Introduction to the IAWG
Maternal and Newborn Health in Crisis and Conflict
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A collaboration of UN agencies, government, NGOs, research institutes, and donor organizations dedicated to providing sexual and reproductive health services to women and girls in crisis-affected areas.
IAWG Members by country
IAWG Membership Structure

Electronic Membership

Steering Committee

Associate Membership
IAWG Technical Sub-Working Groups

- Gender-Based Violence
- Maternal and Newborn Health
- Safe Abortion Care
- MISP
- Voluntary Contraception
Cross-Cutting Sub-Working Groups

Logistics

Adolescent SRH

Data and Research

Advocacy and Accountability
Key IAWG highlights
Reproductive Health in the Changing Humanitarian Context

Key Findings from the IAWG on Reproductive Health in Crises’ 2012-2014 Global Evaluation
IAWG Global Evaluation
2012-2014

• Identify existing RH services
• Quantify progress
• Document gaps
• Determine future directions
Methods

1. Literature Review
2. On-line survey of agencies capacity to address SRH needs in SRH (n= 82)
3. Assessment of Availability, Use and Quality of RH services
   *South Sudan, DRC , Burkina Faso
4. Assessment of the Use and Efficacy of the MISP
   *Irbid City and Zaatri Refugee Camp
5. Analysis of crisis funding trends for RH
6. HIS RH data analysis
Organizations with an RHHS Policy

- Yes: 68%
- No: 23%
- Don't know: 6%
- Missing: 2%
Institutional Funding  2004-2012

- An increase in funding for RHHS: 49%
- A decrease in funding for RHHS: 13%
- No substantial change in funding for RHHS: 20%
- Don't know: 16%
- Missing: 2%
Increased commitment to the MISP in new emergencies
Average annual per capita RH ODA

- Conflict-affected LDCs: $2.30
- Non conflict-affected LDCs: $3.60
Clinical Care for Survivors of Sexual Assault

Gaps in

• provider knowledge
• community awareness
• lack of drugs

identified as primary barriers to care
Obstetric and Newborn Care

Only 1 hospital out of 63 health facilities could provide comprehensive obstetric and newborn care.
Long-acting and Permanent Methods of Family Planning

- Not available at any facilities in South Sudan
- Available in 36% of health facilities in DRC
- Available in 20% of health facilities in Burkina Faso
Comprehensive Abortion Care

- Some improvements in post-abortion care
- Dearth of access to safe abortion care within the extent of national laws
Despite established guidelines, comprehensive reproductive health care in protracted displacement is severely lacking
Next Steps & Key Recommendations