We envision a world where all people are equal and free from discrimination - a world in which gender justice and human rights are promoted and protected.

We are an international alliance of organizations and individuals working with men and boys to advance women's rights and gender justice. We strive to approach this from a human-rights perspective, and following in the footsteps of intersectional feminist theory and best-practice. That means taking a transformative approach in the way we understand, challenge, and dismantle unjust power relations and patriarchal systems.

In an era of growing international interest in how to best engage men and boys in women’s rights and gender justice, our goal is to understand the potential of such work, as well as the risks if it is not done according to the best possible standards. In doing so, we aim to help ensure work with men and boys upholds feminist principles and is accountable to women’s rights and other social justice movements.

We do this by building inclusive Alliances from local, to regional, to global levels and fostering joint actions in partnership with women’s rights and other social justice movements. Our work brings a critical men and masculinities lens to discussions, initiatives and advocacy, aiming to reduce gender-based violence and discrimination, promote health and well-being and realize gender justice for all.

We take a firm stand against anti-feminist, anti-women’s or other regressive voices. That includes condemning and taking action in response to individuals and groups that are against feminism and women’s rights.

MenEngage Alliance is comprised of organizations working for women’s rights, LGBTIQ+ rights, sexual health and reproductive rights, children and youth, gender and social justice, as well as activists from across various sectors.

Advocating for feminist-informed, gender transformative approaches to engaging men and boys in women’s rights and gender justice

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Our work

Engaging men and boys
We recognize that some men and boys question harmful notions of manhood and the privileges society grants them. At the same time, there is strong resistance to change— including from men in positions of power and influence. Whatever the context or challenge, we seek to work with men and boys to encourage their active involvement in ending gender inequalities, advancing women’s rights and gender justice as allies with women, girls and people of diverse gender identities.

Transforming patriarchal masculinities
We seek to destabilize stereotypical male gender roles and patriarchal expressions of manhood, towards non-violent, equitable and inclusive notions of manhood that fully understand and support women’s autonomy, agency and rights – and those of all sexual orientations and gender identities.

Building alliances and partnerships
From local to regional to global levels, we are committed to building inclusive alliances and fostering joint actions in partnership with women’s rights, gender and other social justice movements.

Taking a gender transformative approach
Gender-transformative approaches actively strive to critically examine, question, and change rigid gender norms and power imbalances as a means to achieve women’s rights and gender justice outcomes for all. They encourage critical awareness of gender roles and norms; challenge the distribution of resources, roles and responsibilities between men, women and people of diverse gender identities; and address unequal and unjust power relations. In work with men and boys, such approaches include the necessity to raise awareness and foster self-reflection on male privilege and the different ways such privilege supports – and is supported by – patriarchal systems.


Issues we work on

Tackling the root causes of violence against women and all other forms of gender-based violence
Advocating for sexual & reproductive health & rights for all
Advancing recognition, reduction & redistribution of unpaid care work
Highlighting a gender & masculinities perspective on peace & security
Promoting and advocating for LGBTQI rights
Strengthening youth leadership and learning from intergenerational dialogue
Understanding climate justice in relation to gender, masculinities and the roles and responsibilities of men & boys
Understanding the roles and responsibilities of faith and faith-based leaders in uprooting stereotypical gender norms and patriarchal notions of manhood

Key strategies

Network building & capacity strengthening
in order to build capable and interconnected global, regional and country networks.

Facilitating knowledge management & communications,
sharing of promising practices
and lessons learned in the field of transforming masculinities and engaging men and boys.

Supporting joint advocacy
to elevate the voices of our members in supporting rights-based, feminist, gender transformative outcomes in critical policy making processes.

Continually improving institutional structure & coordination
mechanisms so we can better support our members and ensure functioning, democratic and sustainable networks.

Strengthening accountability & partnerships
among members and in solidarity with women’s rights and gender justice groups and movements.
Join Us
As a member of MenEngage Alliance, you will:

Connect and collaborate with others working towards shared goals – in your region and around the world

Be part of a growing international community of practice

Benefit from shared information and resources

Learn from the lessons and experiences of leading experts in the field

Contribute your expertise towards joint, feminist-informed action to advance women’s rights and gender justice for all

Men who want to be feminist allies do not need to be given a space in feminism. They need to take the space that they have in society and make it feminist.