

Report on The National Forum 2000 and National Forum Youth during and after the Conference on War-Affected Children

What is working

- Programs that help women continue their education (Lebanon)
- Improved training for people who are gathering information in that particular subject

What is not working

- Not involving women in government systems
- No balance between males and females in society, and especially in government positions and decision-making positions.
- In some countries there is no sex education for females, females are sometimes rejected from their own communities, and in a lot of cultures, females are considered weaker than males.

Recommendations

- Protect girls in particular from sexual abuse during conflict by putting into place codes, and very severe laws and sanctions punishing sexual violators.
- Walk the talk.
- Implement more projects based on education, especially for the females.
- Provide education and rehabilitation for sex and child abuse.
- STOP forced prostitution (bringing girls for sexual purposes) in conflict areas. (ex. for soldiers)

Gender and Conflict

- Educate males about females and that both of them have equal rights. (especially in religious countries)
- Educate people about other religions and cultures to eliminate prejudice and discrimination (e.g. prejudice against different sexual orientations).

What actions can youth take

- Youth can campaign for women's rights in the world (e.g. rights to equality and education).
- Young people should start practicing equality among themselves in order for them to pass the message along, so that the next generation will follow in our steps.
- Youth can be involved in rehabilitation activities.
- Youth should inspire other youth to accomplish what we have accomplished.
- Youth can pressure the UN to take action against human rights violations in Islamic and other religious countries where the interpretation of religion violates the rights of citizens.



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