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The effects of women's political representation and children's health: empirical evidence from low- and middle-income countries

Increasing evidence suggests that political institutions are an important determinant of population health as well as its distribution. One important political dimension that may matter for population health, and especially among children, is the representation of women in politics, and there exists a robust association between women's political representation and child health. However, existing evidence on the topic is based exclusively on data from (repeated) cross-sections of aggregate-level data. In consequence, we know little about the longitudinal and causal relation between women's political representation and child health, or potential differences in terms of children's characteristics or families' socio-economic status. In a first part, the presentation will review existing literature and theoretical approximations relating women's political representation with public health. In a second part, based on empirical case studies from low- and middle-income countries, the presentation will showcase what effects women's political representation can have on child health. Special attention will be paid to effect heterogeneity, e.g. by gender and socio-economic status, as well as the concrete mechanisms connecting women's political representation to children's health. The presentation will close by discussing the results with regard to scholarship on the role of institutions on population health as well as Sustainable Development Goal 3.2 (ending preventable deaths of newborns and children under 5 years of age).

This presentation validates 2 ECTS in Prevention and Public Health