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Erika Elvander has worked in public health for twenty years, beginning in college when she worked for the Rape Crisis Center of Pittsfield, Massachusetts. She currently coordinates research on women's health at the National Institutes of Health. This portfolio includes such diverse topics as domestic violence, bone health, traumatic brain injury with the Department of Defense, and pelvic floor disorders. Previously, she coordinated East Asia and Pacific health policy for the Office of Global Health Affairs (OGHA) U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, where she managed bilateral and multi-lateral U.S. health cooperation with a number of key countries in the region, including China, Japan, Korea, Singapore, Thailand, Vietnam, and the U.S. territories in the Pacific. Specific topics of work included pandemic influenza, Severe Acute Respiratory Syndrome (SARS), chronic disease, and HIV/AIDS. Prior to her work with Asia, Ms. Elvander coordinated activities for the Department for the Gore-Chernomyrdin Health Committee, as well as other U.S.-Russia and U.S.- Ukraine initiatives. She was also the health program officer for World Learning's PVO/NIS project, a USAID funded activity that brought U.S. and Russian non-governmental organizations together to strengthen the third sector in Russia post-perestroika. Ms. Elvander has traveled extensively, and has lived in Hong Kong and Ethiopia. She holds an M.A. in Comparative History from George Mason University.