

COVID-19

GNWP Mitigation and Adaptation Strategy and Appeal

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Country Update

Azerbaijan

As of April 16, 2020, there have been 1,253 confirmed COVID-19 cases, including 13 deaths, in Azerbaijan. [1] In response, the government has also announced a special quarantine regime until April 20, 2020. This includes social distancing, cancelling and prohibition of all meetings of more than 10 people, restriction on travel within country, and closure of border. All major meetings and events have been cancelled and schools and universities have been closed across the country. Many government agencies have moved their work online, and the non-essential businesses, such as cafes and restaurants, have closed.

Impact on women and on peace and security:

- Temporary workers, the majority of whom are women, are disproportionately affected by job cuts. This increases the likelihood that women will take on high-risk work for their economic survival.
- Women constitute the majority of frontline healthcare workers in Azerbaijan. Young women are also the majority of employees of grocery stores and other "essential businesses" that have remained open throughout the pandemic. Civil society has also expressed concerns that the financial burden that the COVID-19 crisis is placing on the government will lead to the delay in the adoption of the NAP on UNSCR 1325 and the fulfilment of the government's obligations under the WPS agenda.

[1] Worldometer, „COVID-19 CORONAVIRUS PANDEMIC“, 16 April 2020, Available at: <https://www.worldometers.info/coronavirus/#countries>, accessed 16 April 2020.