COVID-19 GUIDANCE
A GENDER ANALYSIS FRAMEWORK FOR PANDEMIC IMPACTED CONTEXTS
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Topic	Information to Gather	Data Collection Methods	Stakeholders/Data Source
Basic Country Information	What are the country's demographics (population, ethnic, and religious groups, gender breakdown)?	Desk research	Public records
	What is the socio-economic context of the country (economy, development indices, employment)? Where are women situated in the country's demographic and socio-economic profile?	Desk research; key informant interviews	Public records, CSOs
	Does the country have national legislation protecting women's rights and prohibiting discrimination on the basis of gender?	Desk research	Public records
	Has the country signed onto international conventions related to gender equality and women's rights (CEDAW, Beijing, UNSCR 1325)?	Desk research	Public records
	What is the political context of COVID-19 and how has it impacted women in the country? Has a state of emergency been declared? Does this have particular implications for women?	Desk research; key informant interviews	Public records, CSOs
	Have COVID-19 policy responses with regard to health service delivery, social welfare, or economic recovery been gender-informed and inclusive of women's perspectives?	Desk research; key informant interviews; surveys	Public records, CSOs, parties
Voice	Has there been increased intimidation of women in politics through surveillance and/or detention as a result of COVID?	Desk research; key informant interviews; surveys	Public records, CSOs, parties, women in politics

	Has there been increased intimidation of women and marginalized groups in civil society through surveillance and/or detention as a result of COVID?	Desk research; key informant interviews; surveys	Public records, CSOs, parties, women in politics
	Has the government limited the space for civil society, particularly women's rights and other marginalized group organizations, to engage in political actions?	Desk research; key informant interviews; surveys	Public records, CSOs, political parties
	Has the government pro-actively repressed civil society organizations, particularly women's rights organizations, through the use of violence or arrest? What groups in particular have been targeted and how?	Desk research; key informant interviews; surveys	Public records, CSOs, political parties
	Has the government suspended, modified, or removed any individual or collective rights and protections for women and marginalized groups in the name of resource scarcity for the health crisis?	Desk research; key informant interviews; surveys	Public records, political parties
	Have political parties restricted debate over policy - whether in the legislature or in public discourse? Have any of these restrictions been about extending or curtailing policy and protections that apply to women and their rights? If so, what has been the result?	Desk research; key informant interviews; surveys	Public records, political parties
	Have there been changes in parliamentary processes as a result of COVID? What is the impact on women's engagement?	Desk research; key informant interviews; surveys	Public records, political parties
	Has there been an indefinite postponement of elections due to COVID-19?	Desk research	Public records, election commission
Physical Space	Are there concerns about a deteriorating security environment within the country? Would a security deterioration impact all women or groups of women disproportionately? How would this impact women's ability to safely participate in politics?	Key informant interviews; surveys; focus groups	CSOs, political parties, security experts

	If elections are still taking place, has the government made provisions for safe and secure voting?	Desk research; key informant interviews	Public records, election commission, political parties, CSOs
	Have there been threats to and/or vilification of women and marginalized populations since the start of the pandemic? By community groups? By the police or security forces?	Desk research; key informant interviews; surveys; focus groups	Public records, CSOs, political parties, security experts
Information Space	Is the government communicating in ways that reach all citizens?	Key informant interviews; focus groups; surveys	CSOs, political parties, media representatives
	Are traditional press and media (radio, newspapers, television, etc.) communicating in ways that reach all citizens? Is the reporting fair and accurate?	Key informant interviews; focus groups; surveys	CSOs, political parties, media representatives
	Has there been disinformation about the COVID pandemic? Are there any groups particularly vulnerable to disinformation? Have gendered language or social fault lines been manipulated as part of the disinformation?	Key informant interviews; focus groups; surveys	CSOs, political parties, media representatives
	Have there been government disruptions and/or shutdown or increased surveillance and online censorship of internet communications? If so, how has this impacted women?	Key informant interviews; focus groups; surveys	CSOs, political parties, media representatives
	Has there been an increase in online violence against politically-active women during this period?	Key informant interviews; focus groups; surveys	CSOs, political parties, media representatives
Norms	Has sexual and gender based violence (SGBV) increased, decreased, or stayed the same since COVID-19?	Desk research; key informant interviews; surveys	Public records, CSOs

	If there has been an increase, have civil society organizations and/or government institutions responded to provide enhanced prevention, advocacy, or delivery of support services?		
	Have there been increased tensions between ethnic, religious, socio-economic, or tribal groups?	Desk research; key informant interviews; surveys	Public records, CSOs

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