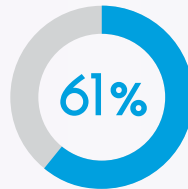


# LESSONS FROM COVID-19: PROGRESSIVE AND FEMINIST POLITICS ARE IN LOCKDOWN

Democratic rollbacks deepen, further disconnecting states from citizens

Over the past **10 years**, the number of countries experiencing democratic erosion **has doubled**.

In 2019, **44%** of the world's population lived in countries that had experienced some form of democratic erosion in the previous 5 years.



of countries have implemented pandemic containment measures concerning from a democracy and human rights perspective.

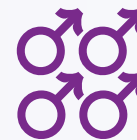
Feminist policy advocacy is relentless, but women's influence is limited

Out of 225 COVID-19 taskforces in 137 countries,

only **4.4%** have gender parity



**84%** are dominated by men



**24 countries** did not have a single woman on their taskforces



Despite government restrictions, globally,

**5,012 women's demonstrations**

took place between March and December 2020.

Grassroot activists provide a safety net, but a fragile and under-funded one

In a survey, **more than 1/3** of women's organizations

in conflict-affected and humanitarian settings reported risking closure due to the pandemic.

In 2018-19, women's rights organizations received only around

**1%**

of bilateral aid allocated to gender equality, **a tiny fraction of total aid**.