



**GENDER EFFECTS OF COVID-19: AN  
ANALYSIS OF POLICY RESPONSE**

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# Effects of covid – 19 on Gender

## 1. HEALTH INEQUITIES

- Lack of autonomy over sexual and reproductive lives.
- Lack of awareness and information to health care.
- Lack of access to health care.
- Lack of access to reproductive health for women and girls.
- Lack of access to menstrual hygiene schemes.
- Out of pocket spending for health services.

## 2. ECONOMIC INEQUALITIES

- Impact on daily wage.
- No of financial protection.
- Insufficient financial resources for sustenance
- Dependence on male members due to economic instability
- Insufficient financial resources to travel to hospitals

## 3. SOCIO-CULTURAL INEQUALITIES

- Social distancing leading to disconnectedness
- Racism especially against Asians
- Disruption to the regular essential service hindered life.
- Balancing work v/s as caregivers within families.
- Gendered Violence

# Intersectionality of the impact of COVID-19 on Gender



WOMEN AT THE FOREFRONT OF HEALTH RESPONSE



WORK AND CHILD CARE RESPONSIBILITIES



INCOME AND LIFE SECURITY MEASURES

# POLICY RESPONSE – A critical study

1. INTERNATIONAL
2. REGIONAL
3. NATIONAL