

China's Health Diplomacy in Africa

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Abstract : The outbreak of the COVID-19 epidemic has caused great difficulties for South-South cooperation, but there are also opportunities. China's health diplomacy has changed from dispatching medical teams, assisting in the construction of hospitals, and encouraging medical investment in the Africa health sector. This paper adopted a retrospective review of China's health diplomacy in Africa from 1963 to 2020. Findings suggested that China has a preference for aiding Africa health infrastructure and sending medical teams to African countries. China's health diplomacy in Africa is a success and has established secure diplomatic relations with African countries, thanks to the medical and health assistance to Africa over 60 years. This research contributes to the literature of health diplomacy and foreign relations and indicates that China's health aid has fostered cooperation at the medical and diplomatic levels.

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