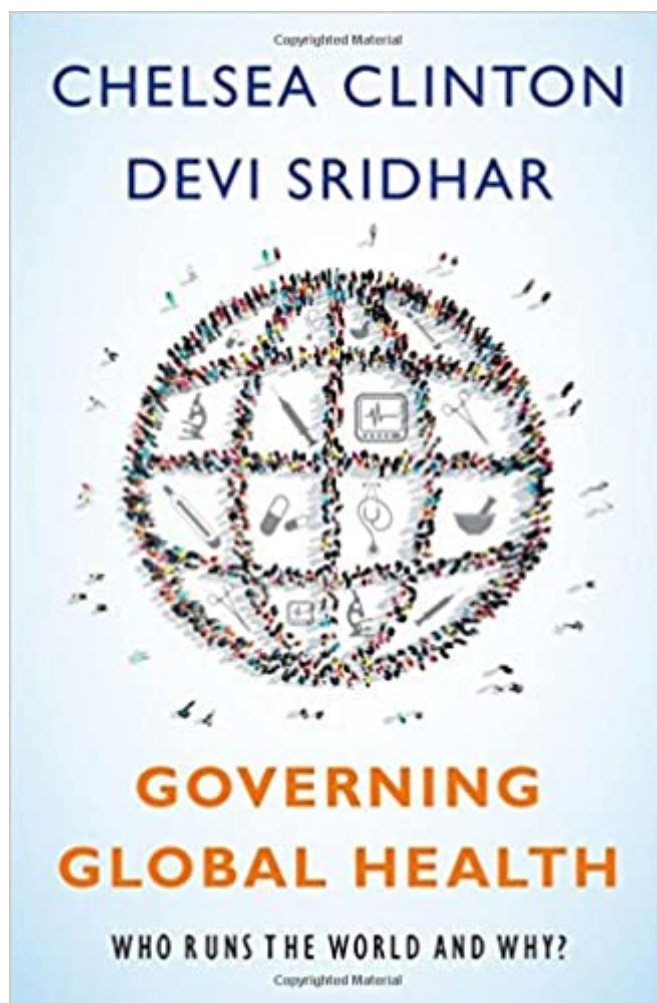


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# Governing Global Health: Who Runs The World And Why?



## Synopsis

The past few decades have seen a massive increase in the number of international organizations focusing on global health. Campaigns to eradicate or stem the spread of AIDS, SARS, malaria, and Ebola attest to the increasing importance of globally-oriented health organizations. These organizations may be national, regional, international, or even non-state organizations-like Medecins Sans Frontieres. One of the more important recent trends in global health governance, though, has been the rise of public-private partnerships (PPPs) where private non-governmental organizations, for-profit enterprises, and various other social entrepreneurs work hand-in-hand with governments to combat specific maladies. A primary driver for this development is the widespread belief that by joining together, PPPs will attack health problems and fund shared efforts more effectively than other systems. As Chelsea Clinton and Devi Sridhar show in *Governing Global Health*, these partnerships are not only important for combating infectious diseases; they also provide models for developing solutions to a host of other serious global health challenges and questions beyond health. But what do we actually know about the accountability and effectiveness of PPPs in relation to the traditional multilaterals? According to Clinton and Sridhar, we have known very little because scholars have not accumulated enough data or developed effective ways to assess them-until now. In their analysis, they uncovered both strength and weaknesses of the model. Using principal-agent theory in which governments are the principals directing international agents of various type, they take a closer look at two major PPPs-the Global Fund to Fight HIV/AIDS, TB and Malaria and the GAVI Alliance-and two major more traditional international organizations-the World Health Organization and the World Bank. An even-handed and thorough empirical analysis of one of the most pressing topics in world affairs, *Governing Global Health* will reshape our understanding of how organizations can more effectively prevent the spread of communicable diseases like AIDS and reduce pervasive chronic health problems like malnutrition.

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"This is not only a timely and original book, but also a model of concise scholarship. After a quarter of a century working in the arena of global health, it wasn't until I read this book that I understood fully either the major institutions with which we so often work or the challenges before us now. Furthermore, Clinton and Sridhar have managed a minor miracle: they've made dry matters of governance interesting and even entertaining. This engaging study deserves a broad audience. Since the survival of tens of millions hang in the balance, as does the well-being of most on this planet, the stakes are greater than we know." - Paul Farmer MD, Partners In Health and Harvard Medical School

"Who runs the world and why? Chelsea Clinton and Devi Sridhar ask this audacious question in this powerful and uncompromising book. They unmask the big four global health institutions of our era for the first time. Governing Global Health is a monumental achievement. Anyone seriously interested in the health of the world simply has to read it." - Lawrence O. Gostin, University Professor and Founding O'Neill Chair in Global Health Law, Georgetown Law School

