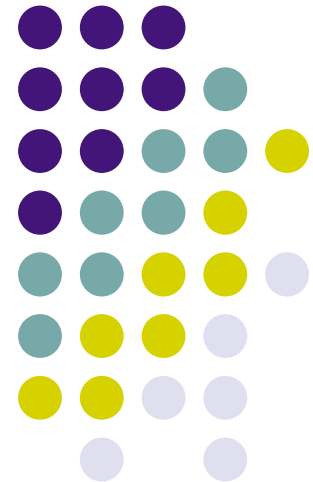


# Regional IAWG on RH in Crisis Middle East and North Africa

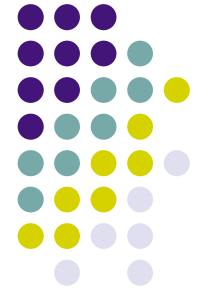
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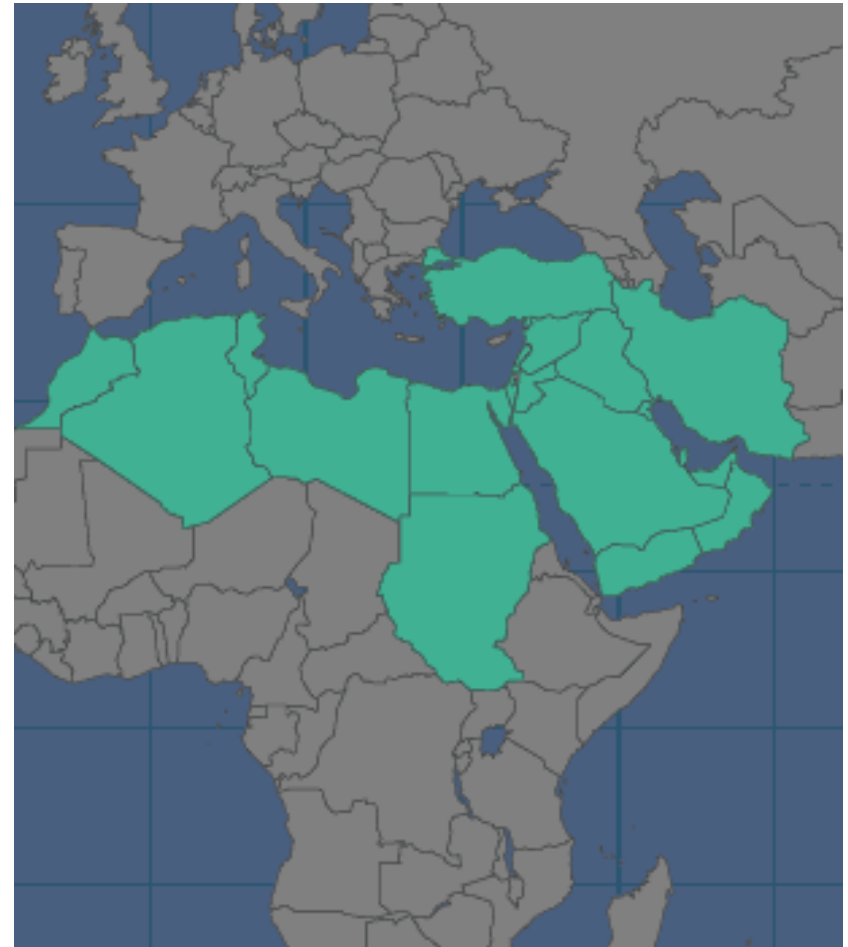


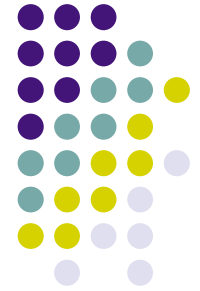
# Middle East North Africa Region



## Situation...

- Diverse region that suffers from a variety of emergencies affecting a large number of states (natural disasters, conflicts & ethnic/religious tensions, displacement & migration)
- Some statistics:
  - 1.4 millions Iraqi IDPs
  - 1.7 million Iraqi refugees (Syria, Jordan, Lebanon, Egypt, etc.)
  - 2.7 million internally displaced in Darfur
  - 140,000 refugees in Yemen
  - ~ 350,000 IDPs in North Yemen
  - 100,000 refugees in Egypt





