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Dear NVG&G-members,

In this newsletter, and to the best of our knowledge, we aim to provide an update of the latest sex- and gender-related knowledge, literature, and news on Covid-19 and sex/gender. We still need your help! Please send us resources, links to media outlets, literature, etc, so that we can disseminate quickly (info@genderengezondheid.nl). Our focus is not on the biological and medical aspects of the outbreak alone, but rather we aim for a broad overview and understanding of coronavirus COVID-19 and how it is related to sex and gender.

We will collect the information and disseminate it to the gender and health community and our members. Thank you so much in advance! Stay safe, and warm regards,

on behalf of the board Dutch Society Gender & Health (NVG&G),
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Updates from the Gender and COVID-19 Working Group can be found via the link .	
Working Group COVID-19 and Gender Joining the group email Rosemary Morgan Rosemary.Morgan@jhu.edu	https://docs.google.com/document/d/1_QfLS6Z90w_1rPM-jdeKC_IQXTcwA8Z4kF8Z5CerZrk/edit
The gender and COVID-19 Working Group is working on a call for integrating gender in clinical trials	

General information International			
<i>Source</i>	<i>Title</i>	<i>Link</i>	<i>Content</i>
WHO	Emergency. Coronavirus disease (COVID-19) pandemic	https://www.who.int/	News, information, links, situation reports, latest numbers, online training
WHO	Rolling updates on coronavirus-disease (COVID-19)	https://www.who.int/news-room/feature-stories/detail/who-health-alert-brings-covid-19-facts-to-billions-via-whatsapp	Offers the possibility for updates through WhatsApp
Centers for Disease Control CDC	Coronavirus (COVID 19)	https://www.coronavirus.gov/	
National Institutes of Health NIH	COVID-19 is an emerging, rapidly evolving situation	https://www.nih.gov/health-information/coronavirus	Research updates
Nacoti et al. (2020)	At the Epicenter of the Covid-19 Pandemic and Humanitarian Crises in Italy: Changing Perspectives on Preparation and Mitigation. NEJM, March 21 2020.	https://catalyst.nejm.org/doi/full/10.1056/CAT.20.0080	“Western health care systems have been built around the concept of patient-centered care, but an epidemic requires a change of perspective toward a concept of community-centered care.” “Coronavirus is the Ebola of the rich and requires a coordinated transnational effort. It is not particularly lethal, but it is very contagious. The more medicalized and centralized the society, the more widespread the virus.”
Ars Technica	Don't panic: The comprehensive Ars Technica guide to the corona virus	https://arstechnica.com/science/2020/03/dont-panic-the-comprehensive-ars-technica-guide-to-the-coronavirus/	Updated daily at 3 PM EDT.
New South Wales Government Australia	Latest updates on COVID-19 (Coronavirus)	https://www.health.nsw.gov.au/Infectious/diseases/Pages/covid-19-latest.aspx	Age and sex breakdown of confirmed cases, plus other information
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Adams, J.G., Walls, R.M. (2020)	Supporting the Health Care Workforce During the COVID-19 Global Epidemic. JAMA, March 12, 2020. doi:10.1001/jama.2020.3972	https://jamanetwork.com/journals/jama/fullarticle/2763136	Focus on recommended barrier precautions (such as masks, gloves, gowns, and eye wear) and other measures, mainly on hospital – no gender perspective.
Ioannidis, J. (2020)	Coronavirus disease 2019: the harms of exaggerated information and non-evidence-based measures. European Journal of Clinical Investigation, Editorial https://doi.org/10.1111/eci.13222	https://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/doi/abs/10.1111/eci.13222	Abstract: The evolving coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) pandemic is certainly cause for concern. Proper communication and optimal decision-making is an ongoing challenge, as data evolve. The challenge is compounded, however, by exaggerated information. This can lead to inappropriate actions. It is important to differentiate promptly the true epidemic from an epidemic of false claims and potentially harmful actions.
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General information The Netherlands			
<i>Source</i>	<i>Title</i>	<i>Link</i>	<i>Content</i>
De Correspondent	“Corona in Context. Een gids die je helpt de pandemie te begrijpen”	https://decorrespondent.nl/11037/corona-in-context-een-gids-die-je-helpt-de-pandemie-te-begrijpen/4017550909944-d9fdf3ca	Overview of news and resources, you can send your recommendations for literature and The Correspondent will disseminate it further
Federatie Medisch Specialisten FMS	Informatie COVID-19	https://www.demedischspecialist.nl/	Dagelijkse update, nieuws, webinars
KNMG	Homepage Medisch Contact	https://www.knmg.nl/home/medisch-contact-2.htm	Nieuws
KNMG		https://www.knmg.nl/actualiteit-opinie/nieuws/nieuwsbericht-corona/coronavirus-1.htm	Verwijspagina en informatiebronnen voor dokters en patiënten

Landelijke Huisartsen Vereniging LHV	Coronavirus (22/3): alle informatie op een rij	https://www.lhv.nl/actueel/nieuws/coronavirus-223-alle-informatie-voor-huisartsen-op-een-rij	Actuele informatie voor huisartsen
Nederlandse Federatie van Universitair Medische Centra NFU	Alle informatie rondom coronavirus: COVID-19	https://www.nfu.nl/actueel/covid-19	Laatste ontwikkelingen rondom coronavirus
Nederlands Huisartsen Genootschap NHG	Dossier coronavirus	https://www.nhg.org/coronavirus	Adviezen voor de praktijk, afgestemd met Rivm
Renata Verloop	Communicatietips Corona	https://www.renataverloop.nl/communicatietips-corona	Rijksoverheid, Thuisarts.nl, Rivm, Pharos, Kinderombudsvrouw, NJI, Stichting Lezen en schrijven etc.
Rijksoverheid	Coronavirus COVID-19	https://www.rijksoverheid.nl/onderwerpen/coronavirus-covid-19	
Rijksinstituut voor Volksgezondheid en Milieu RIVM	COVID-19 Richtlijnen en draaiboeken	https://lci.rivm.nl/richtlijnen/covid-19	For GGD-en and hospitals
RIVM	Actuele informatie over het nieuwe coronavirus (COVID-19)	https://www.rivm.nl/nieuws/actuele-informatie-over-coronavirus	General information, updates, also in English
RIVM	Informatie over coronavirus (COVID-19) voor zorgprofessionals	https://www.rivm.nl/coronavirus/covid-19/informatie-voor-professionals	In Dutch. Voor zorgmedewerkers binnen en buiten de ziekenhuizen en zorgverleners in de uitvaartbranche
ZonMw, 31 January 2020	NWO en ZonMw: open access in strijd tegen coronavirus	https://www.zonmw.nl/nl/actueel/nieuws/detail/item/nwo-en-zonmw-open-access-in-strijd-tegen-coronavirus/	Oproep van ZonMw en NWO aan uitgevers en onderzoekers om publicaties Open Access te maken
ZonMw, 18 March 2020	Gevolgen COVID-19 uitbraak voor subsidierondes ZonMw	https://www.zonmw.nl/nl/actueel/nieuws/detail/item/gevolgen-covid-19-uitbraak-voor-subsidierondes-zonmw/	Nieuwe subsidierondes niet open tot 13 april. Indieningstermijn van openstaande subsidieoproepen met deadline tussen 17-3 t/m 30-4 wordt met 2 maanden verlengd. Indieningstermijn voor voortgangs- en eindverslagen met 3 maanden verlengd. Waar nodig budget neutrale verlenging.

