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## Members Update, issue 5

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### **WIDE+ Joint publication with partners and members: Strengthening Innovative Solutions to Protect Female Migrant and Refugee Rights**

This new publication provides innovative solutions and lessons learned from a transnational collaboration among national migrant feminist associations and groups across Europe. It provides inspirational and relevant examples of practices we have encountered and good practice we have developed in our joint project of migrant feminists and other feminists. It is the result of a two year collaboration between WIDE+, partners and members. The national coordinators were: in Spain, Calala Fund, Mujeres con voz and Red de Mujeres Latinoamericanas y del Caribe en Espana (RED); in Serbia, Atina; in Denmark, K.U.L.U. -Women and Development; and in Sweden, GADIP. Some of the insights:

**“By creating and enhancing equal partnerships between women’s rights and migrant associations across Europe we find ways to help each other. Different groups have different information, so by collaborating and sharing, we learn from those who have done what we want to do and hear how they faced their challenges.”**

Nancy Contreras, GADIP, ABF and Strong Women, Sweden

**“An erosion of women’s self-organizing is damaging. Migrant feminists find it more difficult to raise funds than other women’s rights activists”.**

Gea Meijers, project coordinator, WIDE+

**“It is important that this kind of partnership exists and that the position of migrant women is strengthened because they are at risk of being legally and administratively invisible, and unable to access their rights.”**

Jelena Hrnjak, project coordinator Atina, Serbia

**“We should not only be aware of our oppressions but also of our privileges so we do not reproduce power dynamics upon other comrades.**

**We have to break with patriarchal organisation logics ... and should provide self-care spaces within our organisations, where we can take care of ourselves [including the women that have responsibilities for others, such as children and elders].**

Recommendations from the workshops in Spain

**One easy thing we can all do is to change the way we speak about people. We can refuse to reproduce the oppressive narratives that dehumanize and criminalise. We can remove “illegal” from our lexicon when speaking about people or ways of migrating.”**

Alyna Smith, Advocacy Officer at PICUM (Platform for International Cooperation on Undocumented Migrants)

**“If we want to change and counterattack populism and racist narratives, we need to offer migrant women appropriate platforms from where they can speak from their own perspective”**

Sodfa Daaji, Coordinator at Afrika Youth Movement and organizer Radical Girls project of ENoMW

**“Many migrant women had amazing high skilled careers at home and when they came to the Netherlands, forced to leave and through a dangerous journey, their dream now is to get a job, which is such a waste of skill and talent!”**

Christina Moreno, founder of SheMatters, the Netherlands



## Action Aid UK is seeking case studies and other information to map Feminist Economic Alternatives

ActionAid is undertaking a study on the theme of feminist economic alternatives. The main body of the report will highlight 6-8 examples of models, interventions, strategies and ways of organising economies and engaging in economic activity as feminist alternatives to current mainstream, neoliberal, orthodox approaches to economic development and policy-making".

Although Action Aid will be looking for examples globally, they are particularly looking for case studies from countries and regions in the Global South, where women experience the acutest negative impacts of the current economic model. Policy recommendations will be developed and it plans to launch the report at the WB-IMF Annual meetings in October.

The six themes will be:

1. **Investing in the care economy as a way to recognise, reduce and redistribute women's UCDW, [promote sustainable economic growth??] and foster creation of decent, green jobs.**
2. **Reclaiming public goods from privatization.**
3. **Maximising public financing for gender equality and reversing rising inequalities - progressive and accountable taxation to re-institute the social contract, redistribute wealth.**
4. **Fostering jobs and decent work for women in economies free from violence, including in informal economy.**
5. **Resisting corporate power and demanding accountability.**

## 6. Land, food sovereignty / resisting and rejecting extractivism - ecofeminism.

Members who have suggestions, or would like to get in touch with Action Aid, kindly write [Gea.Meijers23@gmail.com](mailto:Gea.Meijers23@gmail.com).

## Workshop "Gender Equality & Macroeconomics at the World Bank" postponed

The [Bretton Woods Project](#), [ActionAid International](#), [Eurodad](#), [Women in Development Europe+](#) & [Kvinna till Kvinna](#) have postponed the one-day civil society workshop entitled Gender Equality & Macroeconomics at the World Bank from early May to September 2020 to take place in Brussels.

Equally, all the side events that WIDE+ was part of during the UN Commission of the Status of Women (originally planned from 9-14 March in New York) have been cancelled, due to the risk assessment around the corona virus.

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**“Reviving Beijing’s neglected macroeconomic agenda: Tax justice for women’s rights, Friday 13 march at 3.30 PM CET**

Join the CSW64 VIRTUAL parallel event as a part of the Global Days of Action on #TaxJustice for Women’s Rights, under the theme ‘[Make Taxes Work for Women](#)’.

You can subscribe [here](#) if you would like to join us for this webinar.

This event is organized by Tax and Gender Working Group of the Global Alliance for Tax Justice (GATJ) and co-sponsored by: Womankind Worldwide; Bretton Woods Project; Center for Economic and Social Rights (CESR) Asian People’s Movement on Debt and Development; Development Alternatives for Women for a New Era; Tax Justice Network; **WIDE Austria**; Public Services International; Tax Justice Network Africa; Gender and Development Network; Tax and Fiscal Justice Asia; Christian Aid; Action Aid; Society for International (SID) and Oxfam Novib.

**Nearly 90 % of Men & Women Are Biased Against Women: UN Study**

Men present biases higher than 63 percent in both the political and economic dimensions, especially for the indicators “Men make better political leaders than women do” and “Men should have more right to a job than women.”: [read for more](#).



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