



Voice, Agency and Participation
Consultation at Health, Nutrition and Population Civil Society Consultative Group Meeting
October 9, 2013

Jeni Klugman was invited to follow-up on presentations and remarks made during the Women Deliver Conference in Malaysia by presenting an update on VAP work, specifically in the area of SRH and family formation, to an HNP civil society group during the Fall 2013 World Bank Annual Meetings. A brief Q&A followed:

- How is youth and adolescence addressed in the Bank generally, as well as in the upcoming VAP report?
 - Jeni emphasized the importance of lifecycle approach within the report, and as well referred to the work around the Adolescent Girls Initiative
 - Rafael Cortez elaborated on HNP's upcoming analytical work on determinants of adolescent sexual and reproductive health in the form of country case studies (Argentina, El Salvador, Nicaragua, Bangladesh, Nepal, Nigeria, Burkina Faso, etc.)
- General inquiry on sexual education in Japan and an IMF report *Can Women Save Japan* <http://www.imf.org/external/pubs/ft/wp/2012/wp12248.pdf>
- Comment that in addition to having laws on the books, more focus needs to be given to strengthening implementation (referring in particular to violence against women)
 - Jeni highlighted the example of the World Bank Development Policy Loan in Brazil
- Comment on the importance of abstinence messaging for young people.
- BRAC questioned where is the World Bank putting its money, and are we looking at models like BRAC has been using?
 - Sarah Haddock highlighted that the Bank has supported evaluations of BRAC programming in Tanzania and Uganda, and forthcoming in South Sudan and that indeed this model is being looked at for good results on both the economic and health fronts.