

Regional Strategy Working Group

Eleventh Annual Meeting of the IAWG on Reproductive Health in
Crisis

5-7 November, 2008

Cairo

Regional Strategy Working Group - Participants

- UNHCR
- IOM

Shared Experiences: East, Southeast Asia and Pacific

- Relatively informal: no TORs and based on loose communication
- Focus on training, enhancing cooperation between stakeholders and developing new partnerships
- Success in implementing activities can largely be attributed to the development of an actual proposal, which was subsequently funded by the Australian Government
- An effective approach will act as a bridge between **development and reproductive health specialists** and **emergency and crisis relief staff**

Shared Experiences: East Africa

- Develop an inclusive regional network – cultural and linguistic divisions in East Africa hindered the group's effectiveness

Regional IAWG Forum for Northern Africa/Eastern Mediterranean

- An informal, participatory forum
- Work from the national level – acknowledge key players nationally (including those not present) and invite them to participate or contribute
- Identify one agency to act as focal point

Recommendations: UNFPA, IMC

Regional IAWG Forum for Northern Africa/Eastern Mediterranean – Objectives and Strategies

- The group should develop a Plan of Action
- Major strategies should include:
 - **Advocacy**
 - **Capacity building**
 - **Networking**

Regional IAWG Forum for Northern Africa/Eastern Mediterranean – Resources

- **Consultation** with other regional IAWG Forum representatives could assist and inform the development of the Forum for the North Africa/Eastern Mediterranean Region
- **IAWG online resources** could be utilized. These could be adapted (as necessary) and disseminated at the national/regional level

Regional IAWG Forum for Northern Africa/Eastern Mediterranean – Next Steps

- Identify a regional focal point
- Identify key players at the national and regional level and invite them to contribute to the development of the Forum
- Communicate for the development of a plan of action and identification of SRH objectives in the region