



Workshop:



Gender-based Violence

Good practices of SGBV projects on gender transformation with community-based approaches



Crosscutting question

What are key aspects, issues, learnings related to Engaging Men & Boys (EMB)?

How is EMB an enabler/disabler for transformative change?

1. Men are seen as perpetrators of violence. We need to remember they are also survivors and witnesses to GBV. There is a need to engage with men and boys.
2. To engage with men and boys, the question of what motivates them to participate in the groups needs to be explored to attract them to join the group. Some spaces need to be provided where men and boys can participate comfortably.
3. At program level, gender analysis should not only focus on women but also on the role of men and boys and how they can contribute to program results.
4. Engage with various actors. It was targeted only men and boys, there might be backlash from wider society. Challenging negative masculinity should involve the whole community (leaders, parents, teachers, authorities etc.) This ensures a cohesive approach in engaging with men and boys.
5. We should keep in mind that working with men and boys contributes to a bigger promoting gender-equality for both men and women.