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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 partially agree to the statement. I think the pandemic did affect the progress by blocking the attention towards the gender equality improvement. However, it is currently only a stop of progress not a reverse. To avoid the reverse, the awareness of gender equality is the key factor for the continuation of movement.

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

For Ukraine,

Kateryna Levchenko, Governmental Commissioner for Gender Policy of Ukraine, continuously underlined the importance of keeping up with the international commitments on human rights & gender equality including :

- cooperation with women & feminist organizations / multisectoral cooperation
- the use of temporary special measures (TSM)

eg. Electoral quotas