



Project Fact Sheet

Project name:The Gendered Price of Precarity Project
Research project

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About Project

The project aims to contribute to theory on youth empowerment. A critical focus on young women's perceptions of safe workplaces and their attitudes, narratives and responses to WSH is essential for creating the decent workplace of the future, where young women can work with dignity, with respect, and in safety.

It is relevant to 'Youth Futures' because it will provide nuanced understandings of how safety in the workplace is understood, and knowledge on how young women can best be supported to tackle WSH. The objective of the research is to find out and understand young women DWs' views on WSH and compare their perspectives with the



attitude of their male family members, e.g., father, husband, about their daughters/wives working as DWs both in family and bachelor houses.

- The research will make a significant contribution to debates on precarious work from a gender and
- youth perspective, showing how precarious work increases exposure to WSH,

and how WSH deepens precarity.

- The study will deepen understanding of the relationship between WSH and types of employment relations, by comparing young women in formal and informal employment relations.

- Our research approach will generate new understandings of young women's perspectives, narratives and expectations of what constitutes a 'safe' workplace.

The proposed study also aims to fill two major gaps. Firstly, due to the conventional focus on firms and policies, comparative research across formal and informal employment relations is lacking, resulting in a weak understanding of variation in the dynamics of WSH, and women's responses. Secondly, there is a limited understanding of the mechanisms through which young women acquire language on WSH.