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in the Time of Covid-19***

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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