Context, Collaboration and Cure: The value of ethnography for global HIV cure research

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How can ethnography support inclusive and equitable collaboration practices, which are essential for global HIV cure research?

What ethnography is
A systematic approach to qualitative research that:
- Studies individuals and groups in their everyday environments
- Focuses on people’s own perspectives, practices, and experiences
- Collects in-depth data through observations, interviews, objects, documents
- Involves spending time and building trust with participants
- Acknowledges complexity and reveals implicit insights

What ethnography can do
Extract lessons learnt from real-life HIV cure research collaborations
- Understand contextual facilitators/barriers for inclusive, equitable, global collaboration
- Support solutions aligned with needs, values and perspectives of people across settings

What we know from literature

01. Contextualizes scientific knowledge influenced by values, practices, assumptions of scientists and their environment. Steven Epstein
02. Understands how global power dynamics shape the ability to develop equitable and accessible HIV cure interventions. Anne Pollock, João Biehl
03. Provides insights from ongoing findings that can be used to adapt research strategies and fine-tune interventions. Eva Vernooij

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