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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 agree that this pandemic will affect gender equality especially women and girls because women are likely to be a barrier of healthcare profession such as nurse, physician assistants with a rate of 85 to 90% in some countries. From the previous research when there is a pandemic, women didn't go back to school because of caregiving responsibilities and some of them are still in the labor market. Moreover, when the pandemic hit the poor families, the only access in internet will be monopolized by men or boys. The computer is the factor that gives the poor families education, most families will let this only opportunity to the boys.

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

In India, the government implement gender budget which is part of Union budget of India since 2005. This policy entail fund allocation toward programmes dedicated to woman. Through this effort the government is continuously promoting gender equality with a focus on alleviating gender gap in all sectors and at all levels of governance. Government has earmarked a lot of money to be used by Ministries toward programmes aimed at reducing gender gap in all aspects of social, education, economic, and political life.