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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 with the argument since women are particularly impacted by the recession brought on by the pandemic in terms of their capacity to make an income as well as their general capacity to handle stressful situations. 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 home and the ill.

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

According to the policies that the government implemented to resolve the COVID-19 inequality problem, I prefer to suggest the international organization which is The United Nations in order to cover over 193 member countries since the UN has evolved over the years to keep pace with a rapidly changing world.

Governments must work to lessen the pandemic's detrimental effects on particular populations, notably women, in the short term. Policies should put an emphasis on providing additional income assistance to those who need it the most, maintaining employment connections, assisting with the juggling of work and caregiving obligations, and increasing support for small enterprises and the self-employed. Prior to increasing investment, governments would need to improve spending efficiency and reallocate resources toward those most affected by the COVID-19 problem in those countries with little fiscal flexibility (especially those economies with high debt or high gross financing needs). They should also work to provide budgetary space for gender policies by improving domestic revenue mobilization and furthering the development of gender-responsive fiscal policy over the medium term in order to secure enough resource allocations for such policies in a sustainable manner.

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