COVID 19 AND WOMEN IN SEA

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<td>Vietnam</td>
<td>RODRIGO DUTERTE</td>
<td>&quot;Emergency Powers to the Pres. POLICE CENTRIC, MILITARISTIC; RETIRED GENERAL IN CHARGE; GEN. LORENZANA AND GEN GALVEZ</td>
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<td>Indonesia</td>
<td>JOKO WIDODO (Indonesia)</td>
<td>National Health Emergency declared March 30, 2020-National Coronavirus Disease Response Acceleration Taskforce on March 13 headed by current National Disaster Agency chief, and former commander of the Army’s Special Forces (Kopassus), Lt. Gen. Doni Munardo</td>
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<td>state of emergency last March 31, 2020. On April 10, 2020,</td>
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<td>state of emergency” last March 26. This resulted in closure of schools until July 1, 2020. Nationwide curfew was also imposed, covering the period of 10pm until 4am.</td>
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Impact of COVID 19: Deepening Poverty and Economic Disempowerment of Women in SEA

- Widening gender gap in poverty

- Lockdown keep women from earning a living and supporting their families;

- Increased carework burden in taking care of the sustenance of the family caring for the sick and the elderly and attending to their children’s educational needs;

- Job losses of thousands of women including migrant women repatriated back to their countries from the ME and other ASEAN countries;

- Service and informal sectors which are dominated by women workers suffer from lack of economic activities;

- Lack of emergency economic assistance particularly to vulnerable sectors
Increasing VAW Cases and Human Rights Violations

- Increase in the incidents of domestic violence, rape and sexual harassment; prevent them from reporting and accessing services;

- Women experienced sexual harassment and violence as well as extortion in quarantine areas subject to police control and scrutiny;

- Women in prisons and institutions—congestion pose risk of COVID transmission; inadequate health services on COVID;

- Migrant women—lack of health including mental health services.
Digital Divide and Education: Leaving Women and the Poor Behind

- Shift to digital mode of education leaves out millions of children of poor families, indigenous people from availing of educational opportunities;

- Inadequate technology support for teachers who are mostly women and parents in vulnerable communities and far-flung communities;

- Marginalized women in indigenous and conflict-affected areas do not Have the resources to buy laptops and internet connection;
COVID 19 Impacts on the Health and Reproductive Health of Women

-Reproductive health services have been inadequate due to lockdown, mobility restrictions;

-Due to stress, anxiety – mental health assistance has sorely been lacking in government programs;

-Medical workers who are mostly women are constant risk of COVID transmission but are not adequately supported in terms of accommodations, transportation and monetary assistance.

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Emerging Trends on COVID in SEA

- Increasing government militarization and securitization of COVID-19 pandemic civil society and people’s to control people’s mobility and freedoms;

- Intensifying repression of media, civil society and opposition groups including women’s groups critical of government policies thru anti terror laws and policies;

- Increased incidents of VAW, discrimination and stigma of migrant, refugee women;
Women’s Responses to COVID 19

-Organizing for humanitarian assistance such as food rationing and medical assistance including psycho social assistance in vulnerable sectors;

-Organizing to resist misogyny, authoritarianism and dictatorship
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