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Ravi spoke about the importance of including youth in developing partnerships. In the current situation, 1.8 billion people between 15-30 years and even if children under 15 are included, the proportion of up to nearly 50% of the world population. Ravi highlighted hence the need to begin work on gender in the earliest years. In relation to this, highlighting Eva Nordfjell from Save the Children, the importance of involving men in parenting to change gender norms when she described their work with fatherhood.

Recommendations and ideas for further work on the subject

Ravi along with Eva Nordfjell, advisor on gender and health with a focus on masculinity at Save the Children, Eva Zillén, advisor to the organization Female to Female and Eva Johansson, Head of Sida Afghanistan Unit participated as a speaker at the seminar to contribute experience and perspective on the subject.

Based on his presentation Ravi expressed recommendations for Sida how we should focus our efforts as donors:

- We should develop specific tools and methods to not only include young people in gender mainstreaming, but also let the young involved in leading projects aimed at their age group.
- Page should work to raise awareness of children's rights and the right to protection, and to initiate bilateral discussions on post - 2015 agenda.

Finally Ravi stressed to work with men and boys should not lead to women's agency and women's rights fall in the shadows, without these agendas must be integrated with each other to achieve the best results.

Eva Zillén from Woman to Woman also stressed that Sida must make sure that the money that now goes to outreach to men and boys do not come from the money that previously went to women.

Eva Johansson presented the results and challenges in the promotion of gender equality work Sida perform in Afghanistan. There is a complicated context in Afghanistan, which means that it takes a long time to achieve results. It is therefore important to work with innovative methods. Afghanistan unit will now explore the possibility of strengthening gender equality by involving men and boys as agents of change.

See also the links below for more information about Ravi Karkara's work:

<http://data.myworld2015.org/>

<http://map.worldwewant2015.org/>

<http://millionvoices-data.worldwewant2015.org/>