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ADVANCING GENDER EQUITY AND HUMAN RIGHTS IN THE GLOBAL RESPONSE TO HIV/AIDS

Vision for AIDS 2008:

The time is critical for community participation in research and community led research to be recognized as an important contribution to the global response to HIV/AIDS. Further, we need to move our scientific understanding beyond the bio-medical determinants of health and begin to address the deeply entrenched, far reaching structural determinants at play. Coupled with this is the importance of understanding gender as an axis of power around which these determinants revolve and from which these determinants emerge.

Snapshot of Neglected Substantive Priorities and Emerging Issues:

- Gender
 - Gender inequality
 - Gender as an axis of power
 - Partnerships with men and boys for gender equity
- Human rights
 - Women's rights
 - Sexual and reproductive rights
- Invisibility of women living with HIV in Latin America
- Reproductive choice
- Breastfeeding
- Safe, healthy motherhood for HIV positive women
- HIV testing expansion
 - Ensuring a rights based approach
 - Community involvement in monitoring and evaluation
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- Poverty
- Youth
- Disabled women
- Indigenous populations
- Migration
- Linkages between HIV and gender-based violence
- Disaggregation of data by sex/gender and gender/sex specific analysis
- Participatory methodologies
- Defining vulnerable groups to specify women, migrants, indigenous populations
- Linkages to reproductive and sexual health and rights
- Women in conflict areas
- Gender and TB
- Institutional inequality
- Use of accountability mechanisms