"The landscape of 'global health' is so fragmented, with so many agencies and private players in the picture, that it can be impossible to figure out who is in charge of everything from outbreaks to battling the tobacco industry. The adage, 'follow the money' too often leads to dead ends and bewildering arrays of public health players. Clinton and Sridhar have done a wonderful job of pulling the elusive pieces into focus, creating a must-read guide for students and practitioners of global health." - Laurie Garrett, Senior Fellow for Global Health, Council on Foreign Relations, and author of *The Coming Plague*

"Clinton and Sridhar provide a unique insight in global health governance in a very rigorous and well documented analysis. A must for anybody working in global health, global governance and international affairs." - Peter Piot, Director & Handa Professor of Global Health, London School of Hygiene & Tropical Medicine

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The "world of Global Health" is a world where there are more acronyms than cures these days. We face a world with extreme threat of pandemic diseases like drug-resistant TB or staph, and life expectancy in the U.S. is on the decline, which should surprise no one. But according to this book by Chelsea Clinton, the world just needs more "Public-Private Partnership" (PPP) schemes as promoted by the Clinton Foundation to eliminate diseases like HIV and improve infant mortality rates. When you kill off one set of people who provide your income, I guess you need new ones from another set to take their place, right? As a writer, I believe no one should review any book they haven't read, and unless they got it from the library or a friend/family member, it should be a book they bought and paid for. So I purchased this book. Similarly to the recent book *Stronger Together*, by the co-author's mother and VP Candidate Tim Kaine, I read as much as I could of it and skimmed the rest. This book is a very different matter to the obviously committee-written *Stronger Together*. This is a real book published by one of the most prestigious academic presses in the world. Yet, like the Nobel Prize in so many fields such economics (Paul Krugman) and peace (Barack Obama) and various prestigious branded publications or pollsters like Nate Cohn, Oxford UP is now a damaged brand. I reached the 9th page of the introduction before realizing: this one seems as poorly-executed and thought out as "*Stronger Together*" -- how could this be possible? It's sentence after sentence with this structure: "We did xxx, YET yyy problem we need your money for is ..." First off, who is "We?" It sure as heck isn't Chelsea Clinton and her co-author Devi Sridhar. I'm guessing "we" means "Group of Global Elites who Prey on Poor Nations and non-privileged EU and US citizens". In Global Health acronym terms, that would be GGEPPN. I'll change that to GAGPEN for ease of memorization. Acronyms can be so funny! Did you know that the Haitian Earthquake Recovery Committee was ordered by the co-author's father to change its acronym from CHER to "HRC"? I wonder why ... Second, I've written more than 20 nonfiction books for K-12 classrooms and libraries. The organization, analysis and writing both within this book's chapters and in choice of primary topics seems less-sophisticated than any of those, and I am including Tony Hawk: Business Mogul. The first chapter cites major public health problems like Ebola and Zika, but it's hard to follow the information and it simply gives the most basic "top of the web page fold" quotes from official sources. An average reader might think it's just a big chapter written to use

acronyms like HSPH and LSHTM. We know HIV/AIDS but what about NCDs? Some people call those "Diseases of Society." I can't take it any more. I really tried. I reached chapter three and skimmed the rest. The PPP stuff is all about the Clinton Foundation schemes with foreign drug manufacturers. If you know of a school forced to buy Epipens or Narcan emergency doses at high prices - these are these great "Public-Private Partnerships" and no, it doesn't tell you, the private individual, how you can cash in on poor kids with AIDS, Zika or Ebola. That's a specialty of the acronym people and especially the Clintons. If you're an average person, the book is just a bunch of gobbledegook, and if you're in the actual field of international health or just plain health in your local community, my guess is it'll seem very out of touch and off-point. To use the many acronyms in the book, with one found pretty much in every sentence, ODA pain of trying to read this book. NGO way could the average person get much out of this UN interesting, UN inspired volume. I wonder WHO could possibly finish it? I'm guessing Dr. Clinton (She has a Ph.D. in international relations) needs to innovate a new employment category. You've heard of ghostwriters? She could really break ground and hire some ghostreaders.

great book

I gave this away as a gift to someone that I never want to see or talk to again (Stage 5 Clinger), but I didn't want to tell them upfront and seem rude on Valentines day, so I picked up a copy of this at my local bookstore and had them wrap it up with really nice paper. The expression on their face of disappointment when they unwrapped the gift probably ensures they'll never bother me again. They used to text me several times a day, now? Nothing! Perfect! 10/10 would recommend.

Absolutely clueless supposition. The only takeaway is a push for NGO funding of elitist managed slush fund foundations where \$.05 of every \$1 actually is spent on indigent health care. the rest lines pockets of the management.

As superficial and boring as its author, who has received a free ride her entire life.

Chelsea once again proves she is out of her depth with this piece of NWO propaganda. Stick to the children's books, you're better at that.

The book profiles global health organizations. Boring to the nth.

Received it as a gift because I love all things that deal with health, contagion, epidemics, etc., and how it is dealt with at a government level. Well this book is hard to follow, is boring as hell and actually it seems more like a political ranting . It went out with the recycling trash. Sorry guys. If I could have I would have given it zero stars.

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