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working with men, women and youth to prevent gender-based violence and prenatal sex selection in Armenia.

WHEN:

Saturday, March 18
2.30-3.40 p.m.

WHERE:

Boss Room, 8th floor
Church Center for the United Nations
777 UN Plaza, New York, NY, 10017

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Prenatal sex selection—choosing to continue or terminate a pregnancy based on the baby's sex—is one of the most blatant forms of gender-based violence (GBV). Like other forms of GBV, prenatal sex selection is complex. It is rooted in patriarchy, cultural preference for sons, and harmful, strict ideas about the roles and responsibilities that men and women can fulfill in society.

Research shows that three preconditions must be met in order for prenatal sex selection to occur: first, a preference for having boys as opposed to girls; second, access and use of prenatal sex determination technology; and third, a declining birth rate. All three are present in Armenia.

To combat prenatal sex selection, our work in Armenia focuses on examining and challenging harmful gender attitudes and practices that support son preference. World Vision works with men, women, and youth to examine, question, and transform social norms.

Please join us at the 61st UN Commission on the Status of Women to **HEAR** stories of change, **LEARN** about promising practices in transforming social norms and behaviors, and **CELEBRATE** progress in preventing prenatal sex selection and GBV in Armenia.

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