



Testimonial: Xander Figueroa

I am Xander, a self-identified trans male. I am at this session representing ColesDom, an organization with the mission and vision of increasing the visibility of trans men. I work with them to break the paradigm that lesbians and transgender men cannot visibly work together.

The need for sustainability has always been something that has been clear to me and to my organization. When I first arrived at the workshop, I had no expectations of the activity, I just I came to learn.

“When the workshop started, I thought to myself ‘wow’... I had so many unanswered questions, and during the course of the workshop they were raised and discussed openly.”

Learning about the Global Fund processes and how these have impacted our work, as well as learning that the Global Fund will soon leave the region, I am now equipped with more information to continue highlighting the importance of being sustainable.

I am extremely grateful to have attended such an excellent workshop. I feel highly trained and I have learned so much. I actually feel more capable, knowing what I am going to share, and how I can communicate what I learned at this session to my colleagues at my organization.

Please continue to help our communities in any way possible. There is a lot of work still to be done and every little bit helps!

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