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East Asia

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1. Overview of the sub-region

This is an excerpt of East Asian subregional Report drafted by Luz.

• Women are at the frontlines of crises and carrying the burden for care work whether paid or unpaid.

• All three countries reported an increase in domestic violence.

• Gender blindness in the countermeasures to address the COVID-19 pandemic widened gender inequality.
2. Key findings from the reports

• Women and POVERTY/ Women and the ECONOMY
  ➢ Women are more likely to be the first to become unemployed because they make up the majority of non-regular employees.

• Violence against Women and Women and HEALTH
  ➢ An increase in domestic violence related to entrapment during the COVID-19.

• Women in POWER and DECISION-MAKING
  ➢ There appears to be low participation of women in decision-making on issues related to the pandemic.
3. Emerging trends that require further study

- HUMAN RIGHTS of Women
  - Migrants
  - GPS may lead to human rights violations

- Women and the MEDIA
  - Digitalization of Information
  - Risks of online sexual abuse, especially young women and girls

- Need to work on the economic package
4. Examples of what women are doing

- Women often fill in the gaps where government may fail to provide to address particular needs while at the same time continue their advocacy for women’s rights and women’s needs.

  ➢ A women’s NGO in China held a livestreamed workshop on domestic violence. It’s very important to let domestic violence survivors know their rights.

  ➢ The advocacy of women’s group in Japan brought about a change in the government’s response to the pandemic on the cash payment to the survivors of domestic violence.
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