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Project Information Sheet

Gender and COVID-19

Collaborative health research agenda setting for evidence informed action and accountability

Thank you for your interest in participating and contributing to this exercise.
Please read this information section carefully before filling up this form and providing your
consent to participate.

What do we request from you?

The process involves your contribution on a discussion board (4-5 questions, open for 2 weeks) and two surveys (within the thematic groups, and joint ranking across groups).

We will ask you to choose how involved you would like to be in this process. There are different roles outlined in this process.

As a general member, the minimum contribution expected is:

- Provision of conflict of interest and reflexivity (disclosure of personal identities that influences opinions) statement
- Completion of the profile (on discussion board), and at least one response in all main questions' threads (discussion board), including responding to the probes of moderators, and overall compliance with forum etiquette outlined.
- Completion of two surveys sent through email- one within thematic groups, and one joint across the whole group
- Participation in 1-2 Zoom calls over the course of the exercise



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In addition to your contributions to the discussion boards & prioritization exercise as a general member, we are also asking for volunteers for the following roles (should you have the time and interest).

As a moderator, you will be requested to additionally moderate the discussion boards by probing the responses, based on a simple set of guidelines developed to assist the analysis process

As a translation checker, you will be asked to check the translation quality using the Google Translate feature on the site to assist any group members who prefer to read and communicate in their preferred language.

As a co-lead, you are expected to play a leadership role within the thematic group. This will include liaising with the steering team on the scope, and general themes of the discussions, including strategies to encourage implementation of the research agenda. Ideally, you should have experience in the broad thematic area. We are looking for two co-leads per group- one with, and one without research backgrounds/ or academic area of work.

As a thematic group coordinator (nominal pay provided), you will track the completion of group tasks, and conduct a real-time qualitative analysis of the discussion board, and prepare group reports within the discussion groups, and support the steering team with the final report.

Consenting to participate in the project and withdrawing from the research

The consent process involves digitally completing this consent form. Once submitted, we will consider that you have consented to the terms and expectations of this process.

You have the right to decline from participating and also withdrawing after completing submission on discussion boards or surveys.

Withdrawal will mean that your personal data will be erased from our personal data records and your contributions will not be directly reported in any outputs from this process. However, the contents of your input may still be used to inform the research direction and thematic understanding.

You are assured that direct references that link your responses to you or your organization will not be made in publicly published or disseminated outputs from this process.



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Payment/remuneration

Your involvement in this exercise is voluntary, and you will not be financially compensated for your input and time unless otherwise indicated.

Acknowledgements

Should you agree, we would include your name and affiliation in a list of participants in any publicly available/disseminated outputs from this process.

Further information & link

For further details, please visit; <https://iigh.unu.edu/about/unu-iigh/pillar-two/research-agenda-setting-for-gender-and-covid-19-an-invitation>

Concept note:

https://i.unu.edu/media/iigh.unu.edu/publication/7658/AgendasettingGenderCovidResearch_Final.pdf

If you would like to discuss this project further, or are displeased or concerned with the process during this exercise, please contact the steering team at agendasetting@unu.edu

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