

Ebola, Gender, and Conspicuously Invisible Women in Global Health Governance

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Abstract:

The international response to Ebola brings into stark contention the conspicuous invisibility of women and gender in global health governance. Developing feminist research on gender blindness, care, and male bias, this article uses Ebola as a case to explore how global health rests on the conspicuous free labour of women in formal and informal care roles yet renders women invisible in policy and practice. The article does so demonstrating the conspicuous invisibility of women and gender in narratives on Ebola, emergency and long-term strategies to contain the disease, and health system strengthening plans by the World Health Organisation and World Bank.

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