

F2F Gender 2019

Thematic Workshops on Sexual and Gender-based Violence

Prevention of and response to sexual and gender-based violence (SGBV) is one of the pillars of the Gender Policy of the Federal Department of Foreign Affairs (FDFA). Over the past years, more SDC programs have addressed SGBV.

We will discuss how projects can provide services to survivors of SGBV and at the same time work on the transformation of gender roles and hence address the power imbalance between men and women that is at the core of GBV.

To discuss this topic, we will organize two thematic workshops on SGBV:

- 1) The first session, in the morning of 29 April, will present and discuss good practices of psychosocial SGBV projects with community-based focus
- 2) The second session, in the afternoon on 29 April, will discuss the role of men and boys in SGBV; the prevention of SGBV and the transformation of gender roles through the work with men and boys

1. Working with communities to enhance prevention and response of SGBV

This session will discuss how SGBV can successfully be addressed with community-based approaches in very different contexts.

We will present the experience of the psychosocial programme in the Great Lakes Region, which operates in three different situations: in a context of fragility and conflict in the Democratic Republic of Congo; in a fragile transition in Burundi and in Rwanda which still deals with the legacies of the genocide but now has a stable and strong government.

The second project which will be presented is implemented in Niger, a fragile country with clear humanitarian needs.

The participants will discuss these examples and compare them with their own experience. The main questions will be:

- What are key elements to make a community approach addressing SGBV through a psychosocial approach successful?
- What are specific challenges of GBV work in a community setting; how to ensure that all the relevant services are available and the relevant actors collaborate?
- How to ensure that the community based psychosocial approach is sustainable?