What are gender transformative global health interventions with men transforming? A Sociological Analysis

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Since the 1994 International Conference on Population and Development (ICPD) in Cairo, researchers and practitioner have engaged in a series of efforts to shift health programming with heterosexually-active men from gender-neutral to more "gender-sensitive" and "gender transformative," particularly in HIV and violence interventions. Efforts in this latter category have been utilized increasingly globally, particularly in the last decade, and such interventions attempt to transform gender relations to be more equitable in the name of improved health outcomes for both women and men. I discuss the conceptual progression (and lack of progression) of social science contributions to global gender-transformative health programming with men, assess the evidence base on "what works" and "how it works," examine the promises and limitations of gender-transformative health programs—and make recommendations for future research in this thriving interdisciplinary area of study.

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