Health financing policy and the burden of health expenditure on poor households in the aftermath of conflict

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The financial costs of accessing services in low and middle income countries act as both a significant deterrent to use of care and as a factor in the impoverishment and maintenance in poverty of households. In the aftermath of conflict, as countries seek to rebuild effective health systems, they have taken different approaches to providing for accessibility and affordability of health care, with different implications. This seminar will report on a set of studies in Sierra Leone, Cambodia and Northern Uganda using analysis of household survey data and life history studies of older health system users to understand the implications of different choices made in the post-conflict period.

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