

**Launch of the WHO report**  
***"Women and health: today's evidence tomorrow's agenda"***  
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**Statement by Michel Kazatchkine, Executive Director**  
**The Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria**

This report is a powerful reminder that despite the progress made in global health in the last decade, millions of women and girls in developing countries still lack access to basic and essential health services. The work of the Global Fund – supporting the fight against the three diseases AIDS, tuberculosis and Malaria – can and does contribute to improved health outcomes for women and girls, but much more needs to be done to bridge the gap between commitments made to improve women's health and reality for millions of women.

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