

# **Female Leaders Dealing with an Unexpected Global Pandemic COVID-19**

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## **Abstract**

The recent pandemic COVID-19 brings to the world new knowledge, teachings, and a shake to whom was “comfortable in their chair” and showed us how the best economies of the world get in crisis due to the uncertain future, also showed us mistakes and successes of world leaders dealing with an unexpected pandemic. I focused this research on powerful female leaders which made a great good dealing with Coronavirus pandemic, plenty of countries with male leaders show his leadership and good results also, however in my research I highlighted the good practices and leadership of the new and current woman leaders in the world.

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## **Introduction**

In the following research is to highlight the leadership of woman around the world during an historical success in the humanity named COVID-19 that affected the world market and uncountable deaths shaking the entire world an unexpected pandemic that in fact represented a challenge for world leaders, in the present are listed the most praised action taken not only from prime minister also for health experts taken as models to rest of the world due the effectiveness achieving reduce or controlling successfully the spread of the coronavirus in their countries in the short term reducing the deaths; these powerful woman demonstrated resilience, progressive ideas and inspiration.

## **Sanna Marin, Prime Minister of Finland**

Sanna Marin was sworn prime minister of Finland in December 2019, Marin leads a coalition government in which all five parties are women, she first entered Finnish parliament in 2015 as a member of Social Democratic party (Forbes, 2021) and currently is the youngest prime minister of the world, she affords her first big challenge just few weeks after taking office when in January 30th of 2020 the OPS declared a public health emergency international due to a global pandemic called COVID-19.

Sanna was named progressive person of the year 2020 in Europe after implement policies tactics that aimed to prevent the spread of the virus that helped to keep one-fifth one of them is that she implemented a lockdown in March prohibiting travels in parts of the country.

Finland registered 5 cases for each 100,000 citizens the lowest rate of UE according with the OPS. Nowadays the technology is part of our lives and definitely is an important factor to handle our day to day, Finland demonstrated that technology can be used to our favor and that the current generations are ready to adapt to any new app, “Corona Blinker” is an app developed to help government to control coronavirus cases and Kirsi Varhila, secretary at the Ministry of Social Affairs and Health mentioned that consist in a fully data secured based on a Bluetooth technology that no not reveal identity of citizens of authorities and help to trace contacts that have long enough nearby a person who later test positive to COVID-19 a user who gets a positive COVID-19 test result can choose whether or not they send an exposure alert to their earlier contacts and those who receive the alert will not know who the alert is coming from or where and when the exposure took place.

"We have a society that is based on trust. People trust the government, they trust the democratic order", Sanna Marin (2020).

To finish I would say that I consider as the three actions mentioned before were a key to keep low numbers in new cases and deceases.

The numbers of Finland in deceases are  $50,3/100k$  citizens and  $2783/5,53M = 0,05\%$ .

### **Jacinda Ardern, Prime Minister of New Zealand**

Jacinda Ardern with 39 years became in prime minister of New Zealand in October 2017 with 39 years, one of the secrets and strengths is her kindnesses and approach to citizens with emotional video messages from his house and her insistence and take care of their families, neighborhoods and sacrifices for the common welfare also won the admiration while her emphasis on shared responsibility as united country.

The Prime minister imposed a 14-day quarantine on anyone entered in the country in March 2020 and implemented a strict lockdown two weeks later, in April 2020 New Zealand had only 18 deaths four months afterwards the OPS declared COVID-19 as a pandemic, public trust of Ardern government is 80%.

The numbers of New Zealand deceases are 3,07/100k citizens and  $156/5,08M=0,0031\%$ .

### **Tsai Ing-wen, President of the Republic of China, Taiwan**

One of key to the success in keep under control the cases of COVID-19 of Tsai Ing-wen government was the fast response and immediate actioning early January 2020 according with an article from the magazine "Time" Tsai Ing-Wen shared a message: Taiwan is an island of resilience. Centuries of hardship have compelled our society to cope, adapt, and survive trying circumstances. We have found ways to persevere through difficult times together as a nation, and the COVID-19 pandemic is no different. Despite the virus's highly infectious nature and our proximity to its source, we have prevented a major outbreak. As of April 14, we have had fewer than 400 confirmed cases. Taiwan is a country located in East Asia and considering the location we could expect a major outbreak in cases, however the president Tsai demonstrates that keep under control the spread of COVID-19 depends mainly of government policies, respect restrictions, recommendations and finally but not less important "citizens resilient" which is interesting, considering that Taiwan is closer from the country where the virus was originated (China) if people do not trust probably everything could be worst and get decontrolled.

Listing Taiwan's president quick turn actions, we can found the activation of the country central pandemic command center early January and introducing travel restrictions and quarantine, mass public hygiene measures as sanitizing public areas, Taiwan made a fully lockdown only with less

of 10 deaths reported, other prompt and preventive action implemented was dispatching face masks with the cooperation of private companies and the ministry of economic affairs Taiwan coordinate additional production lines for surgical masks, increasing production capacity to distribute in the country, when indicators of a contagious of a new respiratory illness began in China, Taiwan start monitoring Wuhan incoming passengers, introduce travel restrictions and quarantine protocols, also track traveler and contact history patient to isolate and prevent a mass contagion.

The numbers of Taiwan confirmed deaths are 853.

### **Jeong Eun-kyeong, South Korean Infectious Disease and Public Health Expert**

Finally with a non-national leader however Jeong Eun was dubbed “the world’s best virus hunter” for their excellence serving South Korea in the battle against COVID-19, she become famous in South Korea after overseeing a “test, trace, contain” strategy that has made the country the world’s coronavirus role-model, with death toll of less than 250.

South Korea government focused resources on elderly and vulnerable, the government was praised due to the effectiveness of mass and testing, and aggressive contact tracing will the population even if the infected persons were young, currently the strategy of Jeon has change with focus in the vulnerable ones.

We are planning to transition toward an antiviral strategy that’s concentrated on maintaining essential social functions while dealing with huge numbers of infections and people placed under quarantine, said Jeong.

The reality is that the strategies implemented by the government and the leadership of Jeong Eun take the country to avoid the famous national lockdown through the pandemic which helped to have the highest annual growth in more than a decade.

## **Conclusions**

The key actions implemented by female leadership that in my perspective assure the success in control the pandemic in the countries is trust of citizens in the government, Taiwan, Finland, and New Zealand demonstrates their citizens have plenty of confidence in government politics and contribute with the measures suggested to avoid the spread of COVID-19; government based in trust to their citizens and promote collective efforts to affront emergencies; immediate actioning and strict restrictions, all governments implemented strict restrictions after the first case was diagnosed, closer monitoring of new cases, kept their country informed avoiding misinformation and panic; progressive ideas and use of technology and finally do not obligated based on force and punishment, just suggest with eloquent arguments and trust.

My favorites coronavirus fighter is Jacinda Arden which demonstrate empathic skills and quick actioning and the well use of technology and platforms as Facebook which majority of people have an active account or can access specially the youngest which in my opinion are the ones that should have reliable information to avoid national panic. Sanna Marin demonstrate been an inspirational leader with progressive ideas and positive results using technology and fresh ideas taking advantage of platforms and every resource to avoid and spread of coronavirus becoming in one of the youngest and capable leaders and an inspiration to current and upcoming female leaders.

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