

COVID-19 AND FEMALE MIGRANTS: IMPACTS, RISKS AND THE FUTURE



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Introduction

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- ❑ Global health genocide
- ❑ Widening gender gap & roll back of Beijing gains
- ❑ Almost 2.7 billion workers (approximately 81% of the world's workforce jobless - ILO)
- ❑ (IMF) - contraction of global output in 2020 and impending global recession

Structure of presentation



- Section 1 – negative impact of Covid 19
- Section 2 – Recommendations

Gender and Covid 19

- Matrix of vulnerabilities
- Why gender analysis important
- Intersectionality
- Vertical to horizontal inequalities
- dominating figures of women and girls among the migrant population – 50% OF 95 million are women & girls

Gender and Covid 19

- ❑ Social determinants of health
- ❑ Insecure and lowly paid jobs
- ❑ Exclusion from social & economic safety nets
- ❑ Sex and vulnerability
- ❑ Culture, social norms and gender stereotypes

Recommendations

- The normative framework for migration and health to be endogenous (inward) looking
- Deliberate public policy responses
- Widening the research base for migrant health information
- Gender Inclusive response planning and decision making
- Gender budgeting and resourcing the health sector and the care economy
- Strengthen the economic empowerment prong for addressing the impact of Corona virus
- Adequate information dissemination strategies

Conclusion

- Gender disparities and gender specific challenges
- Intensification of response strategies and plans
- Global response plan targeting women and girls as vulnerable population