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Power, Partnership, and Parenthood: A Gender Lens on Male Involvement in Maternal and Child Health

Message from the Guest Editor

Male involvement in maternal and child health (MCH) is increasingly recognized as a promising strategy to enhance health outcomes and promote equitable caregiving. However, the discourse around male engagement often lacks a critical examination of its relationship to gender equity and the broader social structures that shape caregiving norms. This Special Issue aims to address this gap by advancing a gender-transformative perspective that interrogates power relations, patriarchal norms, and institutional barriers underpinning current MCH practices. We particularly encourage contributions that move beyond instrumentalist approaches to male involvement and instead center transformative engagement—where men are positioned not as saviors or gatekeepers, but as co-constructors of gender-equitable health systems. We seek empirical and conceptual work from diverse global contexts that theorizes male involvement not as an end in itself, but as a means toward achieving gender justice in reproductive health, caregiving, and social policy.

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