Sex/gender and COVID-19 – Science and reports

Note: some papers refer to Ebola – lessons learned may be useful for the COVID-19 outbreak

Author	Title/journal	Link	Key points
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Global Menstrual Collective: COVID-Related Resources		https://docs.google.com/document/d/1gPQspbiWSWsfllTQ2j-2PvIbQuGTPLAkshRDYsCLRs/edit	Articles, documents, video's etc about COVID-19 and menstruation
Elshafeey et al. (2020)	A systematic scoping review of COVID-19 during pregnancy and childbirth. Gynaecology & Obstetrics, 24 April 2020	https://obgyn.onlinelibrary.wiley.com/doi/abs/10.1002/ijgo.13182	Background: Clinical presentation and outcomes of COVID-19 infection during pregnancy remain limited and fragmented. Objectives: To summarize the existing literature on COVID-19 infection during pregnancy and childbirth, particularly concerning clinical presentation and outcomes. Search strategy: A systematic search of LitCovid, EBSCO MEDLINE, CENTRAL, CINAHL, Web of Science, and Scopus electronic databases. The references of relevant studies were also searched. Selection criteria: Identified titles and abstracts were screened to select original reports and cross-checked for overlap of cases. Data collection and analysis: A descriptive summary organized by aspects of clinical presentations (symptoms, imaging, and laboratory) and outcomes (maternal and perinatal). Main results: We identified 33 studies reporting 385 pregnant women with COVID-19 infection: 368 (95.6%) mild; 14 (3.6%) severe; and 3 (0.8%) critical. Seventeen women were admitted to intensive care, including six who were mechanically ventilated and one maternal mortality. A total of 252 women gave birth, comprising 175 (69.4%) cesarean and 77 (30.6%) vaginal births. Outcomes for 256 newborns included four RT-PCR positive neonates, two stillbirths, and one neonatal death. Conclusion: COVID-19 infection during pregnancy probably has a clinical presentation and severity resembling that in non-pregnant adults. It is probably not associated with poor maternal or perinatal outcomes. Accepted Article
ACDI/VOCA, 30 April 2020	Addressing the Disproportionate Impact of COVID-19 on Women and Girls	https://www.acdivoca.org/2020/04/addressing-the-disproportionate-impact-of-covid-19-on-women-and-girls/	"Because women and girls are already socioeconomically marginalized in many societies, they are especially vulnerable in emergencies. As a result of the COVID-19 pandemic, women and girls in developing countries face disproportionate hardships, and the progress being made to close existing gender gaps may falter or roll back. For that reason, it is important for the development organizations that serve them to apply a gender and social inclusion lens to their recovery responses."
Meng et al. (2020)	Sex-specific clinical characteristics and prognosis of coronavirus disease-19 infection in Wuhan, China: A	https://doi.org/10.1371/journal.ppat.1008520	Overall, our results highlight sex-specific differences in clinical characteristics and prognosis to COVID-19, which are consistent with the sex-bias observed in other COVID-19 related studies. We also provided more evidence and explored the underlying mechanism with epidemiological analysis. Six candidate laboratory indicators with significant sex differences were considered as potential mediators

	retrospective study of 168 severe patients. PloS Pathogens, 28 April 2020		affecting the prognosis of COVID-19. The age-specific risk distributions of COVID-19 showed a positive correlation between the prognosis and age/ comorbidities, which was significantly affected by sex.
Bettinsoli et al. (2020)	Psychological Impact and Contextual Factors Associated With Physical and Mental Health Conditions of Italian Healthcare Professionals During the Covid-19 Disease Outbreak	http://scholar.google.nl/scholar_url?url=https://psyarxiv.com/w89fz/download/%3Fformat%3Dpdf&hl=nl&sa=X&d=13216781592316812132&scisig=AAGBfm3aa0Bs5kbSwg9-umPdNs8ltSBKrQ&nossl=1&oi=scholaralrt	Non-peer reviewed, not published “Generally, the main findings of this research showed an overall worsening in physical and mental health of hospital workers. Consistently with previous findings on psychological impact of infectious diseases (Lee et al., 2018; Nickell et al., 2004), results from the GHQ scale reported that the 86% of our sample experienced a moderate-to-severe psychological distress during the outbreak, suggesting that healthcare workers should be targeted for immediate assessment and support programs. Furthermore, this research sheds lights also on important gender differences among Italian healthcare workers, namely, female personnel (vs. male) reported a higher risk of incurring in poor psychical and mental health and this result speaks for an additional effort in focusing especially on women while planning future psychological interventions, as already reported in previous work (Lai et al., 2020).”
Inter Parliamentary Union UPU, 29 April 2020	Gender and COVID-19: A guidance note for parliaments	https://www.ipu.org/gender-and-covid-19-guidance-note-parliaments	This new guidance note is designed for parliaments as a resource to help them manage the crisis. It contains recommendations and examples from other parliaments on <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • women’s participation and leadership in parliamentary decision-making on COVID-19 • gender-responsive COVID-19 legislation • overseeing government action on the pandemic from a gender perspective • the roles of MPs in communicating and raising awareness of COVID-19 and its effects; • gender-sensitive parliaments in a time of contagion.
Berlin Institute of Health, April 2020	Sex and gender differences in COVID 19	https://www.bihealth.org/en/about-us/equal-opportunity/sex-and-gender-in-research/sex-gender-and-covid-19/	In April a group of BIH and Charité researchers organized a virtual brainstorming with local and international scientists about sex and gender differences in Covid-19. Dr. Tracey Weissgerber from the BIH Quest Center introduced this inclusive and collaborative online format to the group and facilitated the virtual brainstorming. During 48 hours, 30 participants from around the world discussed aspects of gender specific differences in prevention and treatment as well as the importance of gender specific data collection during the Covid-19 pandemic. One important point all participants agreed on is, that we need data that include sex/gender and other dimensions to better understand sex and gender specific differences in Covid-19. Ongoing meta-research shows that many Covid-19 preprints do not report sex and

