

A Closer Look at Gender Inequalities in Health in the Americas

Gender inequalities create health inequalities



Men and women have different health needs and face different barriers to health

Women

pay 16-40% more for health care, live longer and provide more unpaid health care



Men

die from external causes four times more than women



Between **9%** and **39%** of adolescent girls are pregnant or a mother, limiting their life opportunities



face discrimination in and exclusion from health services

The GOOD NEWS is we have committed to change

19 of 32 countries have adopted policies, programs or plans for gender and health

53% of countries disaggregate data by ethnicity

88% of countries disaggregate data by sex, as well as age

56% of countries have committed training resources to increase capacity on gender and health

We need to do more

We Need

sustainable budgets for gender and health policies, plans and programs

We Need

to avoid the

"ONE SIZE FITS ALL"

approach to achieve gender equality in health



We Need

to generate and use more evidence on gender inequalities and health



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