Covid-19: Women

Women working on the virus frontline

From bringing medicine to the sick and breaking ground on scientific research, to feeding the hungry and counselling the families of those who have lost loved ones, SA women are making a massive impact in the fight against Covid-19.

Pushing for reform in patent laws to make medicines cheaper

Confused by the negotiations? Several women have come together to mobilise people and pressure for reform of the patent system.

A meaningful victory

Sisihana enterprises, 50 women-owned businesses created to make affordable medicines, isDistinctive and impressive.

But despite the progress, the fight is far from over, women say. The patent system is still a significant barrier to access to affordable healthcare.

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Breaking the barriers

Women such as Dr. Jane MARKET and Dr. Rose Mbuyi are pushing for greater gender equality in healthcare.

It’s time to reform

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A mother’s instinct

Motloung started feeding families, and soon her initiative grew into a community-wide effort.

In the zone, getting behind the crisis’s mask

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Finding the opportunity

Women are seizing opportunities to make a difference in their communities.

Scientist who says ‘what needs to be said’

Scientists have been speaking out, but not always in a way that’s heard.

Helping families grieve without their rituals

Families are grieving in new ways, but the support they need is often overlooked.

Always tough for a woman in funeral sector

Funerals have always been a tough sector for women, but now more than ever.

In the Cape Flats, Cape Town, a group of women are working to make a difference in their community, with the help of the extended family.

Producers, too

Women are not just caring for their families, they are also providing food for the community.

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It is the women who care for her that must not advance in the world’s gender equality.

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