



COVID-19 AND THE IMPACT ON GENDER EQUALITY

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Covid-19 response: upcoming studies

- Covid-19 and **intimate partner violence**
- **Socio-economic impacts** of Covid-19
- Covid-19 related **gender statistics**
- **Gender budgeting** during the Covid-19 recovery
- Gender Equality Index 2021 - focus on **health and gender impacts of pandemics**



Covid-19 and intimate partner violence

1. Challenges for support services
2. Action taken to protect women
3. What worked?



Challenges for support services

Increased level
of demand

No or very
limited face-to-
face interaction

Covid-19
containment
measures

Victim ability to
reach out

Action to protect women in the EU



228 measures implemented across the EU-27



137 implemented by governments, 64 by civil society and 4 by private sector



What worked?

Awareness
raising
campaigns

Increase in
alternative
support

Mask-19 code
word

Increased
hours and
additional staff

What worked?

Declaring
support services
essential

National action
plans

Ensuring court
cases are
possible

Joined up
services

Want to learn more?

Find out more about COVID-19 and gender equality

Frontline workers →	Gender impacts on health →	Unpaid care and housework →
Economic hardship and gender →	Gender-based violence →	People in vulnerable situations →

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Helplines for victims of violence

Home can be a dangerous place for women, if they are stuck in self-isolation together with their abuser. Are helplines open during the coronavirus pandemic? Yes. All EU Member States have kept their helplines open.



Coronavirus puts women in the frontline

In Europe, we are all adjusting to new ways of living because of the effects of Covid-19. Each person's situation is different, but for sure, Covid-19 will reveal the different realities of women and men.

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