



EUROPEAN ANTI POVERTY NETWORK **ES**

EAPN-ES measures on Gender Violence in the coronavirus crisis¹

March 25, 2020

¹ Translation of the document: "[Medidas sobre Violencia de Género de EAPN-ES en la situación de crisis provocada por el coronavirus](#)"

Measures on Gender Violence gathered by EAPN Spain “Gender and Inequality” working Group:

- Women in poverty do not always access the available protection resources for victims of gender violence because they do not have their own telephones, available internet data or access to email. Poverty can increase in the current context and **special attention must be paid to offer resources to cover the basic needs of women and their sons and daughters too.**
- In relation to the “digital divide”, we should always consider that we are starting from a digital gender divide that can make it very difficult for women to access resources, so **we have to include a gender perspective in our response to the current technological demands.**
- Regarding the procedures for reporting situations of gender-based violence and breaking sentence orders, some organizations have detected that the state’s law enforcement agencies are not picking up the complaints due to the actual state of alarm. Therefore, it is proposed to **transfer to the state security forces the need to continue guaranteeing the safety of these women and that is important to avoid the paralysation of the procedures for collecting complaints** considering the exceptional circumstances.
- In confinement, the increased coexistence with the aggressor is a risk factor and it is necessary to be more aware of these situations in which there is no possibility to make the complaint from home. Being allowed to exit the houses only to reach the closest supermarket and/or pharmacy, we propose that the measures that are taking place in some Autonomous Communities, regarding the care in Pharmacies to these situations, could be carried out at the state level. An example could be “Mascarilla-19”, an initiative launched by the Government of the Canary Islands and the two Pharmaceutical Colleges of the islands: **implementing measures to help victims in other establishments such as pharmacies.** For this, it is necessary to raise awareness within society, in order to spread these initiatives and, at the same time, send to pharmacies a protocol of action, in order to support women looking for help.
- **In order to react to situations of immediate residential emergency** due to gender violence or trafficking that leads to homelessness, the lack of necessary resources has been detected, as hotels that are currently closed were sometimes used. Therefore, we request to provide **all territories with safe and accessible emergency accommodations.** Following examples, such as the Barcelona City Council, which has allocated 200 tourist apartments for the accommodation of vulnerable families and women victims of gender violence during confinement.

- In situations where **women victims of gender violence have reduced mobility**, we request to **provide social workers or social organizations with the necessary means to avoid the suspension of home visits**, since in many cases it's impossible to use a phone and other emergency resources that involve leaving the house.
- Due to the current state of alert, the family meeting points, where minors are usually delivered, have been closed with no other option available to protect victims of violence, so we request to **promote alternatives to facilitate these deliveries and ensure a safe environment for children**.
- Given this situation, **it is essential to keep and foster the coordination at regional level between NGOs and public bodies**.
- As organizations of the third sector, we recognise that during this crisis local and community care and support networks are working properly, so we request to promote and disseminate **these community initiatives at the state level, in order to facilitate to victims of gender violence more information on these situations**. Also allowing, in these cases, the possibility to move to another home (family or neighbours) for these situations.
- Continue spreading information of still available resources, such as the phone number "016", so that there is no perceived lack of protection for the population at risk.
- Finally, relating to data collection, we want to emphasize the importance of having access to data disaggregated by sex, in order to effectively identify and measure with a gender perspective.

Measures and proposals to share within the third sector:

- Continue to apply a proper gender perspective in a cross-cutting manner also in this context, so that it won't be blurred under the label of "vulnerable people". In order to underline the structural inequality suffered by women.
- Promote coordination between organizations in emergency situations and considering the availability of resources.

Nuestras redes y entidades miembro

19 redes autonómicas:

EAPN-Illes Balears- Xarxa per la Inclusió Social • Red **Andaluza** de Lucha contra la Pobreza y la Exclusión Social • Red **Aragonesa** de Entidades Sociales para la Inclusión • Red Europea contra la Pobreza y la Exclusión Social en **Castilla y León** • Red Europea de Lucha contra la Pobreza y la Exclusión social en **Asturias** • Red Europea de Lucha contra la Pobreza y la Exclusión Social de **Canarias** • Red Europea de Lucha contra la Pobreza y la Exclusión Social en **Castilla-La Mancha** • Red Europea de Lucha contra la Pobreza y la Exclusión Social en **Euskadi** • Red **Madrileña** de Lucha contra la Pobreza y la Exclusión Social • Red de Lucha contra la Pobreza y la Exclusión Social de la **Región de Murcia** • Red Europea de Lucha contra la Pobreza y la Exclusión Social de **Extremadura** • Red Europea de Lucha contra la Pobreza y la Exclusión Social de **Melilla** • Red Europea de Lucha contra la Pobreza y la Exclusión Social en **Cantabria** • Red Europea de Lucha contra la Pobreza y la Exclusión Social en **Ceuta** • Red Europea de Lucha contra la Pobreza y la Exclusión Social en el Estado Español de la Comunidad Autónoma de **Galicia** • Red Europea de Lucha contra la Pobreza y la Exclusión Social en **La Rioja** • Red **Navarra** de Lucha contra la Pobreza y la Exclusión Social • Taula d'Entitats del Tercer Sector Social de **Catalunya** • Xarxa per la Inclusió social de la **Comunitat Valenciana**

Y 16 entidades estatales:

Accem • Cáritas Española • Comisión Española de Ayuda al Refugiado (CEAR) • Confederación de Centros de Desarrollo Rural (COCEDER) • Plena Inclusión • Confederación Española de Personas con Discapacidad Física y Orgánica (COCEMFE) • Cruz Roja Española • Federación de Mujeres Progresistas (FMP) • Fundación Cepaim • Fundación Esplai • Fundación Secretariado Gitano • Movimiento por la Paz (MPDL) • Organización Nacional de Ciegos Españoles (ONCE) • Proinvienda • RAIS Fundación • Unión Española de Asociaciones y Entidades de Atención al Drogodependiente (UNAD)



Red Europea de Lucha contra la Pobreza y la Exclusión Social
c/ Tribulete, 18 1º - 28012 Madrid
91 786 04 11 - eapn@eapn.es
www.eapn.es