



BIRDSALL HOUSE

CONFERENCE SERIES ON WOMEN

7th Annual Birdsall House Conference Series on Women

COVID as a Gendered Crisis: Forging a Shared Agenda for Inclusive Recovery

Tuesday, November 9, 2021 10:00 AM – 12:45 PM ET

Description:

In early 2021, CGD launched the [COVID-19 Gender and Development Initiative](#) with two objectives: increase the importance of gender equality on the policy agendas of global decision-makers in COVID response and recovery, and generate resources to ensure their decisions are evidence-based. Since then, our initiative's research has focused on three questions: How has the COVID-19 crisis exacerbated pre-existing gender inequalities? To what extent have donor institutions and policymakers considered these effects in their response efforts? And what else is needed to ensure women and girls don't get left behind in COVID recovery?

Now, nearly a year later, through CGD's annual [Birdsall House Conference](#), we invite researchers, practitioners, investors, and advocates to discuss the latest evidence on COVID's gendered impacts and contribute to proposing and enacting a shared agenda for an inclusive recovery.

Proposed Agenda:

10:00 – 10:10 AM ET: Opening Remarks

10:10 – 10:55 AM ET: Session 1 – COVID-19's Gendered Impacts: What Does the Data Tell Us?

The first session of the conference focuses on the latest research on the gendered impacts of the COVID-19 crisis, with an emphasis on low- and middle-income countries.

Presentation: Shelby Bourgault, Gender Research Assistant, CGD

Moderator: Charles Kenny, Senior Fellow, CGD

Panel: Ben Leo, CEO and Co-Founder, Fraym

Karen Garcia-Rojas, Head of the Differential and Intersectional Statistics Unit, DANE

Amy Oyekunle, Lead Consultant, Monii Development Consult

Isadora Quay, Gender in Emergencies Coordinator, CARE

5 min break

11:00 – 11:45 AM ET: Session 2 – Integrating Care, Cash, and Data into Crisis Response Efforts

How have donors and policy-makers responded to the mounting evidence that women and girls have disproportionately borne the negative impacts of the pandemic? In this panel we discuss how policy responses centered on “care, cash, and data” have been used to mitigate these impacts.

Moderator: Mayra Buvinic, Senior Fellow Emeritus, CGD

Panel: Pablo Zoido Lobaton, Education Lead Specialist, IDB

Daniela de los Santos, Programme Associate Officer – Inclusive Growth and Social Protection

Gender Team, RBLAC-UNDP

Babatunde Olumide Omilola, Manager – Public Health, Security and Nutrition Division, AfDB

Charlotte Pram Nielsen, Senior Health Specialist, Global Financing Facility

5 min break

11:50 – 12:35 PM ET: Session 3 – The Next Chapter and Recovery: What Else is Needed?

Our final session features representatives of donor institutions and speakers with on-the-ground knowledge of the evolving needs of women and girls for a discussion on how to ensure a more gender-inclusive recovery.

Moderator: Megan O'Donnell, Policy Fellow and Assistant Director of Gender, CGD

Panel: Nitya Nangalia, Coordinator – Social Enterprises and Central Team Member, SEWA Bharat

Roopa Hinton, Social Development Advisor, FCDO

Laura Alferts, Director – Social Protection Program, WIEGO

Andrew Hurst, Economic Growth and IFIs Division, Global Affairs Canada

12:35 – 12:45 PM ET: Closing Remarks