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The current global economic crisis is expected to lead to millions more people being pushed into extreme poverty. The effects are profoundly different for women and men, and the existing gender inequalities and power imbalances mean that additional problems are falling disproportionately on those who are already structurally disempowered and marginalized. The economic crisis is the latest element in a complex web of shocks and longer-term traumas affecting women, men and their families in developing countries. These include food and fuel shocks, changing climatic conditions, and the HIV pandemic. For many people living in poverty, these crises are experienced as one multifaceted crisis, which has accentuated already existing underlying chronic concerns in both the productive and the reproductive (care) economies of the world. While these issues remain largely invisible to mainstream economists and policymakers, they are critical to the development of effective and sustainable responses to the crisis. Contributors to this book map the emerging impact of the economic crisis on women, men and their families in different contexts, and suggest policy and practice changes. Authors include key figures in the research field as well as policymakers and development practitioners, who analyze, with first-hand experience, the initial impacts of the economic crisis in South and East Asia, Africa, Latin America, and the Middle East.

"Nine previously published papers examine gender and the economic crisis. Papers discuss the global economic crisis, its gender and ethnic implications and policy responses; gender and the global economic crisis in developing countries - a framework for analysis; gendered implications of the economic crisis for migrant workers from Burma/Myanmar in Thailand... the case of street traders in Johannesburg; and crisis, care, and childhood - the impact of the economic crisis on care work in poor households in the developing world." (Journal of Economic Literature, American Economic Association Publications) About the Author Ruth Pearson is Director of the Centre for Development Studies at the University of Leeds, UK. Caroline Sweetman is Editor of the international journal Gender and Development.