Decolonizing risk: Applying feminist humanitarian perspectives to reframe risk narratives

In the face of unprecedented global humanitarian need, women-led and feminist organizations are leading efforts to ensure nobody is left behind and to protect the rights of women, girls, and marginalized communities. Their work is essential but underfunded, as it often doesn’t meet donors’ compliance requirements. The session will interrogate how narratives of risk uphold colonial and patriarchal power dynamics and create barriers for women-led and feminist organizations on the humanitarian frontlines. Panelists will explore how we can reframe risk through a feminist humanitarian lens and share experiences and learnings (including Feminist Humanitarian Network research) to support collective solution-building.

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