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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 disagree, since the pandemic is not gender neutral. It has differential impacts on men and on women, and on boys and girls. If we're looking at the impact of the Coronavirus pandemic on women and girls. Women and girls also face unique threats from the pandemic.

In addition, males are more likely to return to school and have greater access to technology and the internet due to past pandemics (such as Ebola and SARS) While it was found that the most of girls were participating in the labor force and caregiving duties. The conclusion is that boys might receive preferential treatment when it comes to educational chances.

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

The World Bank expert claims that in order to lower the danger of exposure, the government must make sure that women have access to key services such as healthcare services, and that they have the necessary tools and resources. Protecting the weak and the impoverished with regard to cash transfers and assistance in maintaining employment is a crucial policy that is addressed. Canada provided cash support to those who stopped working because, among other reasons, they were caring for children.