Feminist Humanitarian Network at Women Deliver

Our concurrent sessions:

Tuesday 18 July 9:30 - 11:00 am Kigali Convention Center, Rwanda

Integrating humanitarianism into feminist foreign policies

Thursday 20 July, 9:30 - 11:00 am Kigali Convention Center, Rwanda

Decolonizing risk: Applying feminist humanitarian perspectives to reframe risk narratives



Session details:

Integrating humanitarianism into feminist foreign policies

Crises often rollback the advancement of women's rights, deepening inequality and injustice, but their catalytic nature also provides an opportunity for transformative change. This session explores why humanitarianism, specifically a feminist humanitarian approach, must be integrated into feminist foreign policy in order to not miss such critical opportunities. Members of the Feminist Humanitarian Network and representatives of donor governments will discuss how existing feminist foreign policies have been experienced by women-led and feminist organizations in the Global South, and how feminist principles and a feminist humanitarian approach can be better incorporated into the feminist foreign policy agenda.

Decolonizing risk: Applying feminist humanitarian perspectives to reframe risk narratives

In the face of unprecedented global humanitarian need, women-led and feminist organizations are leading efforts to ensure nobody is left behind and to protect the rights of women, girls, and marginalized communities. Their work is essential but underfunded, as it often doesn't meet donors' compliance requirements. The session will interrogate how narratives of risk uphold colonial and patriarchal power dynamics and create barriers for women-led and feminist organizations on the humanitarian frontlines. Panelists will explore how we can reframe risk through a feminist humanitarian lens and share experiences and learnings (including Feminist Humanitarian Network research) to support collective solution-building.



