

WE EMPOWER TRAINING WEBINAR

## The hard realities of working parents and carers in lockdown

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### We asked - you answered!

Distribution and organisation of work.

> Managing the boundaries between work and life.

Increased sense of stress and anxiety.

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Organising and paying for the homeoffice set-up.

## The impact of the pandemic on working families

#### FRAGILE CHILDCARE AND ELDER-CARE SYTEM BEFORE COVID-19 HIT HARD

Underfunded and under-appreciated services were stretched to the maximum, with the virus wreaking havoc in care homes.

#### WOMEN BEARING THE CONSEQUENCES

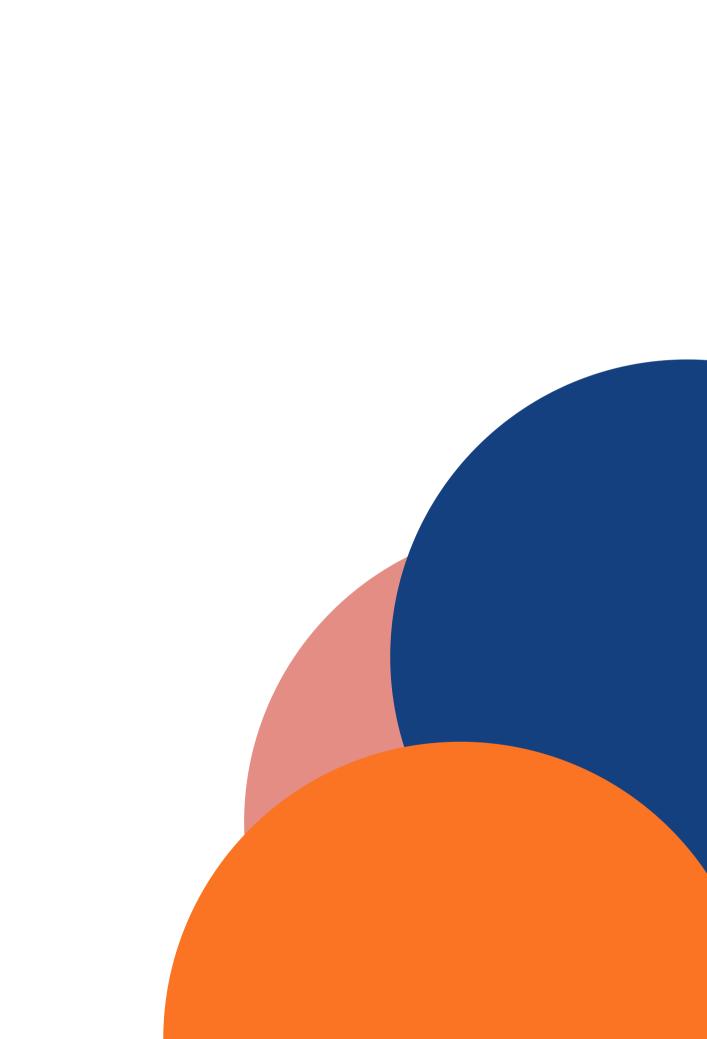
In September over 800.000 women left paid work in the US, with a majority citing family and care responsibilities as the reason.

#### FINANCIAL AND HEALTH CONCERNS

Enormous mental health pressure on everyone, coupled with performance pressure from the employers.

## Private sector responses: separation or integration

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### Measures supporting Integration

#### FLEXIBLE SCHEDULES

Highly individualised working time arrangements, removing core-hours, longer days, including Saturday, "salami schedules".

#### ADDITIONAL SERVICES

Shopping, laundry or delivering cooked meals to the home of the employee - for as many as there are in the household.

#### ENSURING WELLBEING

Removing the stress and fear around job uncertainty and financial uncertainty, support with state financial support, ERGs, mindfulness or occupational mental health support.

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#### CHILDCARE, ELDER-CARE

Schools open for childminding, childcare for the children of frontline workers, childcare subsidy, a pool of nannies or babysitters, who can at least offer 1-2 hours to parents, adidas offers "forest kindergarten" and parent-child office.

#### HOME SCHOOLING

SAP Germany partnered with Corona School, a non-profit to offer tutors and teachers for group or individual lessons online.

#### PAID TIME OFF

Gucci in Italy introduced 4-day work week, SAP Germany when the schools are closed employees don't need to take PTO and neither have to work, additional paid holidays, 2 weeks closure of the entire company.

# Shifting gender – roles as more men step up to caregiving

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## Beyond the pandemic: the New Normal

# The end of the Ideal Worker.

# Normalising caregiving.

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