

# THE WORLD'S WOMEN 2020: TRENDS AND STATISTICS

## COVID-19 IS AFFECTING WOMEN AND MEN DIFFERENTLY

Women above age 20 appear to be more likely to be diagnosed with COVID-19, while men in all age groups under age 80 are more likely to die from it.



**MOST CASES WERE  
AMONG WOMEN**



**AT AGES 20–80**



**MOST DEATHS WERE  
AMONG MEN**



## WOMEN ARE ON THE FRONT LINES OF FIGHTING THE CORONAVIRUS



**WOMEN ACCOUNT FOR 70%  
OF HEALTH AND SOCIAL WORKERS**

## THE "GLASS CEILING" STILL KEEPS WOMEN OUT OF STRATEGIC FUNCTIONS

The "glass ceiling" still keeps women in support management positions rather than allowing them access to strategic management functions.

**28%**

**OF MANAGERS**

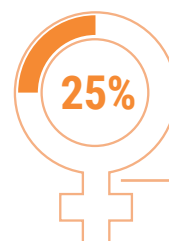
**18%**

**OF CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICERS**

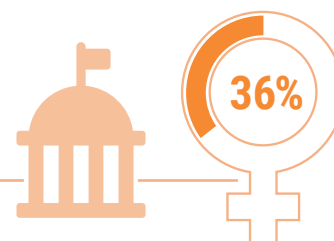
**WERE WOMEN**



## WOMEN REPRESENT



**IN NATIONAL  
PARLIAMENTS**



**IN LOCAL  
GOVERNMENT**

## GENDER DISPARITIES PERSIST IN THE FIELDS OF STUDY AND WORK

In tertiary education, enrolment is increasing faster for women than for men. However, gender disparities persist in the fields of study chosen by women and men. Women continue to be underrepresented among graduates in the STEM fields and in ICT jobs.



**35%**

**OF STEM  
STUDENTS**



**20%**

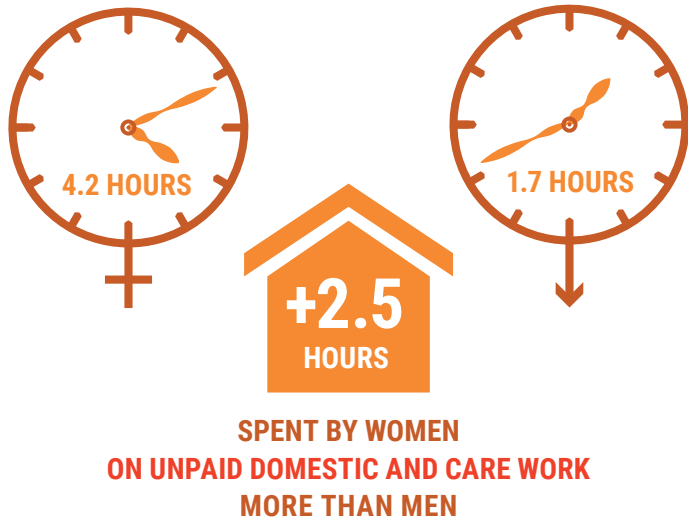
**OF ICT  
PROFESSIONALS**

**ARE WOMEN**

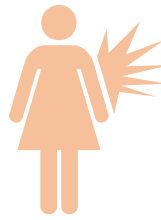
## HEAVIER LOADS OF UNPAID WORK KEEP WOMEN OUT OF THE LABOUR MARKET



Family responsibilities and the unequal distribution of unpaid domestic and care work between women and men add to women's daily work and may prevent them from participating in the labour market.



## INTIMATE PARTNER VIOLENCE IS THE MOST COMMON FORM OF VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN



Intimate partner violence is the most common form of violence, peaking during women's reproductive years in both developed and developing countries.



**20%** OF HOMICIDE VICTIMS



**80%** OF INTIMATE PARTNER  
HOMICIDES VICTIMS

**ARE WOMEN**

## DOUBLE BURDEN FOR WOMEN: CARE GIVERS AND GREATER RISK OF ALZHEIMER'S

Marked gender differences in health and mortality patterns are also present in older ages. Women face a double burden: not only they are at higher risk of dementia as they live into older ages, they are also likely to be the main caregivers as partners, daughters and daughters-in-law.



**20% TO 30%**  
WOMEN AGE 70 AND OLDER  
ARE MORE LIKELY THAN MEN  
TO DIE FROM  
ALZHEIMER'S DISEASE AND  
OTHER TYPES OF DEMENTIA

## LONGEVITY HAS IMPLICATIONS IN WOMEN'S LIVES, HEALTH AND WELL-BEING



Gender disparities in longevity in favour of women have implications in their living arrangements as well as for their health and well-being.

