



“Vote With Your Feet”

Facilitator’s Statements

Values Clarification Statements on Gender and Leadership

(Produced by the IGWG for a workshop with MSH)

- Men will feel threatened if too many women are in leadership roles.
- In order for women to succeed in the workplace, special benefits and dispensations must be made available to them.
- The burden of accommodating women’s needs in the workplace are too costly.
- Gender equitable relationships should not be the goal of a FP/RH program.
- Female-controlled methods perpetuate gender inequality in sexual relationships (because responsibility for contraceptive protection remains on women).
- It is unfair and inappropriate to expect service providers to mitigate power dynamics between the couple seeking services.

Value Clarification Statements on Men & Reproductive Health

(Borrowed from MaryNell Wegner, EngenderHealth)

- Increasing men’s participation in family planning and reproductive health programs will only further increase men’s power over decisions that affect women’s fertility and health.
- Investing staff resources and reproductive health funding for men’s services will take away resources and funds from women’s services and jeopardize women’s health.
- Even if you provide men with comprehensive reproductive health services, they will have little interest in utilizing them.
- If there were more male contraceptive methods available, men would be more interested in participating in family planning.
- The issue of domestic violence should not be addressed in clinics because it is too complex and not directly related to reproductive health.
- Family planning will always be a more important issue to a woman than to a man because she is the one who can get pregnant.
- Men are more concerned about STDs than women are.
- Clinics should concentrate on serving older married men since adolescent males are highly unlikely to seek clinical services.
- Many maternal and child health workers have negative attitudes towards men and would be uncomfortable counseling men or providing services to them.
- Men are uncomfortable going to a female-oriented health facility or being treated by a female clinician.



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Values Clarification Statements on Gender Roles & Sexuality

(Borrowed from MaryNell Wegner, EngenderHealth)

- A woman is only valued for her looks.
- A woman’s place is in the home.
- The most important thing a woman can do is have babies.
- A man is only valued for his ability to make money and provide for his family.
- Women are naturally better parents than are men.
- A man is more of a “man” once he has fathered a child.
- Men are naturally smarter than women.
- A woman should have sex only with someone she loves.
- A man should have sex only with someone he loves.
- Sex is more important to men than to women.
- A woman should be a virgin at the time of marriage.
- It is okay for a man to have sex outside of marriage if his wife does not know about it.