

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

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I found the article extremely inspiring and thought-provoking. In this regard, it is important to differentiate the concept of "global health" from that of "planetary health". The latter has been defined as the achievement of the highest level of health, well-being and equity throughout the world while respecting the limits of the Earth's natural systems through the integration of various human systems (political, economic and social). This concept transcends the anthropocentric perspective of care and incorporates not only the concept of social justice and environmental justice, but also that of planetary justice (Moore, 2019). I think the authors could have gone a little deeper into this aspect: from humanitarian aid to planetary aid. In this sense, humanitarian aid, as the authors rightly argue, should start from the causes of the global syndemic and not only address the consequences of environmental destruction and its effects on people. Perhaps this issue is not exclusive to humanitarian protection, but rather to climate, environmental and economic policies that must incorporate the concept of global justice (including planetary justice).

In this sense, it is necessary to go beyond the welfare-based concept of humanitarian aid and, on the basis of justice, to highlight the historical and present responsibilities of the countries of the Global North, which are responsible for the state of global health that generates more situations of vulnerability resulting from production and consumption and the transfer of externalities in the form of risks and damage to the poorest populations.

I recommend this work: Frank Biermann, Agni Kalfagianni, Planetary justice: A research framework, Earth System Governance, Volume 6, 2020.

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