



**CP/GBV Joint Meeting on Engagement of Men and Boys – 24<sup>th</sup> Oct 2024**

**Agencies present:** UNHCR, UNFPA, UNICEF, IOCC, IOM, INTERSOS, IFH, UOSSM – US, MEDAIR, AIDOS, JRS, CVT, IMC, TDH, IRC, DRC, UNRWA, GIZ, SAMS, Action Aid, SOS, JOHUD, IRW, NAFE, Plan International.

**Agenda:**

- Presentation on Engagement of Men and Boys in GBV and CP Programming.
- Best Practices Presentation (IRC – Plan International).
- Working Groups on Challenges and Recommendations

Agenda items	Discussion	Action points
<b>Welcoming</b>	Welcoming participants and providing a brief on the agenda.	MoM will be uploaded on UNHCR's <a href="#">Data Portal</a>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Presentation on Engagement of Men and Boys in GBV and CP Programming.</li> </ul>	<p>CP &amp; GBV co-chairs started the meeting with a brief presentation on why this topic was selected. The introduction focused on the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• There is growing consensus that working with men and boys is essential to promote gender equality and prevent gender-based violence (GBV) against women and girls</li> <li>• Interventions that target men and boys as allies and agents of change have rapidly proliferated over the past years</li> </ul>	Presentation available <a href="#">here</a>

- Some interventions work with men and/or boys exclusively, others target males and females in separate but related activities, and yet others work with males and females together.
- Interventions on engaging men and boys as allies are most often community-based and do not focus specifically on identified perpetrators, but rather seek to shift social norms in order to prevent men’s violence against women even before it occurs.
- Evidence from both humanitarian and development contexts highlights the need to ensure accountability to women, girls and women’s movements & organizations; work in explicitly gender transformative ways (i.e., ways that support gender equality and women’s empowerment); and engage both males and females in whole-of-community approaches.

GBV SWG CO-chair also made reference to existing documents for reference:

Engaging Men and Boys identified as a Gap in the **Gap Analysis 2022-2023**

**Gaps and barriers:** GBV prevention activities.

Engagement of men and boys as major agents of change was identified as a gap in prevention activities. This was mainly identified by organizations working in the South of Jordan.

- **Recommendation**
  - ✓ Strengthen prevention activities engaging communities, in particular involving men and boys as agents of change in transforming harmful social norms, behaviors and gender stereotypes that perpetuate discrimination and inequality underpinning GBV.
  - ✓ More structured male engagement in prevention interventions (Awareness raising sessions, men groups, campaigning, and initiatives).

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Best Practices Presentation (IRC – Plan International).</li> </ul>	<p><u>IRC</u>: Male Engagement in the protection and empowerment of women and girls</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Involve men in supporting women and girls in their communities.</li> <li>2. Raise awareness on topics related to gender-based violence, power dynamics, anger management, joint decision-making, consent, early marriage, and knowledge about financial management.</li> <li>3. Create a participatory learning approach through experience, reflection, expression of views and ideas, and discussions in a healthy and safe environment.</li> </ol> <p><u>Plan International</u>:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Definition of Male Engagement</li> <li>• Examples of Male Engagement Interventions</li> <li>• Advantages</li> <li>• Challenges</li> <li>• Socio-Ecological Model of Male Engagement</li> <li>• Key Learning</li> <li>• Do's and Don'ts</li> </ul>	<p>Presentation available <a href="#">here</a></p> <p>Presentation available <a href="#">here</a></p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Working Groups on Challenges and Recommendations</li> </ul>	<p><b>Challenges identified during the group activities:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Lack of service providers targeting men &amp; boys. Lack of PSS services for men. Lack of economic empowerment activities and assistance.</li> <li>● Acceptance of the idea of attending activities targeting Men &amp; Boys is still a challenge. The refusal from Men &amp; Boys to attend the sessions.</li> <li>● Lack of follow up from service providers.</li> <li>● Limited number of male caseworkers in the CP/GBV sector.</li> <li>● Men response to the prevention activities that aim to engage Men &amp; Boys.</li> </ul>	

- Men & Boys have challenges in accessing provision of services.
- The stigma around abusive men is always linked to poverty as a root cause rather than a contributing factor.

**Recommendations:**

- Conduct workshops and training sessions to raise awareness about gender norms, stereotypes, and the impact of GBV and child protection issues.
- Diversity of service provision modalities (including Online activities).
- Diversity of topics presented.
- Diversity of methods used to present topics and deliver messages through activities like (Arts, music & sport).
- Emphasize the importance of breaking down harmful stereotypes and promoting positive masculinity.
- Emphasize that addressing GBV and child protection is a collective responsibility that involves both men and women.
- Identify and involve male community leaders, influencers, and role models to champion the cause of GBV and child protection.
- Showcase positive examples of men who actively support gender equality and child protection
- Leverage media campaigns, social media, and other communication channels to disseminate information about GBV and child protection.
- Create content that challenges stereotypes and promotes positive behaviors.
- Provide age-appropriate educational materials (CSE) that address GBV and child protection.
  
- Capacity building for community leaders, workers, and men groups.
- Networking with other sectors.
- Engage Men & boys always in the activities, taking into consideration the GTA.
- To conduct mobile sessions in the CBOs to target Men & boys.
- Encouraging men & boys in attending the activities through considering some influencers according to the cultural context.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● FGDs with men &amp; boys, to identify their needs and have the lead initiatives.</li><li>● Use a language that it is appropriate for all levels (cultural, psychological) for men and women.</li><li>● Provide PSS services to men &amp; boys.</li><li>● Engaging families in the livelihood activities.</li><li>● Use the methodology of working with the family as a whole.</li></ul>	
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