

Women's contribution to Health emergencies at country level

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Background

Countries are at the center of emergency preparedness and response

Strengthening national capacity for emergency preparedness is crucial for early detection and response

Effective response requires strong health systems and skilled health workers

Women play a crucial role in preventing, responding to, and recovering from health emergencies at the country level

Their participation strengthens national preparedness, response, and recovery efforts

Humanitarian emergency Response in NE Nigeria with former Emergency relief coordinator, Stephen O'Brien



Namanga cross-border exercise Kenya/Tanzania



Contribution of women to health emergencies at country level

Leadership and policy

Frontline emergency responders

Capacity building

Caregivers

Community mobilizers and influencers

Nurturing the next generation of emergency leaders and responders

Challenges for Women's Participation in Emergencies

Under-representation of women in leadership roles

Women disproportionately face higher risks during emergencies as frontline health workers and caregivers

Balancing work with cultural and societal norms

Inadequate gender responsive policies that promote women's participation

Gender inequality in career advancement



Increasing Women's Participation in Health Emergencies at Country Level – Call to Action

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Provide mentorship and succession planning

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East Africa ToT and PoE SimEx



SimEx ToT, South Sudan



CCHF AAR, Namibia

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We need both men and women as champions for Women's participation in health emergencies at country level – THANK YOU

