

Engaging youth/youth groups to analyze strengths and vulnerabilities

This worksheet offers a list of different questions you can use in focus groups with youth. These questions are structured to engage young people in a dialogue about how they relate to their communities, unearth some of the potential push factors that may be contributing to radicalization, as well as unearth opportunities that exist to meaningfully engage youth in preventing VE.

ENGAGEMENT QUESTIONS:

These first questions are icebreakers and help introduce participants to the topics of discussion to become comfortable with the setting

- How many of you are involved in any kind of community activities?
- What sort of activities you get involved to in your communities?
- What are the reasons you participate or choose not to participate?

EXPLORATION QUESTIONS:

These questions are to understand aspirations, motivations and challenges

- Describe a successful young person in this community and explain why you consider this person successful?
- What kind of opportunities exist but are inaccessible to you? What are the reasons?
- What skills/knowledge do young people need to better address their own issues and community problems?
- (For example, Communication skills, project management, conflict management, resource management, problem solving, community mobilization, advocacy skills, youth leadership development)
- What kind of personal needs are hard to satisfy in your community?
- What are the negative choices youth you may know may face when their options are limited?
- What pushes a few young people to choose to participate in dangerous activities?
- What are the things local organizations and stakeholder can do to help young people thrive in your community?
- What are the different ways young people can contribute to the well-being of this community?
- Is there anything else you would like to share about the situation of young people in your community?