



# The Role of GPGs in Strengthening Resilience: A Global Health Perspective

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# Key Points...

- Why GPGs matter...
- How current practice of global development undermines GPGs...
- Time for a reset? ... Rethinking resilience



# Why GPGs Matter...

- Suppose there are no developing countries or regions...
  - What would be the role of the UN, World Bank, IMF, WHO?
  - How would we approach the conversation on GPGs?
- At the core of this conversation is the issue of inequality
  - Within and across countries, regions, and social groups
  - Recurrent crises exacerbate existing inequalities in society
- Our primary approach to addressing inequality is largely through social programs or aid (IDA/charity)
- However, with possible exception of Goals 1 and 2, the other 15 SDGs are framed as GPGs
  - The nature of GPGs demands that these cannot be addressed through charity



# Global Health Practice...

- WHO funding model
- \$40 Billion annual investments
- WHO top ten threats to global health in 2019
  - Air pollution and climate change
  - Noncommunicable diseases
  - Global influenza pandemic
  - Fragile and vulnerable settings
  - Antimicrobial resistance
  - Ebola and other high-threat pathogens
  - Weak primary health care
  - Vaccine hesitancy

Global Health Investments:  
MNCH – 31%  
HIV/AIDS – 25%  
HSS & SWA – 11%  
Malaria – 9%  
TB – 5%  
NCDs – 2%



# Time for a Reset ... Rethinking Resilience

- Some concluding thoughts...
  - Persistent and louder calls for rethinking global partnerships and global development
    - To engage local institutions as active drivers – not a passive recipients
    - Invest to promote success – not sustain failures
    - Support actions that catalyze local investments in R&D
  - Global demographic & economic shifts on the horizon
- GPGs for Health are not charity.