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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-threatenedby-coronavirus>

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

I agree with the claim since women are particularly impacted by their capacity to generate revenue and deal with stress in general as a result of the recession brought on by the epidemic. This is particularly true for developing nations, where progress toward gender equality is critically needed and where women frequently dominate the unorganized sector of the economy. There are many extra obligations required as a result of the job loss and school shutdown in order to take care of the household. For instance, even when face-to-face lessons begin, some females are unable to attend because they must work or because they are responsible for taking care of their families. In addition, guys frequently receive more priority when it comes to providing them with greater internet access. One illustration of this is the likelihood that they will dominate use of the one computer at home in a household.

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

There are numerous ways to assist women, workers, and families with care obligations, to use **OECD** as an example. First, providing working parents with public daycare options in areas where those services are necessary, like health care, public utilities, and emergency services. Secondly, by offering substitute public health care options. Third, providing direct financial assistance to employees who require time off. Secondly, providing financial incentives to companies who give their employees paid time off. Moreover, making it simpler for low-income families, especially female-dominated single parents, to get assistance. Lastly, encouraging flexible work schedules that take into account employees' obligations to their families.

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