



The New Zealand All-Party Parliamentary Group

Open Hearing 2015

Engaging Boys and Men in Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights Initiatives

Call for Submissions

Introduction

On 29 June 2015, the New Zealand Parliamentarians' Group on Population and Development (NZPPD), in partnership with Family Planning and United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA), will be holding a one-day Open Hearing on ***engaging boys and men in sexual and reproductive health and rights initiatives*** at the New Zealand Parliament. The NZPPD invites individual persons and organisations with relevant experience to make a written submission on the Open Hearing theme. The NZPPD will select a limited number of submitters to orally present at the Open Hearing.

A report, including recommendations, will be produced and disseminated widely with the aim of supporting further action in New Zealand and in the Pacific to improve the sexual and reproductive health and rights (SRHR) of Pacific people, with a particular focus on engaging boys and men.

Terms of Reference for the Open Hearing

The aim of this Open Hearing is to better understand to what extent boys and men are engaged in SRHR and related activities in Pacific Island Countries and Territories (PICTs), and what impact such engagement has.

We would like input from individual persons and organisations working with this theme to provide information on issues and solutions that may be used to motivate and increase awareness, action, and investment in SRHR.

Submissions could address any of the following questions:

- What is the current situation, including activities and statistics, regarding engaging boys and men in SRHR, and related issues, in PICTs?
- What are the major challenges in relation to engaging boys and men in SRHR initiatives in PICTs?

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- What are the current strategies and approaches being used to improve the SRHR of men in PICTs?
- What are the unique needs of boys and men that are currently being addressed, or overlooked, by SRHR service providers?
- Where boys and men have been engaged in SRHR activities, what has the impact on families, women and girls been?
- Are sexual and reproductive health information and services for boys and men in PICTs adequately funded and resourced?
- What is New Zealand's role in supporting SRHR activities in PICTs, and globally?
- What could New Zealand do to further support SRHR in PICTs, with a particular focus on engaging boys and men?
- What strategies are being employed elsewhere in the world to engage boys and men in SRHR initiatives and what are the potential lessons learned for the Pacific?

Particular areas of interest include:

- The relationship between sexual and reproductive health and rights of boys and men and overall development.
- The relationship between sexual and reproductive health and rights of boys and men and advancing gender equality.
- The relationship between gender-based violence and boys and men's (lack of) engagement in sexual and reproductive health and rights initiatives.
- The relationship between sexual and reproductive health and rights of boys and men and sustainable economic development.
- Family planning and male-specific contraception – access, information, services, uptake.
- Sexuality education.
- Sexually Transmissible Infections (STIs), and HIV.
- Working with marginalised groups.
- Lessons learnt from working with boys and men in a sexual and reproductive health and rights context.

Please note that the NZPPD welcomes information, evidence and recommendations on other areas that are not mentioned above as long as they are relevant to the theme of engaging boys and men in sexual and reproductive health and rights initiatives in PICTs. Country-specific situation and policy analysis are welcomed.

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Guidelines for Written Submissions

We have prepared the following guidelines with the aim of ensuring that the Open Hearing submissions are as targeted as possible. Our aim is that these guidelines will help ensure that submissions have a maximum impact whilst also supporting and guiding the writer. Your time in reading and following these guidelines is much appreciated.

What is a Written Submission?

A written submission is your chance to present your opinions, observations, evidence and recommendations on the topic of this Open Hearing ***engaging boys and men in sexual and reproductive health and rights initiatives***. At this stage, all submissions must be written, but you may be asked to present to the NZPPD by making an additional oral submission. This will be an opportunity for you to highlight key points in your written submission and for NZPPD members to ask you more detailed questions. Guidelines for oral submissions will be circulated separately to confirmed presenters.

Submission requirements

- Arrive at the NZPPD Secretariat no later than **5pm (NZT), 15 May 2015**.
- If possible, be typed in MS Word.
- Be a maximum of 2,000 words.
- Include page numbers and references.
- Include a list of any enclosed supplementary materials and the purpose for enclosing them.
- Indicate if you **do not** wish for the submission to be made public. If you do not indicate otherwise, all submissions will be made public.

Submission format

1. **Contact details** of the person(s) or organisation making the submission, including postal address, telephone, and email where applicable.
2. **Introduction** to the person(s) or organisation making the submission. For example, particular areas of expertise and focus of work.
3. **Executive Summary** of maximum one page that summarises the main points in the submission.
4. **Body of text with sub-headings** referring to the questions and areas of interest under 'Terms of Reference' as a guide. Note that selected submissions will present for 30 minutes.
5. **Recommendations with Supporting Information.**

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Please send submissions via email to Viktoria Degerman at viktoria.degerman@familyplanning.org.nz by **5pm (NZT), 15 May 2015**. Alternatively, you can send two copies of your submission via post to Viktoria Degerman, NZPPD Secretariat, Family Planning, PO Box 11-515, Wellington 6142, New Zealand.

If you are interested in making a submission, we would really appreciate if you could inform us of your plan to do so by sending a short email to viktoria.degerman@familyplanning.org.nz.

If you or someone from your organisation is unable to follow the above submission guideline, then please contact the NZPPD Secretariat to discuss alternative options.

Pacific Participation

The NZPPD is committed to ensuring Pacific participation at this event and has a limited amount of funding to support this. Please contact the NZPPD Secretariat if you wish to discuss this further.

The NZPPD is greatly looking forward to receiving submissions and working with Pacific partners to increase understanding and investment in sexual and reproductive health and rights in the region.

Many thanks and best wishes,

Barbara Kuriger
NZPPD Chair

Kevin Hague
NZPPD Deputy Chair

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