

Policy Brief: The Impact of COVID-19 on Women

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POLICY BRIEF NO. 15



ADDRESSING THE ECONOMIC FALLOUT OF COVID-19: PATHWAYS AND POLICY OPTIONS FOR A GENDER-RESPONSIVE RECOVERY



Summary

This brief presents emerging evidence of the COVID-19 pandemic's impact on women's economic empowerment. Complementing a separate [UN Women Policy Brief on COVID-19 and the care economy](#), it considers the immediate gendered economic impacts, including widening socio-economic divides and shifting national and international priorities for the allocation of resources, as well as the long-term implications for women's employment and livelihoods. The brief makes recommendations to be considered by all stakeholders, from governments to international organizations, the private sector and civil society organizations, in order to guarantee the economic rights of women during the public health crisis and in plans for recovery and resilience. Drawing on the latest available research and data, the brief highlights examples of action already being taken.

POLICY BRIEF NO. 18



COVID-19 AND WOMEN'S LEADERSHIP: FROM AN EFFECTIVE RESPONSE TO BUILDING BACK BETTER



Summary

This brief shines a light on the critical role of women's leadership in responding to COVID-19 and preparing for a more equitable recovery. Across the globe, women are at the helm of institutions carrying out effective and inclusive COVID-19 responses, from the highest levels of decision-making to frontline service delivery. At the same time, the brief recognizes pre-existing and new constraints to women's participation and leadership and advocates for measures to facilitate women's influence over decision-making processes. It makes recommendations to be considered by national, regional and international policy makers. In addition to analyzing the pandemic's immediate impacts on women's political participation, the brief demonstrates the opportunity to 'build back better' by including and supporting women, and the organizations and networks that represent them, in the decision-making processes that will ultimately shape the post-pandemic future.

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