

# Reproductive Health Services *for* Refugees *and* Internally Displaced Persons



## Inter-agency Working Group on Reproductive Health in Crises

### Introducing IAWG

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# “IAWG” or “IWAG”





# Who is here?

- Participants for 2010 IAWG annual meeting include approximately 110 individuals from 50 agencies and 20 countries.
- Representatives from governments, United Nations agencies, non-governmental organizations, academia, etc.





# Why are we here?

- Annual face-to-face meetings for members to:
  - exchange information,
  - identify challenges,
  - gain from the experience of others,
  - build partnerships, and
  - collectively work toward the institutionalization of reproductive health care for crisis-affected populations.



# How does IAWG work?

- Spirit of collaboration and volunteer commitment
- Fluid membership and steering committee



2008 Cairo Meeting



2009 MENA Regional Meeting



2009 Training Partnerships



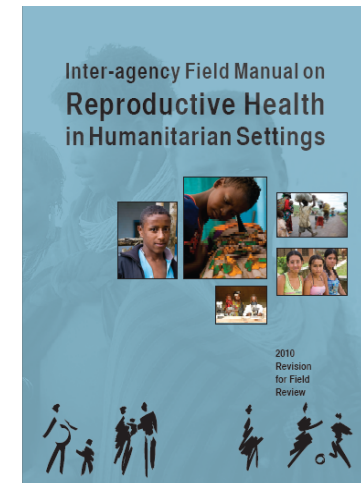
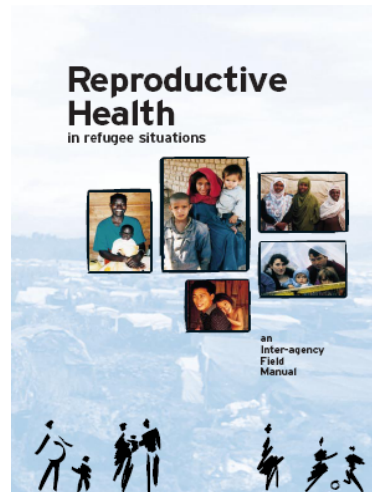
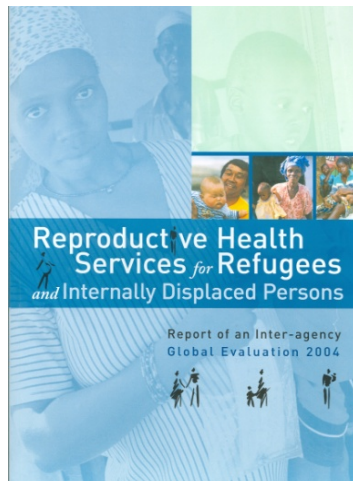
# IAWG Steering Committee

- American Refugee Committee (ARC)
- Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)
- Columbia University
- International Medical Corps (IMC)
- International Planned Parenthood Federation (IPPF)
- International Rescue Committee (IRC)
- JSI Research and Training Institute
- Marie Stopes International (MSI)
- United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR)
- United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA)
- University of New South Wales
- Women's Refugee Commission
- World Health Organization (WHO)



# Some key highlights

- 2002-2004 global review
- Three year revision of the 1999 *Reproductive Health in Refugee Situations: An Inter-agency Field Manual*





# What does IAWG do?

- Advances global agenda through 13 sub-working groups with a specific Terms of Reference.
- Shares information and resources through a website and electronic community.
- Meets on an annual basis to review process and determine priorities for collective action.



# 2010 meeting objectives

- Review progress towards achieving programmatic goals and future steps outlined in the 2008 Terms of Reference.
- Share information and identify areas of common work; plan next steps for 2010-2011.
- Establish a regional IAWG forum for the Latin America and Caribbean region that serves to share information and lessons learned across projects in the region and enable synergistic partnerships to fill gaps and minimize duplication of efforts.





**Thank You!**