

Analyzing Partnerships in the EU's New Global Health Strategy Through the Lens of Decolonization

An Equity-Based Policy Analysis

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Aim & Research Qs

To analyze the EU's partnership priorities in the EU's new Global Health Strategy (The Strategy (1)) through the lens of decolonization

How can global health partnerships be understood from a decolonial lens in The Strategy?

What insights can we gain from studying The Strategy from a decolonization perspective?

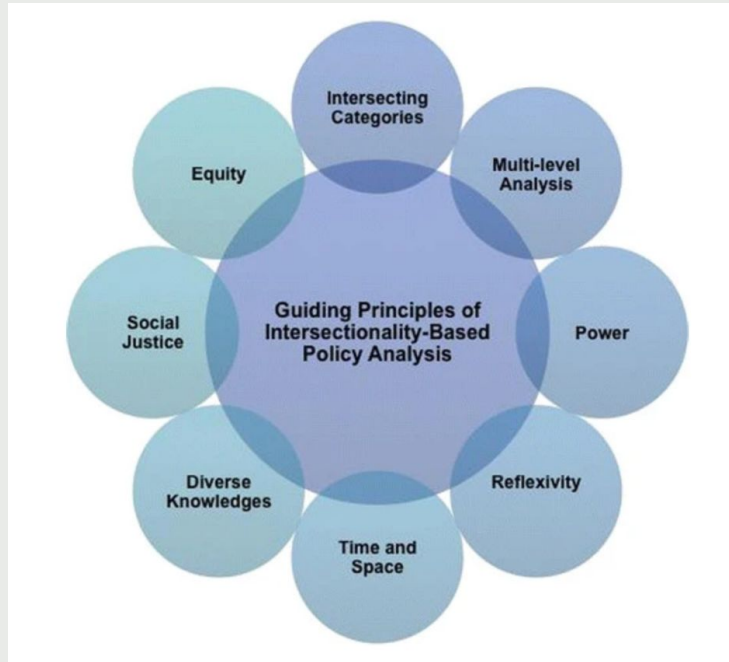
Method:

- 1) Reviewed literature to understand decolonization recommendations in the context of Global Health partnerships, and
- 2) conducted a policy analysis of The Strategy, using an adapted version of the Intersectionality-Based Policy Analysis (IBPA) Framework (2)

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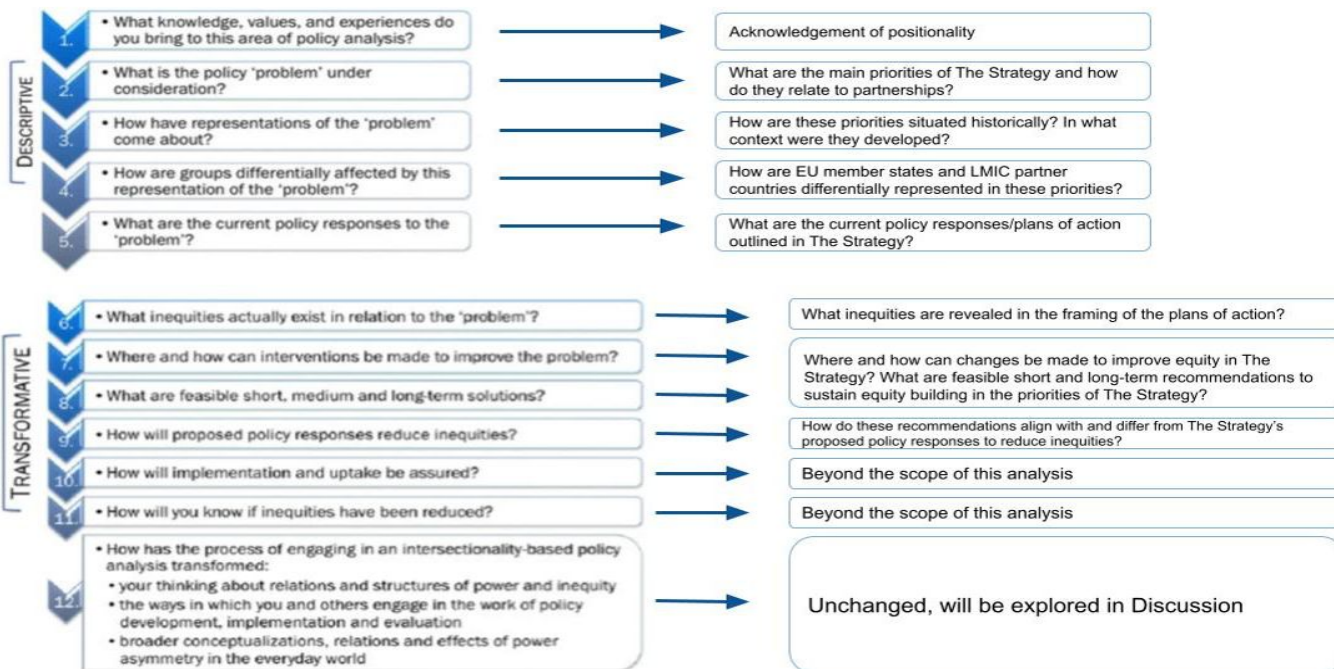
2) Policy Analysis



- DESCRIPTIVE**
1. What knowledge, values, and experiences do you bring to this area of policy analysis?
 2. What is the policy 'problem' under consideration?
 3. How have representations of the 'problem' come about?
 4. How are groups differentially affected by this representation of the 'problem'?
 5. What are the current policy responses to the 'problem'?

- TRANSFORMATIVE**
6. What inequities actually exist in relation to the 'problem'?
 7. Where and how can interventions be made to improve the problem?
 8. What are feasible short, medium and long-term solutions?
 9. How will proposed policy responses reduce inequities?
 10. How will implementation and uptake be assured?
 11. How will you know if inequities have been reduced?
 12. How has the process of engaging in an intersectionality-based policy analysis transformed:
 - your thinking about relations and structures of power and inequity
 - the ways in which you and others engage in the work of policy development, implementation and evaluation
 - broader conceptualizations, relations and effects of power asymmetry in the everyday world

Adapted Framework



Results

The Strategy utilizes a hierarchical approach to Global Health partnerships, with the EU situated as the leader and partner countries as recipients of the EU's interventions and approaches to health.

- Path-dependency models or top-down approaches still seem to be prevalent in The Strategy
- Lacks remedied beneficiary language, locally led priority setting in partner countries, support for stronger LMIC-LMIC networks
- Fails to de-center European knowledge, values, and practices
- Lack of recognition of the impact of colonial structures and legacies on Global Health

Alignments

- Strengthened global governance and support of the WHO
 - The enhanced use of digital platforms to transform health systems
 - Focus on addressing broader social and structural determinants of health
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