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# Virtual Service Projects

**Governors Seminar**

**October 3, 2020**

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- Opportunity to think out of the box
- Not impossible, just different
- Can be designed to increase participation
- Time and geographical distance can be eliminated

# Global COVID-19 Pandemic Impact On Girls and Women

- Women experience more job losses, food insecurity and abuse.
- Women are more likely to be employed in the service and informal sectors with higher personal contact and therefore increased probability of infection.
- In terms of going hungry, 41 percent of women said that hunger is one of their biggest challenges during the crisis, compared with 30 per cent of men.
- Women are also nearly three times more likely (27 per cent) to report mental health impacts from Covid-19 than men (10 per cent).

# **Covid-19: Women, girls bear unequal share of pandemic burden, U.N. warns**

NBC News

- Homeschooling or work "shouldn't be a choice any woman, or any family, should ever have to make," the U.N.'s Amina Mohammed said.
- From child marriage to domestic abuse to online harassment, Mohammed, violence against women increased during the lockdowns as many victims were trapped at home with their abusers.
- According to analysis by the McKinsey & Company, women's jobs are 1.8 times more vulnerable to the Covid-19 crisis than men's jobs.

# Zonta Talk- Zonta Cares: Our Response to COVID-19

<https://register.gotowebinar.com/recording/8348798904819602187>

- Zonta International Website – COVID-19 Resource Hub
- Encouraged to:
  - Raise your voice
  - Work with other organizations
  - Work through UN partnership
- Support Zonta International projects
  - Let us Learn Madagascar; \$35 for girls to stay, \$55 for school materials for 22 girls
  - Jordan \$70 recovery bags for domestic violence victims, \$275 for birthing kits for 25 babies for Syrian Refugees.



# Other Zonta Club projects

- London- Purchased secret phones and grocery store vouchers for women in need.
- Toronto – Repurposed items for other service. Gloves for birthing kits donated to Frontline workers
- Other clubs donated food products, sausage, to food bank.
- Many clubs used money that would have been spent for club dinners to various causes, such as domestic violence, food banks, etc.

## **Zonta Club of Mankato- Zonta Nurtures Hope**

- Advertised a Mentoring program conducted on Zoom.
- Six Panelist, non Zonta members
- 39 attended with potential of five new members
- Other potential topics for Service and member recruitment
  - Women's future worth
  - Empty Nester
  - Caregivers
  - Women Rising after COVID-19
  - New Moms
  - Aging

# Hong Kong II Club

- Sourced 100,000 single-use surgical masks for seven nongovernmental organization partners.
- Supported Much Talent by employing women to sew 2,000 reusable fabric masks for low-income families.
- Donations made to St. James' Settlement's food support program, benefiting 300 single-mother families and Love Project by Gingko House, providing 3,000 meals for the elderly and the unemployed.
- Participated in a Mighty Oaks' gifts for elders' program, 200 love boxes for the vulnerable







Considering the money they would usually spend at their monthly dinner meetings, the club decided to ask members to contribute what they felt comfortable with to a fund to support their local [Women's Refuge](#).

The Refuge's initiative at the time was a Safe Night for \$20. The club, with 16 members, raised a total of \$1,700.

The money was enough for 85 safe nights for some women in need, during a time when the need for the services at Women's Refuge has increased.

## Zonta Club of Tuguegarao Reach Out to Women Amidst COVID-19 Pandemic

### Bags of C.A.R.E. (Covid Assistance & Response Essentials) Project.



- Hygiene kits for female Persons Under Monitoring (PUMs)
- Surgical masks, nitrile gloves, and digital thermometers for the fronliners of Piat MHU.
- Gallons of alcohol, face shields, sterile gloves, and surgical masks were also given to the Municipal Health Units of Alcala and Lal-lo in Cagayan Province.

# Hawaii - Kaua'i Club volunteered at Independent Food Bank

- Zonta members worked side by side with several Kauai credit unions to pack food donated by Kauai Independent Food Bank.
- A total of 296 bags were packed within one hour due to the many hands who volunteered with the food distribution on June 18, 2020.
- Zonta member Cyndi Ayonon coordinated over 20 volunteers for this service, and this was a great way to involve potential members through volunteerism with other Zontians.



## Zonta Club of Johnson County Provides Support for Victims of Rape

Provide clothing for rape victims when they leave the hospital, providing pants (pajama, sweats, yoga, jeans, etc.) new or gently used, and panties of all sizes as needed.

The plan is to keep them stocked at the ER to allow the victims to leave fully clothed and with a bit more dignity.





# Alleviate social isolation



- Your club can model from Dorot in NYC, how to identify lonely, homebound and vulnerable people, develop a training webinar for calling.
- Develop a telephone chain to keep in touch with older members of your club, religious organization or school.
- Develop a process to mail cards to shut-ins and nursing home residence.
- Promote on your ZONTA club social media a program to assist parents with tutoring children or keeping children entertained at a distance while parents are trying to work.

# Community Service

- American Red Cross indicated need for blood. Donate blood to local blood bank.
- Participate in or start a “mutual aid network.” People post needs such as groceries, pharmacy pick-ups, translation services, etc.
- Appreciate your local essential workers such as nurses, police, EMS, transit workers, long-term care workers by having pizza, donuts, or other treats delivered to them.
- Participate in BeMyEyes app which assists the sight impaired by reading recipes, instructions or even opening articles from the closet.



- Contact local homeless shelters to see what they need and how to donate.
- Donate supplies such as face masks and sanitizer to essential workers.
- Sew face mask using pattern and instructions per approval by 64 Hospitals <https://threadsmothly.com/free-fabric-face-mask>



# Reaching out

- Volunteer to answer questions from students who want to be you when they grow up.

<https://www.careervillage.org/join/for-professionals/>

- Want to help low-income students on your own schedule? Sign up as a coach today <https://upchieve.org/volunteer>

- Virtually Mentor HS Students for the Fresh Air Fund: Weeknights 6-8 PM

<https://www.idealists.org/en/volunteer-opportunity/02a7ae138e4340dcbb7313b45f6e266e-virtually-mentor-hs-students-for-the-fresh-air-fund>





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