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**Message from the INGO Gender Equality Committee about the webinar from
26 May 2025
“Engaging Men and Boys in Gender Equality: A New Perspective”**

Description of the topic: Men and boys face growing challenges—from education gaps to mental health struggles, declining workforce participation and rigid masculinity norms - yet these issues are rarely linked to gender equality. This webinar explores how addressing male disadvantage can drive real progress for all. Let's rethink masculinity and engage men as allies in building a more just and equal society.

For more information on the topic men and boys in gender equality please see below recommendation on literature and podcasts by the expert and presenter Alessandra Pauncz, European Network for the Work with Perpetrators of Domestic Violence:

Literature:

- Gurian, M. (1996). *The wonder of boys: What parents, mentors, and educators can do to shape boys into exceptional men*. Tarcher/Putnam.
- Katz, J. (2006). *The macho paradox: Why some men hurt women and how all men can help*. Sourcebooks.
- Kaufman, M. (1993). *Cracking the armor: Power, pain and the lives of men*. Viking.
- Reeves, R. V. (2022). *Of boys and men: Why the modern male is struggling, why it matters, and what to do about it*. Brookings Institution Press.

Podcasts:

Now and Men by MenEngage: explores masculinity, vulnerability, fatherhood and equity through a feminist lens

The Sexual Violence Research Podcast