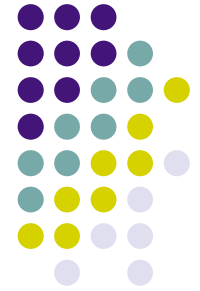
## Established December 2008

- At 11<sup>th</sup> Annual IAWG Conference in Cairo
- TORs drafted: WG would be an informal technical platform that hosts different organizations from MENA region
- The WG is co-chaired by UNFPA and International Medical Corps (IMC)

# 1<sup>st</sup> Regional Meeting for MENA

27-28 July 2009

Cairo, Egypt



❖ 15 participants from 8 countries

❖ 6 organizations

❖ TOR was finalized

❖ Action plan developed

**Regional SRH gaps & needs identified...**

❖ Access to and quality of SRH care

❖ Violence against women

❖ Need for stronger coordination mechanisms

❖ Family planning

❖ Cervical and breast cancer screening and treatment

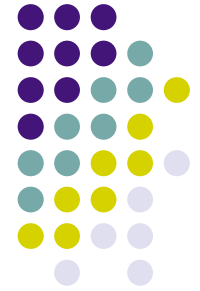
❖ Inclusion of SRH in national contingency planning



# Action plan...

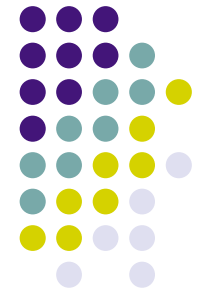
*Focused on 4 priorities:*

- Capacity building
  - MISP TOT and echo trainings
- Technical assistance
  - Roster of experts & identifying good tools
- Coordination and information sharing
  - Enhanced communication, expanded network, information sharing
- Advocacy and awareness raising
  - Develop advocacy tools and strategies, compilation of data



# Regional MISP Training of Trainers: A course for SRH coordinators

6-10 December  
Cairo, Egypt

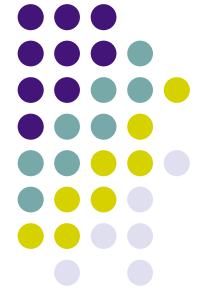


- ❖ Objective: to develop a team of trained MISP/RH Coordinators in the region
- ❖ 36 participants from 8 countries
- ❖ UN agencies (14), Ministry of Health (6), International and National NGOs (13), Red Cross/Crescent Societies (3)
- ❖ Each country group was tasked with developing action plans to integrate SRH into national emergency preparedness plans



# Minimum Initial Service Package (MISP) for Reproductive Health (RH) in Crises

*echo trainings held in country*



## Genina, West Darfur Sudan

25 - 27<sup>th</sup> March 2010

- ❖ Organized by UNFPA and COSV
- ❖ 20 participants from 11 agencies

## Yemen

25 - 28<sup>th</sup> April 2010

- ❖ Organized by UNFPA and Yemen Family Care Association
- ❖ ~20 participants

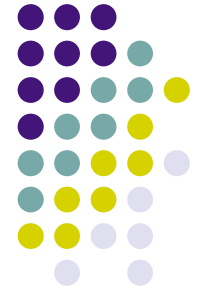


MISP TOT: echo training Participants, West Darfur

## Way Forward...

- More echo trainings scheduled (2 echo-trainings planned for South and North Darfur in July 2010. Kassala and South Kordofan training will be conducted in 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter 2010)
- Echo-trainings planned in oPt, Syria, Jordan
- Youth Peer Educator training to be held in Horn of Africa in October 2010 (a session on MISP will be included)
- South Sudan and East Sudan participated in April SPRINT TOT training. Maghreb will participate in September training.
- MISP TOT Facilitator Manual is being translated into Arabic. Presentations have already been translated by the Yemen echo training team.
- Roster of experts will be developed based on trainings
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Regional IAWG meeting to follow up on Action Plan (tentatively planned for summer 2010)





## Challenges...

- Absence of funding to ensure coordination and technical support through regional IAWG
- Coordination is time consuming - need a dedicated Secretariat
- Participation is not active by some members
- MISP and contents of UNFPA RH kits to MENA context may have to be adapted (noted by middle income countries and urban refugee contexts)
- Need for M&E and quality assurance of capacity building (MISP TOT, echo-training)