

#SheCaresCovid19 Women's Testimonies Around the Globe



The Covid-19 pandemic has put women-led small businesses at risk, especially in developing countries. Yet, more and more women are coming out of this pandemic more resilient than ever, fighting to protect their businesses alongside their families. #SheCaresCovid19 #ResilientWomen



In Africa, women represent 70% of cross-border traders. Now with the Covid-19 pandemic, the borders have closed. Their economic activity and incomes are practically non-existent as a direct consequence. #SheCaresCovid19 #ProtectWomen



Covid-19 exposed how deep systemic discrimination has been in the USA, as African-Americans are disproportionately affected by the pandemic. They are more exposed to Covid-19 as they represent the majority of US essential workers, particularly women. They are also more likely to die from the virus because of lack of access to public healthcare and of pre-



70% of African-American women business owners have felt the negative impact of Covid-19 on the effective functioning of their business, mostly in the form of disruptions in supply chains, low or no sales which hinders their ability to cover their expenses.

existing conditions that put them in an even more vulnerable position, as African-Americans are more likely to have pre-existing conditions than Caucasians.



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#BlackWomenMatter



Covid-19 has negatively impacted the emotional wellbeing and mental health of the majority of African-American women, which subsequently negatively affects their physical health too. Paired with the economic implications they face on a daily basis, the burden of Covid-19 on African-American women can have serious consequences on the entire community.
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Closing down schools during the pandemic has devastating middle and long-term effects on girls from vulnerable backgrounds. In Mali, Niger, and South Sudan over four million girls are forced out of school, exacerbating their already disadvantaged situation as enrollment and completion rates for girls were extremely low prior to the pandemic.
#SheCareCovid19 #GirlsRightToAccessEducation



In Egypt, a father used Covid-19 as a pretext to have a doctor perform female genitalia mutilation (FGM) on his three underaged daughters. FGM has been illegal in Egypt since 2008 and it has been made a felony in 2016. Rightfully so, the father is now facing prosecution.
#SheCaresCovid19 #StopFMG

The ability of women farmers in Dominica to sell their products during the Covid-19 pandemic is extremely restrained by the measures imposed to regulate the spread of the virus, leading to surplus of fresh produce on the one hand and loss of income on the other.
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The already extremely wide gender gap in India is further expanded amid the Covid-19 pandemic. 49% of India's population is comprised of women who only contribute 18% to economic output, figures that have drastically diminished after the outbreak of the pandemic. The country's economy will therefore suffer this loss, estimated at about 8% of the total GDP. #SheCaresCovid19 #ProtectWomen



Testing for Covid-19 is limited in low-income countries, even more so in conflict-ridden countries where it is challenging for both men and women to access healthcare. However, taking a closer look at who is being tested, it is evident that women's health is not prioritized as they have even less opportunities to get tested for the virus, having serious repercussions on their physical well-being. #SheCaresCovid19 #WomensRightToHealthCare

Pregnant women and new mothers around the world are vastly affected by Covid-19, in terms of not having physical access to doctors, causing them increased anxiety and depression, and other medical issues. #SheCaresCovid19 #ProtectWomen

