

# Gender and HIV & AIDS Overview Report

Many approaches to combat the spread and impact of HIV/AIDS have failed to take gender differences and inequalities into account. Some have reaffirmed ideas of female passivity and male dominance in decisions on sex and reproduction. Others have responded to the different needs and constraints of women and men, but failed to challenge the gender status quo. This Overview Report analyses why and how HIV/AIDS is now disproportionately affecting women, as individuals and in their roles as mothers and carers. It explores new gender-sensitive approaches to fighting HIV/AIDS and suggests that in order to be effective, it is necessary to deal with the inequalities that both drive and are entrenched by the epidemic.

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