

Jaffna Muslim Community International

Madam Chair, thank you very much for the opportunity. One of the barriers which the NGOs need to overcome when working with minority youth and giving their information on media is that the NGO actors do not belong to the same minority group and therefore, they may have very different intersectional (?) identity to the minority youth.

The otherness may create differences in the relationship between the NGO and the target group. Therefore, a main role is played by gatekeepers of the NGO and by the cultural mediators between the NGO and the media and the minority youth. The intersectional approach has an impact also on the different steps in the risk management process. It goes without saying that it's extremely important to recognize the multiple discrimination against minority youth to access their real opportunities and access to the rights and to enhance the active participation of stakeholders to the development of the project in order to release (?) youth at the crossroad of discrimination grounds from the traffic jam of prejudices and exclusion.

This also applies to the minority youth community in Sri Lankan war conflict. So, we do really hope the authorities take necessary actions to make sure the youths are not discriminated in Sri Lankan minority community. Thank you very much.