

# IAWG (Sub Saharan Africa)



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# IAWG West Central /East Africa

- IAWG October 2007 (Nairobi) – to kick start a regional Africa IAWG
- But slow start due to:
  - Challenges in coordinating and following up among regional IAWG actors
  - Lack of regional initiatives

# Progress IAWG Africa



- Mailing groups and networking
- Engaging governments
- Dissemination of MISP online module
- SPRINT Initiative cross-regional learning:
  - 4 IAWG Africa members trained in SPRINT in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia in 2008-2009
  - Country ToT, June 2009, Chad

# SPRINT AFRICA 2009/2010



- SPRINT Steering Committee: UNHCR, UNFPA, IPPF
- SPRINT Secretariat at IPPF Regional Office, Nairobi
- Regional ToTs: West and East Africa, 2010
  - One Francophone: 8 West African countries (Benin, Burkina Faso, Cote D'Ivoire, Guinea Conakry, Guinea Bissau, Mauritania, Niger and Senegal)
  - One Anglophone: 5 East Africa and horn of Africa (East & South Sudan, Ethiopia, Uganda, Kenya, Ethiopia, Tanzania)
- Total number of Master Trainers to date = 96

# Challenges IAWG / RH in crises

- Coordination of large group of actors
- Turnover of staff
- Limited information sharing
- Poor Internet access
- Limited national health policies integrating SRH in humanitarian settings
- Fund raising for emergency RH activities
- South-south cooperation with rapid deployment of personnel in acute crisis

# IAWG way forward



- Translating key IAWG documents into other languages (French, Portuguese, Spanish, local languages, etc.)
- Academic/training partnerships to integrate RH in crisis into national training curricula
- Use SPRINT Initiative to advance IAWG Africa
  - SPRINT regional ToTs:
    - *3 Francophone (June, Sep, November)*
    - *1 Anglophone (June)*
  - Support to Roll-out in country training
  - Rapid deployment *in emergency situations*
  - *Contingency planning*



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# Questions & Answers