			gender. Participants in the virtual brainstorming day are working together to improve reporting
OECD Development Matters	COVID-19: time for gender inclusive decision-making	https://oecd-development-matters.org/2020/04/21/covid-19-time-for-gender-inclusive-decision-making/	Mainstreaming gender equality is an intrinsic part on the road to recovery from COVID-19.
European Trade Union Committee for Education	COVID-19 must not set the clock back on gender equality	https://www.csee-etu.org/en/policy-issues/covid-19/3712-the-covid-19-pandemic-must-not-set-the-clock-back-on-gender-equality	The COVID-19 pandemic and the quarantine measures implemented by most European governments are especially hard on women, as recently pointed out by the European Institute for Gender Equality (EIGE). Women are more likely to face a significant increase in unpaid care work, precarious employment schemes, and an increase in gender-based violence and harassment. 73% of education workers are women, and ETUCE calls for education employers and authorities to take the different needs of men and women into account when planning measures to contain the outbreak and its consequences.
The Physiological Society, n.d.	Does coronavirus affect men and women differently?	https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=A3c-fbVnwDI	In this video, we speak to Sabra Klein, Professor at the Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health about sex differences in relation to COVID-19.
UN Women, COVID-19 Gender Update	COVID-19 Gender Update: Women's leadership, newsmakers, voices from the front lines and more	https://www.unwomen.org/en/get-involved#subscribe	Subscription for regular updates via email
Women Deliver	Join Our Call – Tell Leaders to Apply a Gender Lens to COVID-19	https://us7.campaign-archive.com/?u=e69da45c3392f8ea394c1b872&id=4627a0d235&e=[UNIQID]	Members of the Deliver for Good Campaign call on governments to take the following actions to put girls, women, and gender equality at the center of COVID-19 preparedness, response, and recovery:
The Global Network of Women's Shelters (www.gnws.org),	GNWS board members, and continental/regional networks are hosting free weekly webinars for shelter organizations and other GBV NGOs from around the world to share strategies and challenges in helping survivors of violence during the COVID-19 pandemic.	Webinar 7, Wed May 6 pm Washington, DC / 8am Australia - Fundraising to keep shelter services going during a public health crisis. Register now . https://nnev.zoom.us/join/register/WN_lw-70abjRVaTqWw47MF4Dw	Recordings online earlier webinars: GNWS Webinar 1, March 25 Coronavirus and women's shelters: Planning, preparation and response to the COVID-19 pandemic. View recording . https://shelterasia.org/2020/03/27/video-and-ga-from-the-coronavirus-and-womens-shelters-planning-preparation-and-response-to-the-covid-19-pandemic-webinar/ Webinar 2, Wednesday April 1 Report on Coronavirus Webinar 2: Policy perspectives on protection of victims of domestic violence. View recording . https://shelterasia.org/2020/03/27/video-and-ga-from-the-coronavirus-and-womens-shelters-planning-preparation-and-response-to-the-covid-19-pandemic-webinar/

			<p>Webinar 3, Wednesday, April 8 Using technology to support victims during a public health crisis. View recording. https://bit.ly/GNWSTech</p> <p>menengage-member-listserv@googlegroups.com</p>
WIDE, Feminists transforming Economic Development,	COVID-19 from a feminist perspective: overview of different articles published	https://wideplus.org/2020/03/26/covid-19-crisis-from-a-feminist-perspective-overview-of-different-articles-published/	This article presents a selection of the different feminists perspectives and information shared, with links to further overviews. We aim in this way to contribute to the further discussion for a feminist future.
Emancipator, n.d.	Initiatief is genomen door Emancipator: https://www.emancipator.nl/	http://www.mannenberaad.nl/	"We zitten midden in een crisis. Veel mannen zitten thuis en lijden door de coronacrisis onder stress of andere klachten. Mensen zitten dicht op elkaar of zijn juist geïsoleerd. Geluiden over geweld in relaties en gezinnen worden steeds luider. Emancipator wil mannen graag een helpende hand bieden en mannen die lijden onder stress een plek bieden waar ze hun vragen en zorgen kwijt kunnen. Onze Zwitserse MenEngage- en MenCare-partner Männer.ch heeft een Survivalkit voor Mannen Onder Druk uitgebracht. Die is door Emancipator vertaald en wordt verspreid."
Center for Strategic and International Studies, 27 April 2020	Gender and Immunizations within the Covid-19 Landscape	https://www.csis.org/analysis/gender-and-immunizations-within-covid-19-landscape	Approaches that acknowledge the important roles women play in family immunizations that take gender differences in vulnerability to infection with Covid-19 and access to health care services into account should include several steps.
UNWomen, 27 April 2020	Far from the spotlight, women workers are among the hardest hit by COVID-19 in Bangladesh	https://www.unwomen.org/en/news/stories/2020/4/feature-women-workers-hardest-hit-by-covid-19-in-bangladesh	"As of 14 April 2020, there were 1,012 confirmed cases in Bangladesh. With numbers mounting daily, COVID-19 is already having significant and disproportionate effects on Bangladeshi women."
European Commission, JRC Science for Policy Report	How will the COVID-19 crisis affect existing gender divides in Europe?	https://publications.jrc.ec.europa.eu/repository/bitstream/JRC120525/covid_gender_effects_f.pdf	"The present report is a first attempt to assess potential consequences of the covid-19 outbreak on women and on gender equality in Europe. The report was produced in April 2020, with the aim of informing policy making about the possible impacts of the crisis. Timing does not allow for reporting about actual impacts, as there is hardly any data available on the topic yet. Instead, this work provides an overview of the status quo in some relevant aspects of gender inequalities before the crisis and makes informed predictions on what is likely to happen during the crisis and also after."
UN Women, 27 April 2020	Five women on the frontlines of COVID response	https://medium.com/@UN_Women/five-women-on-the-frontlines-of-covid-response-a6b8fa3a7c51	On World Day for Safety and Health at Work, here are the stories of just five women on the front lines.
New Security Beat, 27 April 2020	Gender, Masculinity, and COVID-19	https://www.newsecuritybeat.org/2020/04/gender-masculinity-covid-19/	What does this mean for policy moving forward? If in fact these relationships between gender expectations, behavior, and disease vulnerability hold, it means we

