

## About the pandemic and its significance for women\*

The medical and economic crisis we are in right now didn't really take us by surprise. The fact that it has reached such gigantic proportions and has brought forth existential needs, has to do with the system itself, with the way society and work are organized. In the past few years our healthcare system has been economized ruinously and for the economy, making profit has greater importance than human lives. Right now, women are carrying the society, they work in health professions and take care of their families. Those multiple responsibilities, in turn, lead to women being particularly hard hit by Covid-19. Politics try to burden us with medical responsibility, by telling us to stay at home. Of course, we intend to do so, but we still shouldn't fail to notice, that the societal structures don't cushion the crisis, as they actually should be. Here as well women\* are particularly affected: for many women their home isn't a safe place, but rather a place of violence. Due to the individualization of the pandemic-problem social isolation is rising. That is why it's so important to reflect on human values and solidarity, despite this chaotic situation: be mindful and support each other as much as possible.

The measures in connection with corona turn everyday life completely upside down. Fears and worries of infection, loss of work and fewer social contacts lead to many people feeling alone and helpless. The extraordinary situation caused by a lack of external (child-)care can also lead to overburdening of parents. At the same time, people feel trapped in cramped living conditions. The consequences of this unusual situation manifest themselves



in depressive states, panic attacks, suicidal thought or aggression. Although all of us are affected, structurally disadvantaged people are hit harder and more existentially.

Children and women are the majority of whom are affected by domestic violence. People in precarious employments now have financial losses or even lose their jobs. Those who already have psychological problems or suffer from loneliness are hit very hard by this social isolation. When talking about health risks regarding the coronavirus, it must also be mentioned that the drastic measures also cause health consequences.

**Life becomes meaningful through equal contribution.  
Aspiration, solidarity and sharing.  
Solidarity gives life!**

### We as the RoSara

Women\* are disadvantaged in the existing social structures and gender roles, and can thus be caught up in a spiral of toxic male violence. Violence against women\* and children can have physical, psychological and economic aspect; it is always carried out systematically.

RoSara counters this violence with support and sociality by and for women\* - with social, cultural and educational projects in line with the needs of women\*. RoSara sees itself in particular as an independent link between people without a migration background and the institutions that provide unbureaucratic and impartial help to all women\* in need. RoSara has a clear emancipatory, anti-patriarchal and anti-racist stance and focuses on collective solidarity instead of individualistic, neoliberal logic.

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