

Review of: "International Non-Governmental Organizations (INGOs) in Humanitarian Field: why and how to engage with Planetary Health?"

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Great to see an article addressing the important and challenging topic of the intersection between humanitarian work and environmental change.

I appreciated the attention to exploring connections between these two topics from a systems perspective and considering common drivers as well as potential areas opposition between the the actions and goals of each - humanitarian work potentially supporting drivers of environmental degradation. The reframing of the issues at the end of the article is a good start to addressing the challenges raised. I would have liked to see wider environmental domains, not only climate change, mentioned throughout.

The authors recognised, but perhaps could have expanded on the learning about responses to humanitarian responses that we might take in our response to environmental disasters. We may start to see environmental disasters and food insecurity increasing in frequency and in locations where we are less used to responding to humanitarian crises. What can we learn and how might lessons need to be transposed as we work across wide ranging countries. While health equity is addressed, there are places where I felt that more attention to health equity would be valuable, and this was one of them.

There were some phrases that i would suggest either rewording or justifying / defining:

- 'poor economy'
- 'no social protection' - i think in this case the intended meaning was no state social protection - there may be from the community for example
- 'Disaster risk reduction' is a really useful area to address, could description of this and how it applies now be included?
- Syndemic - in discussion of this could you talk more about environmental impacts of outbreaks as well? Causation in other direction?

You discussed how SDGs are 'mainly symbolic goals' - do you consider them important or not, i didn't find it clear from teh text

Important point made about SDGs potentially addressing symptoms of a systemic problem, and diverting attention from the fossil fuel based system which is causing the problem. (Does humanitarian work itself do the same?)

The discussion of the role of story telling and the validity of utopic thinking is valuable, I would just suggest some revision of the wording of this paragraph for flow and clarity.

It is really valuable that you highlight the importance of transdisplinary.