Gender-responsive economic policies

The experience of Argentina
Gender-Responsive Economic Policies (GREP)

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1 National Directorate of Economy, Equality and Gender
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
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.
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)
The inclusion of a **gender perspective** in economic policies boost the economy.
3 ILO contributions
How the ILO has contributed to this work:

- Gender-sensitive diagnosis
- Policy making (IFE- REGISTRADAS)
- *Mesa Federal* (technical support, in particular on gender-responsive sectoral policies)
- Unpaid Care Work Calculator
- Care Infrastructure
4 Work ahead
Challenges

1. Protect recovery

2. Gender-responsive growth

3. Institutionalization of gender-sensitive approach and tools