			must pay greater attention to how traditional masculinity contributes to detrimental health behaviors.
VOX (Onafhankelijk magazine van de Radboud Universiteit), 24 April 2020	'Blijf thuis' is niet voor iedereen een veilig advies	https://www.voxweb.nl/nieuws/blijf-thuis-is-niet-voor-iedereen-een-veilig-advies	"Huiselijk geweld tegen vrouwen en kinderen neemt toe door de coronacrisis. Twee Radboud-wetenschappers, betrokken bij de hulp voor slachtoffers, leggen de mechanismes daarachter uit. 'Het beeld van de eigen mannelijkheid kan veranderen.'"
New Zealand Foreign Affairs and Trade, 23 April 2020	Joint United Nations statement on gender-based violence under COVID-19	https://www.mfat.govt.nz/en/media-and-resources/news/joint-uk-united-nations-statement-on-gender-based-violence-under-covid-19/	New Zealand with six others led a joint statement signed by 146 UN member states calling for action to address the rise of gender based and domestic violence under COVID-19. The following statement is current at 23 April 2020.
UN Women, 23 April 2020	How men can help shift gender norms during COVID-19 crisis - #HeForShe	https://asiapacific.unwomen.org/en/news-and-events/stories/2020/04/how-men-can-help-shift-gender-norms-during-covid-19-crisis-heforshe	"More must be done to mitigate the specific impacts this crisis is having on women. Men have a duty to help, and an opportunity to reset gender norms going forward. Here are five concrete measures they can take now to shoulder their share of the burden, and avoid making things worse for the women in their lives"
Society for Women's Health Research, 23 April 2020	Sex and Gender: Critical Considerations in COVID-19 Research and Response	https://swhr.org/sex-and-gender-critical-considerations-in-covid-19-research-and-response/	"For 30 years SWHR has advocated for researchers to study sex and gender differences in health and disease in order to improve health outcomes for both women and men. The COVID-19 pandemic is providing a stark example of why sex and gender must be critical considerations in health care." "The lack of a unified process nationwide process for reporting information on sex and gender differences in COVID-19 puts us at a distinct disadvantage in trying to understand the virus and respond adequately."
Norman, J. London School of Economics and Political Science, 23 April 2020	Gender and Covid-19: the immediate impact the crisis is having on women	https://blogs.lse.ac.uk/politicsandpolicy/gender-and-covid19/	"We cannot expect women in high-risk jobs to continue to put their lives on the line without liveable pay and permanent contracts, including adequate sick pay. We cannot demand that migrant nurses pay for the NHS twice but then cannot pay their rent. If COVID-19 shows us anything, it is that we can do things differently. And we must."
IFPRI (International Food Policy Research Institute), 22 April 2020	Why gender matters in COVID-19 responses – now and in the future	https://www.ifpri.org/blog/why-gender-matters-covid-19-responses-%E2%80%93-now-and-future#.XqBAb5D98V4.twitter	"Controlling the COVID-19 pandemic in low- and middle-income countries will require applying basic health, hygiene, and physical distancing measures well. Daily implementation of these will largely depend on women, but they face many obstacles men do not. Neha Kumar, Agnes Quisumbing, Ruth Meinzen-Dick, and Claudia Ringler provide lessons and evidence on how women can be empowered to play these roles within the gender dynamic contexts they face—and in ensuring the crisis does not roll

			back recent gains.—John McDermott, series co-editor and Director, CGIAR Research Program on Agriculture for Nutrition and Health (A4NH).”
UN-Women, 22 April 2020	COVID-19 sends the care economy deeper into crisis mode	https://data.unwomen.org/feature/s/covid-19-sends-care-economy-deeper-crisis-mode	“The COVID-19 crisis puts the fragility of the care economy into sharp relief. Women comprise 70% of health workers globally and even higher shares of care-related occupations such as nursing, midwifery and community health work, which all require close contact with patients. The risks these front-line workers take to save lives are compounded by poor working conditions, low pay and lack of voice in health systems where medical leadership is largely controlled by men. Beyond the health system, other neglected parts of the care economy face increasing strain and require urgent relief and support. The vast amount of unpaid and poorly paid care and domestic work that women have always done is the backbone of the response to COVID. Unpaid family caregivers, community-based health workers, domestic workers and long-term care workers are essential workers in this crisis – but rarely recognized as such.”
VOX CEPR Policy Portal, 22 April 2020	COVID-19 and gender gaps: Latest evidence and lessons from the UK	https://voxeu.org/article/covid-19-and-gender-gaps-latest-evidence-and-lessons-uk#.XqBRcCBccTs.twitter	“The social distancing and lockdowns associated with the COVID-19 crisis has hit service sectors with frequent interactions between consumers and providers which cannot be done from home. At the same time, it has added education and childcare services to pre-existing home production needs. This column combines survey data from the UK with occupation classifications to show that that – unlike previous recessions – the current crisis is harming women’s labour market prospects more than those of men and that women are also likely to be on the receiving end of the bulk of increased home production requirements.”
UNESCO, 21 April 2020		https://en.unesco.org/news/mapping-online-articles-covid-19-and-gender	Resources on gender and COVID-19
OECD, 21 April 2020	Women Leaders Virtual Roundtable on COVID-19 & the Future issues call to put women and girls at the centre of response	http://www.oecd.org/newsroom/women-leaders-virtual-roundtable-on-covid-19-and-the-future-issues-call-to-put-women-and-girls-at-the-centre-of-response-efforts.htm	21/04/2020 - On 20 April 2020, Phumzile Mlambo-Ngcuka, Executive Director of UN Women, and Gabriela Ramos, OECD Chief of Staff and Sherpa to the G20, convened and chaired the <i>Women Leaders Virtual Roundtable on COVID-19 and the Future</i> to address the disproportionately negative impact the COVID-19 pandemic has on women and girls and to identify and prioritize policy measures that facilitates a more gender-inclusive recovery path. The women leaders (full list below), ranging from Heads of State and Government, including President, Prime Minister and Vice-President, to Civil Society, head of global women’s movement and Youth leaders, represented the voices of women from various sectors to share their advice based on their experience from before and during this crisis. The engaging and dynamic discussion confirmed that women’s leadership is more needed than ever to go through this crisis.

