

REPORT ON THE MISSION HELD IN BANGKOK-THAILAND FROM 25 TO 28 JANUARY 2010

Introduction

From 25 to 28 January 2010, The International Center for Research on women (ICRW) in collaboration with its partners from 6 countries has organized a 4 day workshop to discuss on activities and results of the Men and Gender equality project and also to discuss about future plans of the Men Engage Alliance. The 4 day workshop was hosted by the Partners for Prevention which is a UN program on Gender Based Violence Prevention in Asia.

The goal of inviting RWAMREC in the above workshop was twofold. RWAMREC intends to conduct a study on masculinity in Rwanda and it was invited to learn from the experiences of other countries which have started to conduct a study on Men and Gender Equality Policy free years ago. As a partner of ICRW, RWAMREC was invited also to contribute in this workshop. As member of the MenEngage Alliance, RWAMREC was also invited in the workshop in order to participate in the MenEngage alliance meeting to discuss on future plans of the MenEngage Alliance at the global and regional level.

Objectives of the workshop on Men and Gender Equality Policy Project/IMAGES and MenEngage meetings

The purpose of workshop was to discuss on activities and results of the Men and Gender Equality Policy Project (MGEPP) and to discuss future plans and strategies for the MenEngage Alliance.

Opening ceremony

The introduction and welcome remarks were given by Gary Barker from the International Center for Research on Women who is also the Co-chair of the MenEngage Alliance. James Lang the coordinator of Partners from Prevention also welcomed the participants in Asia region.

Presentation

A study on men and gender equality was conducted in Brazil, Chile, Croatia, India, Mexico and South Africa. Each country presented on the Data Collection Process and shared about the overview

of the process, main challenges, ethical considerations and lessons learned
the main challenges faced by the 6 countries in the data collection process are:

- Length of the interview
- Language of the Interview
- Expectation of the Respondent

The 6 countries also presented the preliminary analysis and summary of key findings. It was agreed that the dissemination of the final report will be through different events of the MenEngage alliance at the global and regional level.

Regarding Next round of the Data IMAGES in 2010, Rwanda, Bangladesh, Nepal, China, and Indonesia presented their Initial plans, the survey characteristics, the potential partners and time line.

MenEngage Group meeting

The steering and advisory committee of the MenEngage alliance met and discussed on the MenEngage Secretariat Plans 2010-2013. The next Global MenEngage symposium will be held in 2011 in Cambodia.

Outcome of the participation of RWAMREC to the workshop on Men and Gender Equality Policy Project/IMAGES and MenEngage meetings

- Learning experience on study on Men and Gender equality
- Networking with MenEngage Asia
- RWAMREC will be part of the protocol to be used in the IMAGES Asia
- Partners for Prevention committed to advocate for RWAMREC and MenEngage Rwanda.

Conclusion and Recommendations

The participation of RWAMREC to the workshop on Men and Gender Equality Policy Project/IMAGES and MenEngage meetings was important and fruitful. The experience learnt from other countries around the World will inspire RWAMREC to conduct smoothly the study on masculinity in Rwanda. This kind of study requires enough time and budget.

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