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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 am agree with this statement, since there are more women than men are in the front lines of healthcare as their career such as nurse, physician, and etc. Also, it is affect a drop out of school for both boys and girls. However, the previous pandemic shown us that boys are return to school quicker than girls, even worse some girls don't return to school at all, due to they are enter to the labor force or they have caregiving responsibilities. So, This can refer to boys or males have more opportunity which this can reverse the progress toward gender equality. In addition, from the informal career of women would lead to lack of benefit of job, such as social protection, health insurance, and unemployment compensation. Which these reason females are more affect by the pandemic compared to males.

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

In France, there is a paid sick leave for parents impacted by school closure. This can help the expense during the pandemic of parents and help with cost of alternative care. Which can be prevent the childred to enter to labour force. Also, public policies such as short time working to enable childcare can keep women in labour market.

As researching through the policy of France, the country is not mentioned to the women in the frontline enough, but mention more about maternity.