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Building back equitably: Spotlight on Covid-19 and women workers in global value chains



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The crisis triggered by Covid-19 has severely disrupted global value chains, with a disproportionate impact on millions of women workers. This webinar outlines differences between sectors (agri-food and apparel), categories of worker (permanent, casual etc.), and levels of national protection. It examines why women are more exposed through concentration in insecure jobs, the need to juggle paid work with household impacts (including child and health care), and risks of gender-based violence. It argues that without deliberate action, Covid-19 could set back hard-won gains experienced by women working in GVCs by decades. Discussion will examine how to build back more equitable value chains that: benefit all workers (women and men) through better rights, voice and protection; enhance value chain resilience; and contribute to more sustainable development.

The opening lecture by Prof. Barrientos will launch the conversation with attending participants, who are invited to share their views and ongoing research. The webinar builds on research for the UK FCDO flagship programme Work and Employment Opportunities for Women (WOW). See

https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/925778/Building-back-equitably.pdf

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