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# Assessment of NIH Research on Women's Health

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# #3not30 Goals

Double the Budget

Improve Diversity & Access to Clinical Trials

Mine the Data

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1a) Double the NIH budget for women's health research

1b) Double the amount of investment from VCs

2) Increase diversity and equity in clinical trials

3) Mine the data and create a WHAM Accountability Index





# Women's Health Innovation Opportunity Map 2023

50 High-Return Opportunities  
to Advance Global Women's Health R&D

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*“In science, a clamorous  
consensus often begins as  
a whisper.”*

Siddhartha Mukherjee  
Sleeper Cells. The New Yorker. December 2023





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# NASEM Committee Recommendations

- **Research priorities for NIH-supported research on women's health.**
- NIH training and education efforts to build, support, and maintain a robust women's health research workforce.
- NIH structure (extra- and intra-mural), systems, and review processes to optimize women's health research
- NIH-wide workforce to effectively solicit, review, and support women's health research
- Defining women's health in today's social and cultural climate
- **Allocation of funding** needed to address gaps in women's health research at NIH.

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## #3not30 Goals

### 1. Double the budget!

- Prioritize from basic science to social science
- Therapeutic areas and cross-cutting questions

Many opportunities for high impact investment given evidence gaps

## Recommendations

2. Increase access and reach of clinical trials
  - Research in and with communities
  - Valuing lived experience

## Recommendations

### 3. Mine the data

- Secondary analyses
- WHAM Accountability Index



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“Every woman I know has a story about leaving her doctor’s office with more questions than answers.”

First Lady Dr. Jill Biden



# Next Steps

#3not30 Goals framework for NIH progress

Networks!

**THANK YOU!**

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