World Bank Blogs, 20 April 2020	The coronavirus is not gender-blind, nor should we be	https://blogs.worldbank.org/voices/coronavirus-not-gender-blind-nor-should-we-be?cid=SHR_BlogSiteShare_EN_EXT?cid=SHR_BlogSiteShare_EN_EXT	“Pre-existing gender gaps may intensify the adverse effects of COVID-19. In fact, there is a high risk that gender inequalities will widen during and after the pandemic and that gains in women’s and girls’ accumulation of human capital, economic empowerment, and voice and agency, painstakingly built over the past decades, will be reversed. To formulate policies that are not gender-blind, it is important to understand the different ways that the COVID-19 pandemic and accompanying economic crisis may affect gender equality outcomes.”
NCD Alliance, 20 April 2020	Gender, COVID-19, and NCDs - illuminating men's neglected vulnerability	https://ncdalliance.org/news-events/blog/gender-covid-19-and-ncds-illuminating-mens-neglected-vulnerability	As yet, initiatives to improve men’s health in relation to NCDs, as well as more widely, are far from mainstream. A recent analysis of the gender-related policies and practices of around 200 global health organisations found that none focuses specifically on men. If the Sustainable Development Goal on health and wellbeing is to be met, the international public health community must pay greater attention to men, especially those sub-groups of men who, because of their location, income, race, sexuality or other indicator of disadvantage, have the poorest health outcomes. COVID-19 has illuminated many stark inequities in health, including men’s experiences of NCDs (noncommunicable diseases). The health problems affecting men can no longer be overlooked. But the need for action on men’s health must not detract from parallel efforts to improve women’s health, nor from the continuing need to recognise and tackle the many areas of public and private life where men remain privileged and dominant. Both sexes have an inalienable right to the best possible health and to gender equality.
SRHM (Sexual and Reproductive Health Matters), 19 April 2020	Abortion in the context of COVID-19: a human rights imperative	https://www.tandfonline.com/doi/full/10.1080/26410397.2020.1758394	Past global health emergencies show that access to safe abortion can be negatively impacted during crises, yet abortion services are more essential now than ever. Compelling continuation of unwanted pregnancies is recognised as a human rights violation in several circumstances, including where there are foreseeable physical or mental health impacts for pregnant persons. Further, pregnancy carries heightened risks during crises and COVID-19 may create new barriers to pregnancy-related care. Conclusion: As states move to halt the devastation of COVID-19, women’s right to safe abortion must not be forgotten. With reducing contraceptive supplies, overburdened health systems, job losses, and increasing risks of violence, women must be able to prevent and/or manage unwanted pregnancies, not only for their own health and well-being, but also to support effective public health responses to prevent and treat COVID-19. The pandemic has placed a spotlight on the ways in which existing legal frameworks — even in countries with “liberal” abortion laws — continue to undermine access to this essential health service by failing to recognise the safety of medication abortion, including through telemedicine. Permitting women to undertake safe self-managed abortion with telemedicine counselling, is not simply

			<p>about harm reduction; it is a human rights imperative and would also be a critical step toward complying with states' binding international legal obligations.</p> <p>Disclaimer</p> <p>As a service to authors and researchers we are providing this version of an accepted manuscript (AM). Copyediting, typesetting, and review of the resulting proofs will be undertaken on this manuscript before final publication of the Version of Record (VoR). During production and pre-press, errors may be discovered which could affect the content, and all legal disclaimers that apply to the journal relate to these versions also.</p>
GIWPS (Georgetown Institute for Women, Peace and Security), 17 April 2020	At the Intersection of Vulnerabilities: The Plight of Women and Girls Experiencing Homelessness During the Global Coronavirus Pandemic	https://giwps.georgetown.edu/at-the-intersection-of-vulnerabilities-women-and-girls-experiencing-homelessness-during-the-global-coronavirus-pandemic/	<p>"Although women and girls experience homelessness at a lower rate than men, their experience of homelessness and housing insecurity differs significantly from that of their male counterparts. Unlike men, women and girls' vulnerability to homelessness and housing insecurity is highly associated with factors related to domestic violence, child marriage, lack of access to high-wage occupations, human trafficking, and lack of access to childcare. Women from minority groups are in an even more precarious position, owing to their intersectional identities and dynamics that intensify their experiences of discrimination. As a result, it is not surprising that quarantines and mandatory lockdowns imposed by governments to curb the spread of COVID-19 are deepening already-entrenched gender inequalities and disrupting the lives of women and girls experiencing homelessness in a disproportionate manner."</p>
Gausman, J., Langer, A. (2020)	Sex and Gender Disparities in the COVID-19 Pandemic. Commentary. J Womens Health, 29(4)	https://www.liebertpub.com/doi/pdfplus/10.1089/jwh.2020.8472	<p>It is urgent that we adopt a gender lens to study the pandemic and its effects, including the policies and actions that are put into place at the global, country, and local levels. This may be especially important in disadvantaged populations and resource-poor communities, where women are especially vulnerable. The public health community must ensure that existing health and social services meant to support women in the face of their unique needs do not disappear in lieu of the all-encompassing focus on stopping the pandemic. Furthermore, we argue that special attention needs to be paid to ensure that informal caregivers are supported, informed, and protected. To avoid making existing gender disparities larger as a result of the pandemic, a special body at the U.S. Centers of Disease Control and Prevention is urgently needed to track sex disaggregated data and analyze policies related to COVID-19 using a gender lens.</p>
Tang, K. et al. (2020)	Sexual and reproductive health (SRH): a key issue in the emergency response to the coronavirus disease (COVID- 19) outbreak,	https://reproductive-health-journal.biomedcentral.com/articles/10.1186/s12978-020-0900-9	<p>The novel coronavirus disease (COVID-19) outbreak was first declared in China in December 2019, and WHO declared the pandemic on 11 March 2020. A fast-rising number of confirmed cases has been observed in all continents, with Europe at the epicentre of the outbreak at this moment.</p>

