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Gender-responsive economic policies

The experience of Argentina



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Missions

- > To provide a gender perspective to economic policies
- > To close gender gaps

Tools

- Gender-sensitive evidence and diagnosis
- Policy design and planning
- **>** Coordination:
 - within government
 - with other levels of government
 - with international agencies.



NDEEG is reflection and testimony of the belief in the need to have gender-responsive macroeconomic policies.



Gender-responsive economic policies: relief and recovery



Genderresponsive economic policies

Relief policies

- Argentina is the country with the largest number of relief actions with a gender perspective implemented in the context of COVID-19 (COVID-19 Global Gender Response Track, UNDP).
- e.g.: Emergency Family Income ("IFE")
 - Policy: Direct transfer for informal and self-employed workers
 - Scope: 8.9 million people (3 rounds)
 - Financial Inclusion: 4.5 million new bank accounts
 - Composition: 55.7% were women
 - Target: female informal workers with children were the first in receiving it
 - Results: Reduction of poverty in 5 to 6 p.p. Reduction of extreme poverty in 4 to 7 p.p.



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Recovery policies

A sectoral approach was used to identify critical and strategic sectors

e.g. REGISTRADAS:

- Policy: Incentive for the formalization and permanence in employment of domestic workers, where the government pays a part of the worker's salary up to 50% for 6 months on account of the payment made by the employer.
- Results: 7200 domestic workers registered in REGISTRADAS (AFIP, 12/10/2021) 45153 new registered domestic workers (20% more than in 2019) (AFIP, 12/16/2021)



Genderresponsive economic policies

The inclusion of a gender perspective in economic policies boost the economy.



ILO contributions



ILO contributions

How the ILO has contributed to this work:

- Gender-sensitive diagnosis
- Policy making (IFE- REGISTRADAS)
- > Mesa Federal (technical support, in particulae r on gender-responsive sectoral policies)
- Unpaid Care Work Calculator
- Care Infrastructure



Work ahead

Challenges

- Protect recovery
- Gender-responsive growth
- Institutionalization of gender-sensitive approach and tools





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