

GOVERNMENT RESPONSES TO COVID-19: REGIONAL APPENDIX

EASTERN AND SOUTH-EASTERN ASIA AND OCEANIA

Globally, Eastern and South–Eastern Asia and Oceania is the region with the third-lowest number of gender-sensitive measures (188) and the second-lowest measure density, averaging 5.2 measures per country/territory. With regard to women’s representation on COVID-19 task forces, the region averages 15% women members and 22% women leaders, which is lower than the global average for membership (24%) but a higher than average share of women’s leadership (18%). Timor-Leste has the highest share of women members on task forces (43%) in the region, while China stands out with two women-led task forces. The region ranks third when it comes to the number of measures to confront violence against women and

girls (107 measures in 25 countries/territories) and unpaid care measures (21 measures in 10 countries/territories). High-income countries/territories, such as Japan, Republic of Korea and Singapore, account for more than half of all unpaid care measures in the region. While measures to address violence against women and girls are found relatively evenly throughout the region, Fiji stands out with one of the most comprehensive responses to violence against women, both in the region and globally. Eastern and South–Eastern Asia and Oceania has the second-lowest number of measures (60) that prioritize women or female-dominated sectors for receipt of fiscal subsidies, social protection or employment support.

TABLE A-1
Most common gender-sensitive measures in Eastern and South–Eastern Asia and Oceania

VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN	WOMEN’S ECONOMIC SECURITY	UNPAID CARE WORK
Awareness-raising campaigns (21)	One-off cash prioritizing women as recipients (10)	Cash-for-care (6)
Police and justice sector responses to address impunity (16)	Equity injections: public sector subsidies to businesses in female-dominated sectors (8)	Support for childcare services, including for essential workers (4)
Helplines and reporting mechanisms (14)	Cash transfers prioritizing women as recipients (7)	Support for long-term care for older persons and care for persons with disabilities (3)

Note: Value in parenthesis is the total count per measure type in the region

FIGURE A-1

Number and percentage of gender-sensitive measures out of all social protection and labour market measures in Eastern and South-Eastern Asia and Oceania

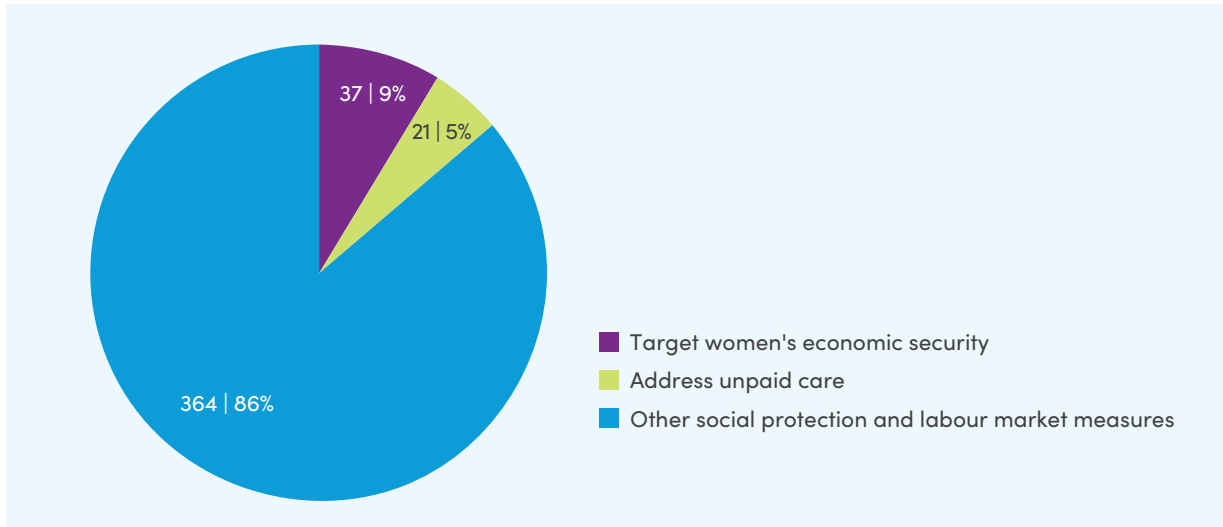


FIGURE A-2

Average share of women members in COVID-19 task forces in Eastern and South-Eastern Asia and Oceania

