
Editor's note

One of the big fears around lockdowns has always been what happens behind closed doors to those people for whom home is not a safe space.

In this week's dispatch from South America, Guardian reporter Joe Parkin Daniels, based in Bogotá, [looks at the mounting number of deaths of girls and women](#) being reported in Colombia. One of the people he interviewed for the story was Juliana Castillo Rodas, who works to provide support for vulnerable women. Her comment on the situation was chilling: "What we can say," she said, "is that the home has become one of the most dangerous places for women."

It's not just Colombia where domestic violence is on the rise. Anecdotally, our reporters have said they are hearing similar stories from all over the world, both in developed and developing countries.

Yet again women and girls are left exposed on the frontlines of a crisis, with few countries collating proper data on how badly.

This lack of data will make it simpler for leaders and politicians to ignore an entire cohort of their populations when it comes to post-pandemic support. The story from Honduras on parliamentarians trying to [lock in the abortion ban](#) there shows only too clearly how easy it seems to be to ignore female voices.

Next month we will be launching a platform within global development to address that, focused on amplifying those voices – please do look out for it.

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