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#### Sommario/riassunto

This report takes a life span approach to female health in Sub-Saharan Africa, highlighting biomedical aspects, the study of which has been relatively neglected compared to socioeconomic and cultural considerations. The life span framework recognizes the need to articulate major causes and manifesta

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