

Health and Gender – New commission FEMTEC

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The COVID-19 pandemic is causing suffering, loss of life and conflict in many parts of the world.

Women constitute the vast majority of health workers, always on the front line and continue to have primary responsibility for the care of the family, the elderly and domestic responsibilities.

In advanced and emerging economies, women are more vulnerable and are exposed to more risks to their health, their families and the consequent loss of jobs.

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"Gender equality", objective 5 of the "United Nations Sustainable Development Goals" by 2030.

The G20 countries commit to reducing the gender gap in labor participation by 25% in 2025.

The W20 (Women's G20)

Due to the effects of the pandemic, it will be a priority in 2020 to ensure the role of women in health care, childcare, the elderly and the weakest sectors of society.

The OECD (Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development)

The report "Women at the center of the fight against the COVID 19 crisis" recommends how to reduce the immediate economic, social and labor effects on women.

Measures will be promoted so that women do not pay the highest price in this dramatic emergency and ensure progress towards the goals of gender equality.

To achieve this, each sector, in each country, must cooperate to fill these gender differences.

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It is a priority to work to offer a sustainable gender optic to this crisis, address the different dimensions of the emergency, in the female labor market, in all health care roles.

FEMTEC with its high-level representatives from different countries, is committed to action to generate new and best practices, compare different proposals and strategies to identify an updated role in Balneology in the new scenario created by the pandemic from a new perspective.

With this lens, we propose the "Health and Gender" commission at Femtec.

The central idea is to propose:

- solutions to improve working conditions in these health centers
- offer good and up-to-date training
- guarantee employment with decent conditions
- quality of life
- job security
- allow the active role to contribute to innovation, infrastructure and the economy.

These will be significant steps that, through our multilateral efforts, will help the prosperity of communities and societies!