

GHS2026 Conference Workshops

***Day One - Tuesday 9 2026, 4pm-6pm
Room 406***

Beyond gender blind programming: how to research masculinity and GBV during outbreaks

Aim & Objectives:

This workshop aims to strengthen gender-responsive outbreak preparedness and response through community-led evidence generation. It has three core objectives:

- To build participants' skills in qualitative, participatory and adaptive research methods for understanding shifting gender norms, masculinities and GBV risks during health emergencies, both offline and online.
- To equip practitioners with ethical, safety-focused approaches - including trauma-informed practice and distress protocols - for conducting GBV-related research in crisis contexts.
- To support participants to translate community-generated insights into gender-responsive outbreak strategies co-created with affected communities, strengthening local engagement and ownership.

Skills-Building Approach and Methods

The session involves step-by-step, practical activities, including:

- Applying innovative community-led research tools and methods and tools (power mapping, story-based inquiry, community dialogue design and rapid gender analysis) in order to integrate community experiences into the outbreak response. Be familiar with safety and ethics principles in GBV research and how these can be integrated into protocols to ensure they are survivor-centred
- Translating qualitative insights into gender-responsive strategies co-designed with communities.
- Post-session templates, tools and reading resources will be provided.

Target audience:

This workshop is intended for humanitarian responders, gender specialists, policymakers, and researchers seeking practical tools to integrate community-generated evidence on gender, masculinity and GBV into emergency preparedness and response.

The workshop is open to delegates worldwide and draws on examples from diverse settings, with particular relevance for low- and middle-income contexts and outbreak-affected communities. The tools are adaptable to any region.