

PhD Confirmation Seminar: Shane Harrison

Humanitarian responses to sexual violence against adolescent boys in emergencies: A case study of the Rohingya crisis response

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Shane Harrison is a PhD Candidate in the Centre for Health Equity. Shane has spent the last three years working as a Gender Specialist on women's empowerment, child rights and maternal health programs, for local and international organisations in Indonesia and Timor-Leste. Prior to this, he worked in policy and research roles for the Australian federal government.

Children face significant risk of human rights abuses in humanitarian emergencies, with adolescent boys (age 10-19) known to be at heightened risk of experiencing sexual violence in refugee camps, detention and during military conscription. However, little is known about how humanitarians are responding to the protection needs of adolescent boys in crisis situations. This PhD project aims to understand how humanitarian organisations and practitioners are responding to the protection needs of adolescent boys in emergencies, with a particular focus on sexual violence. Employing an ethnographic approach, humanitarian policy, program management and service delivery will be investigated during six-months of fieldwork whilst working as a Gender Adviser for Swiss organisation Terre des Hommes in their Rohingya refugee crisis response in Cox's Bazar, Bangladesh.