



Exploring the Role of Environment in Women's Health and Access to Health-Related Services

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Message from the Guest Editor

There is growing recognition of the important role environment plays in health around the globe. Aspects of the natural, built, and social environment can lessen or exacerbate inequities in health and access to health-related services. Research as well as national and international policies have long acknowledged gender inequalities in health. There are differential vulnerabilities across genders leading to inequitable health outcomes, differential economic and social consequences of poor health and reproductive health, differential access to health-related services, and differential exposures to health-related factors. Research also suggests that, due largely to structural gender inequalities, women often experience and engage with the environment in distinct ways and that these differences can lead to disparities in health and access to health. For this issue of *IJERPH*, we invite submissions that will advance our understanding of how women's health and access to health-related services are shaped by factors in the natural, built, and social environment around the world.





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