	Reproductive Health, 17, no 59		Sexual and reproductive health (SRH) and rights is a significant public health issue during the epidemics. The novel coronavirus (SARS-CoV-2) is new to humans, and only limited scientific evidence is available to identify the impact of the disease COVID-19 on SRH, including clinical presentation and outcomes of the infection during pregnancy, or for persons with STI/HIV-related immunosuppression. Beyond the clinical scope of SRH, we should not neglect the impacts at the health system level and disruptions or interruptions in regular provision of SRH services, such as pre- and postnatal checks, safe abortion, contraception, HIV/AIDS and sexually transmitted infections. Furthermore, other aspects merit attention such as the potential increase of gender-based violence and domestic abuse, and effects of stigma and discrimination associated with COVID-19 and their effects on SRH clients and health care providers. Therefore, there is an urgent need for the scientific community to generate sound clinical, epidemiological, and psycho-social behavioral links between COVID-19 and SRH and rights outcomes.
Dowling, C. from European Institute of Peace, n.d.	Why we need gender perspectives in our global solutions to COVID-19	http://www.eip.org/en/news-events/why-we-need-gender-perspectives-our-global-solutions-covid-19	COVID-19 is indiscriminate. It has made us aware that regardless of race, sex, religion and status, we are all vulnerable to contracting the virus. Governments and populations are taking precautions to protect populations with higher fatality rates. Although containing the virus is the key priority, measures should be considered on how to combat the ways in which COVID-19 is likely to aggravate the already existing social political and economic inequalities in society.
World Bank, 16 april 2020	Gender dimensions of the COVID-19 pandemic. Policy note	https://openknowledge.worldbank.org/bitstream/handle/10986/33622/Gender-Dimensions-of-the-COVID-19-Pandemic.pdf?sequence=1	The COVID-19 outbreak is impacting societies around the world in an unprecedented manner. However, not everyone, in every place, will be affected in the same way. Considering how the pandemic affects particular groups will help raise the effectiveness of containment efforts and minimize the potential negative impacts. This note focuses on one of such groups: Women and girls. Experiences from previous pandemics ¹ show that they can be especially active actors for change, while they can also experience the effects of the crisis in different (and often more negative) ways. Given that the COVID-19 is not gender-blind, the response to it should not be either. Based on the existing evidence and emerging trends the note summarizes key gender differentiated transmission channels and impacts on outcomes across the three areas of endowments, economic conditions, and agency . It also provides recommendations for action (see Table 1). This is a living document, to be completed as more data and analysis are made available.
World Bank, 10 April 2020	Gender and COVID-19 (coronavirus)	https://www.worldbank.org/en/topic/gender/brief/gender-and-covid-19-coronavirus	Resources on gender and COVID-19

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The Guardian, 4 May 2020	Male experts dominate UK news shows during coronavirus crisis	https://amp.theguardian.com/tv-and-radio/2020/may/04/male-experts-dominate-uk-news-shows-during-coronavirus-crisis?CMP=Share_AndroidApp_Tweet&_twitter_impression=true	"Almost three times as many male as female experts featured on the UK's flagship TV and radio news programmes in March as the media focused on the political handling of the coronavirus outbreak across Britain." "Howell said: "After lockdown in April, editors made a determined and challenging effort to shift the news agenda to healthcare, and the ratio of expert women to men went up noticeably and was much fairer to women."
The Guardian, 3 May 2020	'I feel like a 1950s housewife': how lockdown has exposed the gender divide	https://amp.theguardian.com/world/2020/may/03/i-feel-like-a-1950s-housewife-how-lockdown-has-exposed-the-gender-divide?CMP=Share_iOSApp_Other&_twitter_impression=true	"It's still expected that women will make their jobs fit around childcare and home schooling, while a man's job comes first."
Vogue, 28 April 2020	Covid-19 has hit women the hardest — here's why	https://www.vogue.com.au/culture/features/covid19-has-hit-women-the-hardest-heres-why/news-story/57ced2da495694029a23d224361a257f	Coronavirus poses a particular threat to male mortality. But behind closed doors, many women and girls around the world are facing challenges that will continue long after social isolation ends, including increased rates of domestic violence and child abuse, restricted contraception access and poverty.
The Telegraph, 28 April 2020	Why do female leaders seem so good at tackling the coronavirus pandemic?	https://www.telegraph.co.uk/global-health/science-and-disease/do-female-leaders-seem-good-tackling-coronavirus-pandemic/	There are caveats, but experts said female politicians from Taiwan to Iceland are leading the way
HLN, 28 April 2020	Waarom mannen gevoeliger zijn voor complicaties van Covid-19: "Virussen erkennen vrouwen als sterkere geslacht"	https://m.hln.be/nieuws/binnenland/waarom-mannen-gevoeliger-zijn-voor-complicaties-van-covid-19-virussen-erkennen-vrouwen-als-sterkere-geslacht~a98ecbc2/	In Dutch. Why men have higher risk for complications of Covid-19
The New York Times, 27 April 2020	Can Estrogen and Other Sex Hormones Help Men Survive Covid-19?	https://www.nytimes.com/2020/04/27/health/coronavirus-estrogen-men.html#click=https://t.co/nlX2xp0eCG	Men are more likely than women to die of the coronavirus, so scientists are treating them with something women have more of: female sex hormones.

