

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 programmes 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

2. The role of men and boys in SGBV intervention

This session will discuss why we engage with men and boys in the prevention of SGBV and the transformation of gender roles towards a more equitable society. We will reflect on key areas that have to be addressed in a gender-transformative process with men and boys.

Based on three examples, we will identify the elements that make the work with men and boys successful. We will look at the work with male adolescents in Bosnia and Herzegovina. We will also look at the complexity of working with husbands who are perpetrators of violence and/or husbands of survivors of sexual violence in the Great Lakes Region. The third example (to be confirmed) is from Zimbabwe, where a project engages in gender-transformative work with couples and towards a change of behavior in sexual and reproductive health-related issues.

Link to the field visit

Particularly the second session is closely linked to the visit of two Swiss projects that work in a gender-transformative way with men.