

The UNHCR – NGO Annual Consultations, 15-17 June 2016
Thematic Session: Youth Addressing Sexual and Gender-Based Violence - Challenges and Opportunities

Session title:

Youth Addressing Sexual and Gender-Based Violence - Challenges and Opportunities

Date and time:

Thursday 16 June 2016, 10:30-12:30 PM

Location:

International Conference Centre of Geneva (ICCG), Breakout Room 21

Session Moderator:

- Lucy Kiama - Country Director of HIAS Kenya
Lucy has been a leading advocate for refugee rights in Kenya for the past decade with particular expertise in responding to sexual and gender-based violence (SGBV). Lucy has a background in social work, psychosocial care and assistance, and SGBV prevention and response.

Panellists:

- Victor Ochen - Executive Director of the African Youth Initiative Network (AYINET), Uganda
Born and raised in Abia, one of northern Uganda's camps for displaced people, Victor spent most of his youth amid war. In 2005 he founded AYINET with the desire to mobilise youth and communities to contribute to peace and justice in northern Uganda. AYINET provides health and psychosocial rehabilitation, including to survivors of SGBV, as well as engaging communities in the transitional justice process and empowering youth with leadership skills. Victor sits on UNHCR's Advisory Group on Gender, Forced Displacement and Protection.
- Rukiyo Hussein Hassan – Community Worker with the Danish Refugee Council, Kenya
Rukiyo is a young Somali refugee working in Ifo Camp in Dadaab, Kenya as part of the Gender Based Violence (GBV) Protection team. As part of this team, she is responsible for carrying out GBV prevention and response activities in a population of about 85,000 refugees. Rukiyo has previously worked as a teacher and today her greatest dream is to have a forum where she can share ideas on how to enhance women's voices and increase men's awareness in order to eradicate gender-based violence.
- Özge Burak – Volunteer with the Women's Solidarity Foundation (KADAV), Turkey
Özge is a young Turkish/German professional working with the women's NGO KADAV at their Centre for Syrian Refugees in Istanbul, Turkey. Özge works with the programme on solidarity with refugee and migrant women, including SGBV case management and advocacy work. KADAV provides direct services to refugee and migrant women, children and lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and intersex (LGBTI) persons, and advocates for gender equality in local, national and international policy and practice.

- Bushra Abbas – Volunteer with the Terres des Hommes (TDH), Jordan

Bushra currently works with refugee youth in Azraq camp on a school project aimed at educating youth on the importance of water conservation good hygiene. She has been involved in various youth activism projects since 2008, including volunteering with Terres des Hommes (TDH) in Zarqa on a project aimed at raising awareness among female youth on reproductive health and the risks of early marriage. Bushra has also worked on a social media campaign and holds a bachelor’s degree in Sociology from MUATA University in Karaq, Jordan.

Description:

This session will place youth at the centre of the discussion and provide a platform to exchange innovative ways to prevent and respond to sexual and gender-based violence (SGBV). Refugee and internally displaced youth (15-24) face SGBV, including domestic violence, child marriage, and survival sex. How are diverse youth taking action to prevent and respond to SGBV? How can UNHCR and NGO partners better involve and support youth in their work to prevent and respond to SGBV? How can we work together to integrate male survivors, persons with disabilities and sexual minorities into these efforts? How can we engage men and boys in SGBV prevention and response? Please join this interactive exchange on good practices, which will include a panel and thematic small group discussions.

Please note that this session does not allow for any formal interpretation. Interpreters will be at hand should you need any assistance.

Communications:

- #UNHCRNGOs
- #endsgbv
- @UNHCRPartners
- @refugee_gender

Session Outline:

Timing		Method
Activity 1 – Setting the scene	50'	Interactive plenary presentations, discussion and Q/A
Activity 2 – World Cafe	30'	Thematic small group discussion to generate recommendations for UNHCR and partners on working with youth to prevent and respond to SGBV
Activity 3 – Recommendations to UNHCR	30'	Reporting back from small groups and plenary discussion
Closing	10'	Summary and wrap-up
Total: 120 Minutes		