



Inequalities in Maternal and Child Health and Health Care

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Message from the Guest Editors

Dear Colleagues,

Poor maternal and child health outcomes remain a key public health concern in many low-income countries. Recent improvements in maternal and child health, largely achieved through increased service coverage, have not benefited all groups equally. This is particularly true for the most vulnerable populations, who risk being left further behind by the push to achieve universal health coverage in a context of worsening noncommunicable disease epidemics. To achieve the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), a stronger focus on equity in health and health care is vital. In the longer term, overall country level progress will not mask a failure to share progress across all population groups with the potential to benefit from health investments.

This Special Issue invites authors from disciplines such as economics, public health, medicine, sociology, and ethics to submit their original or review papers related to inequalities in maternal and child health, and inequalities in access and the use of maternal and child health services.

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