COVID-19 AND FEMINIST ACTION RECOMMENDATIONS

COMPiled during NGO CSW/NY’s April monthly meeting from featured speakers and attendee suggestions

INCLUDING A GENDERED LENS IN COVID-19 RESPONSES

- Ensure availability of sex- and age-disaggregated data at local, national, regional and global levels to understand and address the effects of COVID-19 and the curtailment of rights (UN Women and CARE)
- Decision-makers and those coordinating response efforts should use gender analysis and include gender specialists at global, national, regional and local levels (CARE)
- Ensure equal voice for women in decision-making (UN Women)
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- Ensure women and girls have access to healthcare facilities and services including sexual and reproductive health and rights (ACT)
- Approach business continuity planning with a gendered lens for women in the business industry (Nereah Oketch)
- Develop regional and local Rapid Gender Analysis for COVID-19. Global work on a joint multi-sectoral Rapid Gender Analysis (CARE)

TECHNICAL EDUCATION AND MARGINALIZATION

- In virtual spaces, marginalization of those most marginalized is in danger of becoming worse - ensure that marginalization doesn’t increase (UN Women)
- Provide technical expertise to provide risk communication and community engagement to reach women living with disabilities and marginalized groups (UN Women)
- Ensure women and girls have access to ICTs (information communications technology) (Levi Bautista)

GENDER-BASED VIOLENCE

- GBV prevention and response services must be seen as life-saving interventions (CARE)
- Designate domestic violence shelters as essential services and increase resources to them, and to civil society groups on the front line of response (Vian Hussain)
- Have counselors/social workers accompany police officers when making home visits to victims of GBV (Onyinye Nnenji)

OTHER

- Call on faith leaders to continue to demonstrate the value of coordinated economical response to COVID-19 (ACT)
- Developing mitigation strategies to target economic impact of outbreak and building women’s resilience (UN Women)