

Maternal, Newborn and Child Health in Humanitarian Contexts

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Maternal, newborn and child health in humanitarian contexts – with development in our sights

- Insights from Interagency Working Group for Reproductive Health in Crisis maternal and newborn health sub-working group
- Guidelines, tools and resources available (and coming soon)
- Current issues, debates and challenges



Inter-agency Working Group for Reproductive Health in Crises

□ IAWG is a broad-based, highly collaborative coalition that works to expand and strengthen access to quality sexual and reproductive health services for people affected by conflict and natural disaster

- ▣ Document gaps, accomplishments and lessons learned
- ▣ Evaluates the state of sexual and reproductive health in the field
- ▣ Establishes technical standards for the delivery of reproductive health services
- ▣ Builds and disseminates evidence to policy makers, managers, and practitioners
- ▣ Advocates for the inclusion of crisis-affected persons in global development and humanitarian agendas

<u>MILESTONES</u>	
1996	MISP established
1999	Field Manual published
2004	Global evaluation
2010	Field manual updated
2014	Global evaluation
2018	MISP revision Field Manual revision SPHERE revision Supply kit revision

Minimum Initial Services Package (MISP) for Reproductive Health in Humanitarian Settings

What is the MISP?

The MISP is a coordinated set of activities designed to address priority reproductive health needs **in the early days and weeks of an emergency.**

It forms the **starting point** for sexual and reproductive health programming, and should be sustained and built upon with comprehensive health services to meet population health needs in protracted crises and settings recovering from emergencies.



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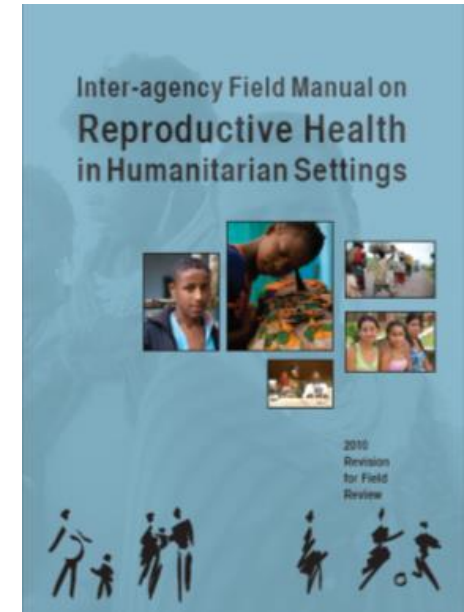
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<p><i>Note:</i> It is also important to ensure contraceptives are available to meet the demand, syndromic treatment of STIs is available to patients presenting with symptoms and antiretrovirals are available to continue treatment and for prevention of mother-to-child transmission. In addition, ensure that culturally appropriate menstrual protection materials (usually packed with other toiletries in “hygiene kits”) are distributed to women and girls.</p>	<p><i>Note:</i> It is also important to ensure that safe abortion care is available, to the full extent of the law, in health centers and hospital facilities.</p>

Inter-Agency Field Manual for Reproductive Health in Humanitarian Settings

- First issued in 1999, revision issued in 2010

New Edition Coming in Summer 2018!

- Provides guidance for MISP implementation and more comprehensive services to be strengthened as soon as possible
- Provides programmatic examples and links to resources with further guidance for specific issues and settings



INTERAGENCY FIELD MANUAL FOR REPRODUCTIVE HEALTH IN HUMANITARIAN SETTINGS

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Maternal and Newborn Health Chapter

Minimum Initial Services Package

Prevent excess maternal and newborn morbidity and mortality

- Clean, safe delivery and essential newborn care
- EmONC
- Emergency referral system
- Post-abortion care

Comprehensive Maternal and Newborn Health Services

Provide comprehensive antenatal, intrapartum and postpartum care according to national and global guidelines

Cross-cutting updates

Attention to
maternal/
newborn dyad

Emphasis on
quality of care

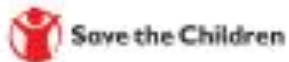
Context-
specific
considerations

Latest global
guidelines and
standards



Newborn Health in Humanitarian Settings

FIELD GUIDE



COMMUNITY HEALTH ACTION
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HUMANITARIAN-DEVELOPMENT NEXUS
JUNE 4 - 7, 2018 | BETHESDA, MD
coregroup global health practitioner conference

Newborn Health in Humanitarian Settings: Examples and Lessons from the Field

Wednesday, June 6 11:30am – 1:00pm
Ambassador Room

<https://www.healthynewbornnetwork.org>

Beyond the Guidelines: Current Issues, Debates and Challenges

- ❑ How to effectively introduce, maintain and expand coverage of essential maternal and newborn health services in conflict-affected settings
- ❑ How to effectively “care for the carers” and ensure both continuing professional development and clinical practice opportunities for health workers in crisis-affected settings
- ❑ How to ensure women and newborns receive quality care in all settings



For more information, please visit:

<http://iawg.net/areas-of-focus/maternal-newborn-health/>