IOL, 27 April 2020	Village women's struggle for water worsened by Covid-19	https://www.iol.co.za/saturday-star/news/village-womens-struggle-for-water-worsened-by-covid-19-47191208	The desperate search for clean, free water in the cluster of villages that make up Somkhele has long been a women's burden: walking for as much as six hours, risking sexual harassment and rape. And now, with the threat of Covid-19, the struggle has become more harrowing for the women of Somkhele, a rural area in the northern reaches of KwaZulu-Natal, near the Hluhluwe-iMfolozi Game Reserve.
Irish Times, 27 April 2020	Domestic violence reports up 30% in some areas since lockdown, says Garda	https://www.irishtimes.com/news/crime-and-law/domestic-violence-reports-up-30-in-some-areas-since-lockdown-says-garda-1.4238362	Garda sources told The Irish Times that reports of domestic violence had increased by almost 25 per cent since the coronavirus lockdown period began last month, with higher spikes in some areas.
The Diplomat, 27 April 2020	India's COVID-19 Gender Blind Spot India's women stand to lose from the country's COVID-19 policies in many ways.	https://thediplomat.com/2020/04/indias-covid-19-gender-blind-spot/	"Women, who make up around half the nation's population, also remained largely absent from the government's COVID-19 policy, to the extent that the government had to be reminded that feminine hygiene products like sanitary napkins were essential items during the lockdown."
AD, 27 April 2020	Landen met vrouwelijke leiders doen het beter: toeval?	https://www.ad.nl/buitenland/land-en-met-vrouwelijke-leiders-doen-het-beter-toeval~ae0d3208/?fbclid=IwAR0mtrniiV9kueEfaOfKdPAeyrftVy2181jYyDjAgvi1UR2ZePQGvK65m0E	In Dutch. Is it coincidence that the approach of the Coronavirus of Germany, New-Zealand and Taiwan have positive effects are being led by a woman?
Sarajevo Times, 27 April 2020	Problems during COVID-19 Pandemic: 64 Percent of Women in Bosnia and Herzegovina experienced Violence	https://www.sarajevotimes.com/problems-during-covid-19-pandemic-64-percent-of-women-in-bosnia-and-herzegovina-experienced-violence/	The results of the OSCE Survey on Well Being and Safety of Women in BiH showed that almost one in two women survived some form of abuse including intimate partner violence since the age of 15. In addition, 64% of women in BiH can be considered as conflict-affected, while the indicated prevalence of current partner violence is higher among those women whose current partner fought in a conflict that those whose partner did not. The Mission finds this data worrying in light of the current situation. Lockdown and self-isolation during the COVID-19 pandemic heighten the risk of gender-based violence. Women and children are the most susceptible to abuse and need increased protection in times like these and authorities are urged to ensure that they are kept safe from abusers.
Rfi, 27 April 2020	Activists appeal to AU as abuse against women, girls soars under Covid-19	http://www.rfi.fr/en/africa/20200427-activists-appeal-to-au-as-abuse-against-women-girls-soars-under-covid-19	Women from 48 of 54 African countries, have appealed to the African Union and Africa Centre for Disease Control and Prevention to provide financial support to the continent's women and girls during the Covid-19 pandemic. Violence, and child marriage.

Scientific American, 26 April 2020	Our Response to COVID-19 Is Male-Centric	https://blogs.scientificamerican.com/voices/our-response-to-covid-19-is-male-centric/	Opinion vby Alyson J. McGregor "...I'm concerned that our male-centric medical system is missing the opportunity to gather crucial information about COVID-19 patients that could potentially save lives and reduce pandemic severity in the future."
CNN, 26 April 2020	Researchers should study how Covid-19 affects women	https://amp.cnn.com/cnn/2020/04/25/opinions/coronavirus-research-women-blumenthal/index.html?_twitter_impression=true	Opinion by Susan Blumenthal. "While HIV and the novel coronavirus differ in many respects, we can apply the lessons we learned from HIV to this deadly new pandemic. As we race to find effective treatments and a vaccine, the inclusion of women and minorities in clinical trials is critical."
News Medical Life Sciences, 26 April 2020	Women more concerned about COVID 19	https://www.news-medical.net/news/20200426/Women-more-concerned-about-COVID-19.aspx	"Studies also show that women seem to be worrying more about getting infected than men."
The Star, 26 April 2020	Women leaders and alpha males up against Covid-19	https://www.thestar.com.my/news/focus/2020/04/26/women-leaders-and-alpha-males-up-against-covid-19	Some of Asia's more successful battles with the coronavirus first identified in Wuhan have been in territories where women have been in charge. They include Taiwan and Hong Kong as well as the small southern Indian state of Kerala where a woman holds the health portfolio. In Europe, Germany and Norway – two nations that are winning favourable notice in the fight against the bug – are led by women.
NRC, 24 April 2020	Gaan vrouwelijke leiders beter met de coronacrisis om?	https://www.nrc.nl/nieuws/2020/04/24/gaan-vrouwelijke-leiders-beter-met-de-coronacrisis-om-a3997796	Do women leaders deal better with the coronacrisis?
NRC, 24 April 2020	Vrouwen in de frontline, mannen aan het roer	https://www.nrc.nl/nieuws/2020/04/24/vrouwen-in-de-frontlinie-mannen-aan-het-roer-a3997807	Women at the frontline, men behind the wheel
The Lily (A product of The Washington Post, The Lily of today is a place for the curious minded and for those who want to be heard), 24 April 2020	Women academics seem to be submitting fewer papers during coronavirus. 'Never seen anything like it,' says one editor.	https://www.thelily.com/women-academics-seem-to-be-submitting-fewer-papers-during-coronavirus-never-seen-anything-like-it-says-one-editor/	"Men are submitting up to 50 percent more than they usually would"

The Guardian, 24 April 2020	Sexism on the Covid-19 frontline: 'PPE is made for a 6ft 3in rugby player'	https://www.theguardian.com/world/2020/apr/24/sexism-on-the-covid-19-frontline-ppe-is-made-for-a-6ft-3in-rugby-player	NHS professional bodies, experts and trade unions have warned that female healthcare workers' lives are being put at risk because personal protective equipment is designed for men. As one frontline NHS worker put it: "PPE is designed for a 6 foot 3 inch bloke built like a rugby player." Dr Helen Fidler, the deputy chair of the British Medical Association (BMA) UK consultants committee, said: "Women's lives are absolutely being put at risk because of ill-fitting PPE. We know that properly fitted PPE works, but masks are designed for a male template, with the irony being that 75% of workers in the NHS are female."
Vox, 23 April 2020	COVID-19 susceptibility, women, and work	https://voxeu.org/article/covid-19-susceptibility-women-and-work	his column re-examines the data on women in Italy and finds that working-age women are more susceptible to the disease than working-age men, likely due to women's over-representation in jobs – namely, health and education – that expose them to a higher risk of contagion. Policies that count on women replacing men as lockdowns lift could aggravate the problem rather than solve it.
The Globe and Mail, 23 April 2020	Do we know why men seem to be at greater risk of dying from COVID-19 than women?	https://www.theglobeandmail.com/life/health-and-fitness/article-do-we-know-why-men-seem-to-be-at-greater-risk-of-dying-from-covid-19/	Officially known as SARS-CoV-2, this coronavirus is so new that researchers cannot say with any certainty why infected men are at a greater risk of death than women. "This is all very speculative," says Dr. Cara Tannenbaum, scientific director of the Institute of Gender and Health at the Canadian Institutes of Health Research in Montreal. Some experts believe that the reason for the stark divergence in mortality rates might be found in the fact that the immune systems of men and women are not identical.
CTV News, 22 April 2020	Women disproportionately 'bearing the brunt' of coronavirus crisis, advocates say	https://beta.ctvnews.ca/national/canada/2020/4/22/1_4907309.html	"TORONTO -- As they treat patients as front-line health and service workers, bear the brunt of child-care responsibilities, risk gender-based violence, and face economic uncertainty in low-paying precarious work, women are being disproportionately affected by the coronavirus pandemic. That's according to several women's rights advocates who argue that more support is needed for women who have already suffered greater job losses, increased risks to their health and safety, and diminished social services as the virus takes its toll."
Financial Times, 22 April 2020	Coronavirus: the big questions	https://www.ft.com/video/e17f6e62-6c4b-4de9-990a-e0515550b40a	UN Women executive director Phumzile Mlambo-Ngcuka speaks to the FT's Vanessa Kortekaas about the role women are playing in the fight against the pandemic, why they must be visible on the global stage and the impact of this crisis on the fight for gender equality
Quillette, 22 April 2020	Covid-19's gender gap	https://quillette.com/2020/04/22/covid-19s-gender-gap/	"Are men's deaths their own fault? The Lancet suggests men's deaths are related to "behaviours associated with masculine norms." What do they mean by this? Well, there is no doubt that some

