

GBV PREVENTION NETWORK

16 Days of Activism against Gender Based Violence 2017

Poster Discussion Guide

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Inside the campaign kit, an A3 size poster is included. You can use this poster in diverse ways. You can either display it in public spaces for community members to see. We hope the question in the poster will trigger self-reflection within community members. You can also expand the use of the poster by building quick chats and group discussions around it.

The discussions could be spontaneous or pre-organized. Before you display the poster, you can engage people around the area in discussions. You can refer to the questions below to facilitate the conversation on how girls could be supported to complete their education. Feel free to adapt the questions to fit the participants and the context.

The following are points to consider as you prepare for or facilitate the discussions:

- Read through the campaign overview to familiarize yourself with the theme of the campaign. Reflect on how the issue manifests in your community. You can also engage in discussions about the issue with your colleagues.
- Practice or rehearse facilitating a discussion with your team members before going out to the community, it will help you to create and facilitate effective discussions.
- You can hold the discussions with up to 15 participants for it to be meaningful. The discussion can be conducted in any place within the community where people can gather and talk, e.g. under a tree, outside someone's home, in a beauty salon, at a bar, etc.
- Explain to participants that there are no right or wrong answers. Show appreciation for all contributions.
- Encourage responses from all participants, giving them equal opportunity to participate.
- Remember not to tell participants what to think. Asking questions can be more powerful than giving messages.
- After you complete the discussion, put up the poster in a location that is visible for that group.

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SUGGESTED DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. What do you see in the poster? What does it tell you?
2. Think of the girls in our community, do they all go to school? How many of the girls are able to complete their studies?
3. What are the factors that affect girls' completion of higher education? (encourage participants to think about the norms in the community including the schools' rules and regulations)
4. What happens to a girl student if she gets married or pregnant? can she still continue her studies? Can she resume her study after delivering her baby? If no, why?
5. How do you feel when girls are not allowed to complete their education? Please share the reasons that make you feel that way?
6. What are the benefits of having more girls to complete their education? (at individual, household and community level)
7. What steps will you take as an individual/group to support more girls stay in school and complete their education?
8. Thank participants for their time and engagement and summarize the key ideas:
 - a. Girls face discrimination as they try to access and complete their studies, and this affects the girls, their families and communities negatively.
 - b. The small actions you will take to keep a girl in school will bring a bigger impact in your communities such as: reducing VAW, maternal and child mortality rate.