



Clinical Care for Sexual Assault Survivors:

A Multimedia Training to Improve Delivery of Compassionate and Confidential Care

The International Rescue Committee will hold a two-day training on **Clinical Care for Sexual Assault Survivors** immediately following the 2010 IAWG meeting in Santo Domingo. Using a multimedia training DVD, skilled facilitators will lead sessions designed to improve competent and compassionate care of sexual assault survivors in resource limited and emergency settings. Click [here](#) for more information about the CCSAS training tool.

Who should participate?

This training is intended for all clinic workers who interact with sexual assault survivors, with a separate section specifically for non-medical staff. It strives to equip providers at all levels—from administrators to physicians—with the skills to provide compassionate, competent and confidential care.

Why is this training different?

The training is delivered in a group setting with facilitators guiding participants through material and directing discussions and group participation as appropriate. Multiple teaching methods are used to reinforce the messages, including:

- Case studies
- Group exercises
- Video re-enactments
- Service providers offering first hand perspectives on working with sexual assault survivors in emergency settings.

Participants will gain knowledge and skills in the following areas:

- **What Every Clinic Worker Needs to Know:** covering the global burden of sexual assault, how cultural beliefs affect sexual assault survivors, common myths regarding sexual assault and universal human rights of survivors.
- **Responsibilities of Non-Medical Staff:** aimed at non-clinical staff such as receptionists, cleaning staff, drivers, security personnel and logisticians.
- **Direct Patient Care:** covers topics such as receiving a sexual assault survivor; taking the patient's history; performing a physical exam; providing treatment, disease prevention, and follow-up care; and caring for child and male survivors
- **Preparing Your Clinic:** addresses the following subjects: assessing your clinic's resources, organizing staff and materials needed to care for survivors, and mapping referral networks.
- **Forensic Examination:** provides an introduction to forensic evidence collection, how to incorporate it into patient care, and specific information on collecting and storing samples.

Location: Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic

Date: 27-28 May, 2010

Time: 8:30-4:30 p.m.

Registration: Registration is required and limited to 15 people. To register, please contact Ashley Wolfington at ashley.wolfington@theirc.org. Attendance at the IAWG meeting is not required to participate in the training. The training is free, but participants are responsible for all travel related costs. **The deadline to register is May 23, 2010.**

Other information: The training is most useful when two or more participants from the same agency or clinic can attend together. If possible, participants should attend with a laptop that has a DVD drive.

For more information, please contact:

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