Gender Security Course

While all genders face common threats, it is also clear that for some risks, your gender can place you at a higher or lower risk level.

Over 60% of attacks on aid workers or serious accidents occur while travelling and males make up the vast majority of drivers working for NGOs.

Women are significantly more at risk than men from harassment, sexual violence or robbery.

In many cultures men are expected to demonstrate their manhood by never admitting weakness and taking unnecessary risks.

LGBTI staff are at extreme risk from harassment, isolation and abuse as well as possible arrest in many contexts.

Women face discrimination and paternalistic attitudes that can force them into accepting roles and duties that place them at heightened risk.

The Gender Security Course examines the nature of risks faced specifically by men, women and LGBTI staff. It looks at existing research and statistics and a growing library of documents clearly demonstrating that gender can place staff at increased risk levels.

Moving on from this basis, the program uses group work and discussion to come up with recommendations that will work within the local cultural context to keep all genders safe.

The course is based on the ACT Gender Security Guidelines document, developed by a team of ACT members and gender specialists. The guidelines can be downloaded from our website at www.act-security.org

This course can be delivered as a stand alone, one-day training but is normally conducted alongside the ACT security course.

Course fees are calculated on a sliding scale for International, national and local NGOs to ensure all levels of aid workers can afford to attend.

For more information, dates or locations check our website: www.act-security.org