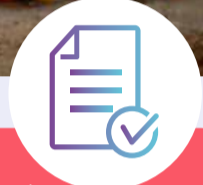


## In Mexico, women have to live closer to poverty

According to the official numbers provided by CONEVAL, there are 65 million women in Mexico and at least 50 million women face poverty.



### SUMMARY

Between 2018 and 2020, the number of people facing social deprivation and inequality to access their basic rights increased. Among the most affected groups we found out that women have been affected significantly, as at least 80% of Mexican women either live in poverty, or they face specific kinds of social deprivation.

In Mexico, the number of people facing poverty increased 3% between 2018 and 2020 as a result of the economic crisis caused by the effects of COVID-19.

The increase of about 3.8 million people who are currently unable to get equal access to goods and services, are also unable to enjoy their rights; this is evidence of the long process we still need to go through in order to reduce the different gaps we find in different matters related to inequality.

Among the most affected social groups, we can observe that women have been hardly affected due to the significant increase of poverty rates.

In Mexico, according to the last study on poverty matters performed by the National Council for Evaluation of Social Development Policy (CONEVAL), we were able to confirm that at least 80% of women suffer the consequences of vulnerability, mainly caused by the lack of incomes and the effects of social deprivations.

In the country, more than 65 million people are women. Among that sector, only 15.5 million women do not face any difficulty or social deprivation. The rest of them, which amounts to 50 million women, have to face specific manifestations of social deprivation, or they have to live in poverty.



### Did you know?

Poverty in Mexico is measured after considering many factors, that is to say, it does not relate only to the amount of money each person owns, but it also relates to many other aspects like decent housing services, public services, healthy food, healthcare, education; just to mention the most important ones.

### Money is not everything

Even when we might think that money and economic stability are the key for avoiding poverty or social deprivation, that is an idea which is quite far from reality. For women specifically the situation is quite complicated.

We may take as a reference that between 2018 and 2020, the number of women unable to have access to the food basket increased by 1 million. In numbers, that means that the increase was from 4.5 million to 5.5 million women unable to buy a basic food basket.

#### Access to healthy and high-quality food



The main deprivations that women have to face take place in the following areas

#### Educational lagging



#### Access to healthcare services



#### Access to social security



### Diversity becomes another obstacle for women

The contrast of the living conditions for women does not relate to the one men have only, because even among women we are able to detect specific groups which are more vulnerable.

This vulnerability is produced by different factors and characteristics caused by economic, social, ethnical, or sexual matters; which unfortunately potentialize the deprivation women have to face in the country.

Unfortunately, indigenous women had to face the most severe problems during the crisis

caused by COVID-19. 83.4% of the indigenous women in the country have to suffer the consequences of specific vulnerabilities in their living conditions, and they are also the biggest number of people living in extreme poverty.

The most difficult part takes place when we check the prices of food, as we are able to detect that almost half of indigenous women are unable to afford a basic food basket, even if they make big efforts on economic issues to be able to do that.

### The main deprivations that women have to face take place in the following areas:

#### The quality and dimensions of living spaces



#### Access to basic housing services



### The combat to inequalities must be equitable

The CMT Welfare Ecosystem Model through its 11 networks creates different integral solutions, which are mainly focused on the development of the living conditions of the people who need support.

At this specific moment the actions we make become fundamental factors because we consider that women are the basis of Mexican society, so; if they get close and effective assistance, it is a fact that their general conditions will improve.