Getting to Equal: Reframing Men and SRHR

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Framing: Men and (women’s?) SRHR

- Men as partners
- Men as clients
- Men as agents of social change

Framing: SRHR and men (people!)

Gender & Sexuality

- Body
- Relationships
- Reproduction

Interventions that promote the knowledge, skills and access everyone needs
  + Comprehensive sexuality education
  + Programs that challenge harmful norms
  + Services that recognize men
  + Policies that reflect a vision of SRHR for all

Other influences that undermine people’s SRHR
  - Inability to talk about sex
  - Sexual double standard
  - Pornography
  - Gender-based violence
  - Few services

Long term effects
Gender equality & SRHR for all

Gender Key:
- Male
- Female
- Non-binary
Key equation of the review

Men’s bodies +
- Learning from pornography vs. RH information
- Knowledge, skills, confidence for life

Men’s relationships +
- Respect and communication
- Gender equality and its impact on health

Men’s reproduction =
- Male dominance in couple vs. community
- Gender equitable attitudes supports contraceptive use
- Delayed fertility ≅ foregone

Men’s lives
- Impact on physical & mental health
- Lasting economic impact
- Lasting implications for companionship
Points of resistance

• A culture of men’s disengagement requires reframing the connections between men’s lives and SRHR
• Services do not prioritize gender-transformative programs
• Policies do not recognize men’s roles and needs
• Investing in men is viewed as competing with investing in women

Questions for us:
• How can we open the reluctant SRHR field to a new perspective on men?
• What are the key policies that would need to change to make this transformation possible?