

STRENGTHENING MONITORING AND EVALUATION TRAINING REPORT HELD ON THE 30TH OCTOBER 2018

INTRODUCTIONS

Olachi Ojimadu welcomed the participants to the day's SMEL Training, thereafter Uguru Patrick Ikechukwu gave a short opening prayer, and Raymond ukwa came up to give the introduction to YNAFGM, which he highlighted the objectives of the organization in raising support initiatives for women and girls and adding voices to the campaign to end GBV and promoting SRHR in Nigeria and the hopes for expansion to reach other African countries and beyond

A pre-test was administered to the participants to ascertain their level of understanding around the issues of FGM, Social Norms and Social Norm Change Measurement, the Pre-Test report showed the participants had the basic understanding of FGM, but did not a good understanding about Social Norms and change measurement, this also showed some of the organizations sometimes do not carry out background surveys to understand the underpinning factor of the practice of FGM in communities before carrying out intervention projects.

SESSION THROUGH SOCIAL NORMS

Raymond Ukwa began his presentation to make the participants understand the overview of FGM in Nigeria, he explained that for organizations to appreciate the work they do; they have to have a clear understanding of grouping tradition; into harmful, neutral and beneficial, it helps communities also understand their own practices. During his presentation he examined the reason FGM Practice has persisted in Nigeria, detailing that when organizations focus their interventions focusing on the health consequences of FGM, practicing individuals will want to seek for the medicalization of FGM, if organizations focus on legislation, it may drive the practice underground and not necessarily enforcing attitudinal change. His Presentation explored the reason why organizations need to explore the social dynamics of the practicing communities before planning interventions, and work with not against community cultural beliefs. He also encouraged participants to follow the do no harm principle while implementing in communities

SESSION THROUGH MONITORING & EVALUATION

Ola started by introducing Monitoring and Evaluation (M&E) to the participants. She went ahead to give further understanding to the components of M&E and its importance. As part of the expectations from participants, she went further explain what should be monitored and what should be evaluated. Majorly the emphasis of this session was on the need for organizations to constantly periodically monitor their projects with a clear understanding that monitoring helps in routine data collection to ensure projects meet its objectives. This session explored the conceptual framework development that identifies variables that factor into programming and result expectations with Logic and Result frameworks inclusive. This session ended by the participants clearly understanding the difference between Monitoring and Evaluation and the use of M&E in implementing projects.

Raymond Returned to share the developed Activity Reporting Template with the participants, which they all agreed was comprehensive and would love to adopt the model in their organizations and would also love to be sharing activity reports with the YNAFGM for documentation and amplification. He went ahead to share with the participants the M&E framework development session, to aid organizations make informed project development also help in monitoring and evaluating projects.

A Post-Test was administered to evaluate participant's knowledge after the training, the results showed increased knowledge, but some still had issues with Social Norm Change Measurement, which Raymond explained once again.

A closing was said to end the meeting and participants had the opportunity to network with each other.



