**Background**

According to the ‘UN Framework for the Immediate Socio-Economic Response to COVID-19’ paper published in April 2020, women, older persons, children and youth, those working in urban informal sectors, and many other marginalized people are included in at-risk populations experiencing the highest degree of socio-economic exclusion. In responding to the crisis, therefore, it will be critical to pay specific attention to the dire situations that those people suffer.

Women and girls in urban informal settlements, in particular, have very limited access to employment and to essential services at school and in public life as well. The measures including lockdowns and social distancing to contain the pandemic have made it much more challenging for women in urban slums to carry on their economic activities for livelihoods. Especially, those dependent on daily wages cannot afford to leave work. There is also a growing concern about their safety issues. During COVID-19, sexual harassment and different forms of violence against women continue to occur in public spaces\(^1\). The realities as such have a negative impact on women’s freedom of movement, livelihood opportunities, and access to services.

With these realities in mind, CIFAL Jeju organizes the second round of its webinar on the resilient livelihoods of the urban poor in the COVID-19 context. The event will explore the challenges and opportunities in responding to the crisis from a gender perspective, and

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discuss policy frameworks for COVID-19 response plans with the livelihoods of women and girls in mind.

**Objectives**
- To provide a platform to share good practices and lessons learned
- To discuss how different strategies and policies can be adopted to address the livelihood issues facing women and girls
- To share ideas on how to ensure more equal, inclusive and resilient societies in the COVID-19 context

**Target Audience**
This program is open to government officials and practitioners from CSOs who have been working in the area related to urban poor issues and/or urban resilience.

**Application deadline**
Apply by **4 October 2020 (Sunday)** at: shorturl.at/iuBIR

**Organizer**
UNITAR CIFAL Jeju/Jeju International Training Center

**Website**
http://cifaljeju.org/

**Program Details**
The Zoom meeting will begin **at 16:00 Korean Time (GMT+9) on 7 October.**

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| 7 October (Wed) | 5 minutes | **Welcome Remarks**  
Kyung Hoon SUL, Director of CIFAL Jeju |
|                 | 20 minutes | **Presentation 1**  
Response to the COVID-19 crisis from a gender perspective: challenges and opportunities  
- Lan Mercado, Regional Director for Oxfam in Asia |
|                 | 20 minutes | **Presentation 2**  
Key essentials to policy framework for the response plan with the livelihoods of women and girls focused  
- Maria Holtsberg, Regional COVID-19 coordinator for Asia and the Pacific at UN Women |
|                 | 45 minutes | **Plenary session including Q&A** |

*The above program is subject to change.*