RESPONSES TO COVID-19: REGIONAL & COUNTRY LEVELS

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DATA AND KNOWLEDGE GENERATION
MAKING VISIBLE THE GENDERED IMPACTS OF THE PANDEMIC

In Asia-Pacific, data collection on the consequences of COVID-19 on women’s and men’s livelihoods is conducted through nationally-representative rapid assessment surveys.

In Barbados, joint socio-economic assessment by UN Women, UNICEF and UNDP.

In ECA, a knowledge hub provides technical & rapid support to offices.

Rapid assessment surveys
For data collection at scale in context of COVID-19

Joint Impact Assessments
Gender expertise and mainstreaming in joint UN assessments

Knowledge Hub establishment
Development of tools and guidance

Consolidating evidence to inform policy
COORDINATION AND PARTNERSHIPS
CATALYZING SYSTEM-WIDE GENDER COMMITMENTS AND RESPONSE

SUPPORTING GOVERNMENT COUNTERPARTS

**LACRO & ECLAC:** Map gender-sensitive responses of LAC countries

**Ethiopia/ESA-RO & AU:** Develop policy brief on GEWE x COVID-19

UN COORDINATION

**ROAS/UNICEF/UNFPA:** Established a Regional Working Group on VAW & COVID-19

HUMANITARIAN COORDINATION

**Bangladesh:** Leading advocacy and technical work of GiHA WG and Gender Hub in Cox’s Bazaar for inter-sector humanitarian coordination system

ENGAGING THE PRIVATE SECTOR

**Turkey:** Letters sent to 300+ WEPs signatories & 13 Unstereotype Alliance founding member companies to join the COVID-19 response and support efforts against GBV

**ROAP, EU, Makati Business Club:** Hosted online forum attended by 100+ participants (including from multi-national companies), recommitting to put WEE and resilience in the forefront

MOBILIZING CIVIL SOCIETY

**Palestine:** Platform that includes 30+ women organizations created to amplify the voices of women’s organizations in humanitarian processes
**ADAPTING PROGRAMMES FOR THE COVID-19 CONTEXT**

**MEETING IMMEDIATE NEEDS, SAFEGUARDING DEVELOPMENT GAINS, LAYING FOUNDATIONS FOR JUST RECOVERY**

- **India**
  - Developed a WhatsApp-based Chatbot to ease GBV reporting.

- **Sudan**
  - Developing app for women in informal sector to connect with service providers.

- **LAC-RO & ECLAC**
  - Convened all national women’s machinery.

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  - Provide access to psycho-social support, safe houses & shelters, hygiene & humanitarian kits to 14K women.

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Investing in 'coordination' capacities is key to effectively leveraging UN-system efforts.

UN Women’s engagement in IASC is critical, and expansion for the humanitarian programme will be central to WEE programme.

Increased focus on data & knowledge generation for critical and multiplier effects.

Focus on economic policies and social protection will be central to WEE programme.

Flexible funding is critical to meeting immediate needs of women and girls.

LESSONS LEARNED FOR THE MTR & DEVELOPMENT OF NEXT SP