



Seminar on Gender-Based Violence (GBV) and Women's Health MASL D175134

As noted by Ambassador Eric Goosby, US Global AIDS Coordinator, "Gender inequalities fuel the spread of HIV/AIDS. Gender-based violence, in particular, directly promotes the spread of HIV/AIDS by limiting a women's ability to negotiate sexual practices, disclose HIV status, and/or access medical services and counseling due to fear of GBV". In addition to its multifocal adverse impact on women's health, nations with better track records of reducing GBV and gender inequality consistently prove to be less threatening and more productive regional partners.



The goal of this five day seminar (maximum 80 students) is to better grasp the worldwide scope and consequences of GBV, to understand its contribution to both infectious and chronic women's health problems, and to provide solutions for a way forward. Beyond extending awareness and appreciation of the problem, the



course uses case-based examples of successful intervention in GBV in several contexts to show how successes can lead to clear-cut societal improvements in women's health, rule of law and in the stability, security, and progress of a society. The intent is to provide momentum for countries that are recognizing and responding to the problem of GBV, and to offer insight for engagement based on successful peer nation interventions. Topics include discussion of specific populations such as civilians in war, displaced and migrating populations, commercial sex workers, the homeless and institutionalized individuals. Special emphasis is on military applications including both protection of civilians during war and peacekeeping operations and the safety of female troops and aid workers.

National issues in economics, law and criminal justice, voting and governmental representation are intersected with GBV, both as seminar topics and group exercises. Advances in evidence-based medicine, and clinical and psychological approaches to victims of sexual violence are combined with awareness and risk-reduction for early pregnancy.

GOAL: To: provide participants an insight into the varied global manifestations of GBV and gender inequality, demonstrate case-based solutions for developing a corrective action plan; align American and international expertise toward solutions in accordance with US Government and United Nations leadership intent; and improve women's health, gender equality and national stability through reduction of GBV.

TARGET AUDIENCE: National and regional political decision-makers from the Ministries of Health, Defense and Justice as well as medical and social program authorities working in women's health and in care of displaced populations.

CLASS SIZE: Maximum of 80

COURSE LENGTH: 5 Days (4-8 Nov 13), San Antonio, TX
ESTIMATED FY13 Tuition: \$2,000 (IMET)



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