			behaviours can impact health, and some of these behaviours show sex differences. For example, men smoke cigarettes more than women do, and wash their hands less. Both of these behaviours have been suggested as the reason why men die more from COVID-19, mainly because hand-washing reduces the chance of infection, and smoking reduces lung capacity, making it easier for the coronavirus to take hold there.”
Oliver Wyman, 21 April 2020	Can COVID-19 spur gender balance in finance?	https://www.oliverwyman.com/our-expertise/insights/2020/apr/can-covid-19-spur-gender-balance-in-finance.html	“Women who work in the financial services sector and women who are customers of financial services are vulnerable to all these effects. As such, financial services companies have a role to play in reducing the impact on women who work in the sector and who are their customers.””
Inside HigherED, 21 April 2020	No Room of One's Own	https://www.insidehighered.com/news/2020/04/21/early-journal-submission-data-suggest-covid-19-tanking-womens-research-productivity#.Xp8EZIU-SEA.twitter	“Early journal submission data suggest COVID-19 is tanking women's research productivity. It was easy to foresee: within academe, female professors would bear the professional brunt of social distancing during COVID-19, in the form of decreased research productivity. Now the evidence is starting to emerge. Editors of two journals say that they're observing unusual, gendered patterns in submissions. In each case, women are losing out. Editors of a third journal have said that overall submissions by women are up right now, but that solo-authored articles by women are down substantially.”
The Independent, 20 April 2020	Female NHS staff at risk due to not being able to 'access protective gear correctly sized for women'	https://www.independent.co.uk/news/uk/home-news/coronavirus-ppe-women-wrong-size-doctors-nurses-uk-cases-a9476766.html?utm_medium=Social&utm_source=Twitter#Echobox=1587486176	“The British Medical Association, the professional organization for doctors, hit out at the fact personal protective equipment (PPE) tends to be designed for the “size and shape of male bodies”, despite the fact that 75 per cent of NHS workers are women.”

Corona and intersectional inequality

Observations, opinions, statistics and news updates about the corona outbreak and social and medical disparities across the globe

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Population Council Knowledge Commons, dpt. Poverty, Gender and Youth Brasseux, C., Ngo, T.	Case reports of COVID-19 in the United States by poverty, gender and race: A data review protocol	https://knowledgecommons.popcouncil.org/departments_sbsr-pgy/977/ DOI	The COVID-19 pandemic is evolving fast and affecting rich and poor countries; however, the social determinants of the infections, deaths, and recoveries have not been well characterized. While there is increasing discussion of COVID-19 socio-demographics in the media, no systematic compilation of data exists that synthesizes what and how official reporting platforms disaggregate socio-demographic
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		10.7910/DVN/SAHDY3	information of COVID-19 cases, hospitalizations, and deaths. This review will provide a comprehensive overview of what and how federal and local health officials report COVID-19 cases. Having this information nationally and sub-nationally can help health officials to deploy a more targeted response effort—such as testing, treatment, and contact tracing. This information could be useful for future vaccine development. This data review can reveal gaps in our public health data system, which can lead to recommendations on how to improve data standardization, disaggregation, and reporting, particularly for tracking outbreaks. This protocol may be replicated in other countries to understand how socio-demographic factors are being reported and their relationship to COVID-19 cases.
Adams-Prassl et al. (2020) IZA Institute of Labor Economics	Inequality in the Impact of the Coronavirus Shock: Evidence from Real Time Surveys. DISCUSSION PAPER SERIES ISSN: 2365-9793 IZA DP No. 13183	http://ftp.iza.org/dp13183.pdf	Inequality in the Impact of the Coronavirus Shock: Evidence from Real Time Surveys* We present real time survey evidence from the UK, US and Germany showing that the labor market impacts of COVID-19 differ considerably across countries. Employees in Germany, which has a well-established short-time work scheme, are substantially less likely to be affected by the crisis. Within countries, the impacts are highly unequal and exacerbate existing inequalities. Workers in alternative work arrangements and in occupations in which only a small share of tasks can be done from home are more likely to have reduced their hours, lost their jobs and suffered falls in earnings. Less educated workers and women are more affected by the crisis.
The Guardian, 25 April 2020	Poorer expectant mums lose over £4,000 through 'unfair' anomaly in benefits	https://amp.theguardian.com/society/2020/apr/25/poorer-expectant-mums-lose-over-4000-through-unfair-anomaly-in-benefits?_twitter_impression=true	"Pregnant women on the lowest incomes are being denied vital financial support during the Covid-19 crisis, according to unions and women's support groups, who are calling for urgent reforms to universal credit."
Pareek, M., et al. (2020)	Ethnicity and COVID-19: an urgent public health research priority The Lancet, Published Online April 21, 2020 https://doi.org/10.1016/S0140-6736(20)30922-3	https://www.thelancet.com/pdfs/journals/lancet/PIIS0140-6736(20)30922-3.pdf	Only two (7%) of 29 publications reported ethnicity disaggregated data (both were case series without outcomes specific to ethnicity). We found that none of the ten highest COVID-19 case-notifying countries reported data related to ethnicity; UK mortality reporting, for example, does not require information on ethnicity.