

COVID 19 AND WOMEN IN SEA

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Country/ Leader	APPROACH TO COVID 19	CONTROL MEASURES
RODRIGO DUTERTE	<p>”Emergency Powers to the Pres.</p> <p>POLICE CENTRIC , MILITARISTIC; RETIRED GENERALD IN CHARGE ; GEN. LORENZANA AND GEN GALVEZ</p>	<p>LOCKDOWN,CURFEW,QUARANTINE,CLOSURE OF PUBLIC PLACES AND BUSINESSES,BORDER CONTROLS, SURVEILLANCE ; EMERGENCY BAYANIHAN LAW;RED TAGGING 120,000 Arrest of violators of curfew and lockdown ANTI-TERROR LAW CLOSURE OF ABS-CBN</p>
JOKO WIDODO (Indonesia)	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	Border controls, travel bans
HUN SEN (Cambodia)	state of emergency last March 31, 2020. On April 10, 2020,	STATE OF EMERGENCY – LOCKDOWN , CURFEW, ARRESTS Ros Sokhet, publisher of the <i>Cheat Khmer</i> newspaper, Sok Oudom, owner of the Rithysen Radio News Station, Sovann Rithy, who runs the Facebook-based TVFB news outlet, was charged All three are in custody in Phnom Penh.
PRAYUTH (Thailand)	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.	NATIONAL LOCKDOWN , EMERGENCY POWER, MEDIA CENSORSHIP SOCIAL MEDIA ,ARREST AND DETENTION PEOPLE SPREADING FAKE NEWS ; ABOLITION OF OPPOSITION PARTIES
MYANMAR	COVID 19 TASK FORCE-SENIOR MILITARY OFFICERS Prime Minister	ARREST AND PUNISHMENT OF THOSE WHO SPREAD DISINFORMATION
MALAYSIA		

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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