

Module 7. Including Refugee Men

Tools to encourage the inclusion of refugee men in the fight for gender equality, and to identify the specific needs faced by refugee and displaced men and boys

Gender Roles and Cultures Exercise

This exercise explores how gender roles change over time. This happens in nearly all cultures. Sometimes the authoritarian regimes from which refugees have fled try to reverse these changes, but this causes even more resistance.

Gender roles evolve over time

The diagram features four illustrations of women in different cultural attire, arranged in a circular pattern. Each illustration is accompanied by a green text question:

- Top left: A woman in a yellow and blue patterned dress. Question: "What was life like for your grandmother?"
- Top right: A woman in a red headscarf and red dress. Question: "What was/is life like for your mother?"
- Bottom left: A woman in a black headscarf and black dress holding a baby. Question: "What is life like for your wife and sister?"
- Bottom right: A woman in a purple dress. Question: "What do you want for your daughters?"

What needs to change for this to happen?

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Ask the participants to write a short paragraph answering the questions on the slide, and then discuss the answers. This can be done in groups if some members are unable to write). Brainstorm actions that can be taken at a local level to support gender equality and the protection of women and girls from SGBV.