccine quota for medical staff which show how attentive to fight with the pandemic and help those medical staff that are mainly women.