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Emergency Responses are always gendered









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When asked about courses that are only offered to males (such as driving, electrical, and mechanics), they said, “We would prefer to take these courses but it is expected to be all men. Because of the bad perception of the public, for women doing specific jobs, we cannot.”

Gedo – FGD with women discussing which courses they would prefer to take

“Our culture does not support women to study courses that require a lot of physical activity like masonry and mechanic. If women study these kinds of courses, they will not be employed here in Belethawa. I think they can get job opportunities like Mogadishu but not here in Belethawa. She will face a lot of resistance, criticism and stigmatization.”

Gedo – FGD with women discussing job opportunities

“I normally skip school when I get my periods as I cannot handle the pain and cannot use the latrine in school.”

-School girl in Gedo

When asked if in their opinion girls should be given the same opportunity to come to school, the boys said, “It’s a nice idea, he wants that because of the future development for this country, for girls and boys to have equal access to education.” Other boys said, “Education is less important for girls (Because they are married off).”

When asked about girls doing the household chores the boys said the following, “This is what they are supposed to be doing, this is the job of the girls.”

-FGD with boy students in Gedo



WASH programing in Jilab II
IDP camp in Garowe, Puntland.



“We believe there is not the same opportunities for men and women because of their professions. Because their (men’s) professions are in so demanded.”

-Vocational Training Participant, Garowe (Puntland)

“At the beginning they say there are 3 options for women, so we chose from these... We would have preferred electrical, mechanic, solar because it has a lot of opportunity for us.”

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“Before the program come in we never discussed, we knew it was not even ‘islamicaly’ good, but we were continuing the practice. And then NCA come and we began to discuss.”

-Female Community Dialogue Group Member, Eyl (Puntland)

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-Key Informant Interview, WASH Programming