



Globalisation and health

Politics of global health: players

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At present in the global arena health is the big issue. Now the other side of that it's a very chaotic system and it's a system where responsibilities and accountabilities are not clear, and it's a system where the key organisation we have within the UN system, the World Health Organisation, has been weakened, and therefore one of the big challenges is to revisit what we would call global governance for health and to say 'How can we strengthen the way, these many actors in global health work together? How can we strengthen their accountability, but also how can we strengthen the United Nations responsibilities within the health arena?' And within that context it is very important also to say 'How can we ensure that the poor countries, the developing countries have an adequate voice in global health?'

So it's a very dynamic area and it's not quite clear where in this enormous set of players the decision-making power really lies and therefore in global public health what we say is that one of the key challenges is to address not only the diseases but to address the governance issues, to say, you know, what kind of global agreements can we have to really move global health forward.