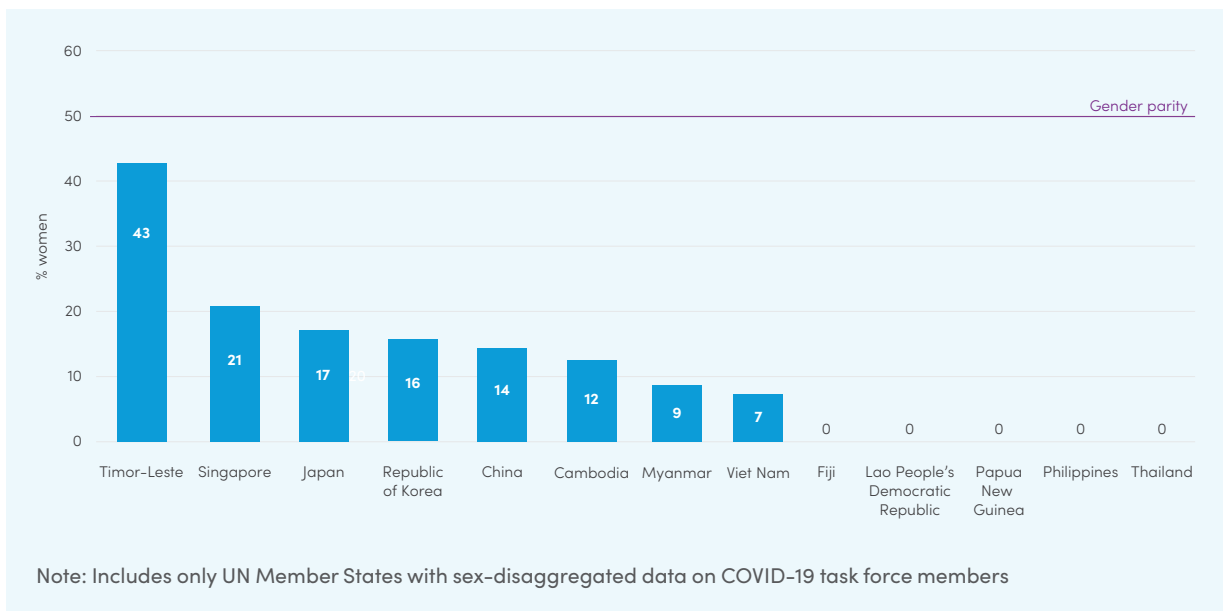


TABLE A-2

Number and type of gender-sensitive measures and share of women COVID-19 task force members, by country/territory in Eastern and South-Eastern Asia and Oceania

COUNTRY/ TERRITORY	TOTAL NUMBER OF GENDER- SENSITIVE MEASURES	VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN	WOMEN'S ECONOMIC SECURITY	UNPAID CARE WORK	AVERAGE SHARE OF WOMEN IN NATIONAL COVID-19 TASK FORCES
American Samoa	2	1	1	0	31.0% (3)
Brunei Darussalam	2	2	0	0	--
Cambodia	11	9	2	0	11.6% (3)
China	9	2	5	2	13.9% (2)
China, Hong Kong Special Administrative Region	6	0	6	0	40.0% (1)
China, Macao Special Administrative Region	0	0	0	0	--
Cook Islands	3	0	0	3	--
Fiji	16	14	2	0	0.0% (1)
French Polynesia	0	0	0	0	--
Guam	0	0	0	0	33.3% (1)
Indonesia	13	8	4	1	--
Japan	11	2	6	3	16.7% (1)
Kiribati	5	5	0	0	--
Lao People's Democratic Republic	2	1	1	0	0.0% (1)

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Malaysia	11	4	6	1	--
Marshall Islands	3	2	1	0	--
Micronesia (Federated States of)	2	2	0	0	--
Mongolia	7	3	1	3	--
Myanmar	14	6	8	0	9.1% (2)
Nauru	1	1	0	0	--
New Caledonia	1	0	0	1	--
Niue	0	0	0	0	--
Northern Mariana Islands	0	0	0	0	--
Palau	0	0	0	0	--
Papua New Guinea	1	0	1	0	0.0% (1)
Philippines	6	1	5	0	0.0% (1)
Republic of Korea	8	0	3	5	15.8% (1)
Samoa	5	3	1	1	--
Singapore	9	7	1	1	21.2% (2)
Solomon Islands	10	8	2	0	--
Thailand	6	6	0	0	0.0% (1)
Timor-Leste	3	3	0	0	42.9% (1)

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Tonga	8	6	2	0	--
Tuvalu	3	2	1	0	--
Vanuatu	7	7	0	0	--
Viet Nam	3	2	1	0	7.1% (1)
REGIONAL TOTAL	188	107	60	21	15.2% (23)

Notes: Value in parenthesis is the total count of task forces with sex-disaggregated data. "--" indicates "no data."