



Inter-agency Working Group (IAWG) on Reproductive Health in Crises

Training Partnership (TP)

REPORT 5th IAWG Training Partnership Meeting, 30 Nov - 02 December 2010, Geneva

Background

As the frequency and intensity of crises and their related reproductive health (RH) needs continue to increase, demand for training has also increased. The IAWG partners address this demand through the development of relevant training modules and conducting workshops and trainings. Many training institutes and universities from crisis-prone countries are mandated to provide RH training, conduct research and often, to provide community support. They thus share a common framework with the IAWG partners. In order to better share information on RH training, benefit from each other's comparative advantage and coordinate training activities between these training institutes and IAWG members, the 'IAWG Training Partnership (TP) for Reproductive Health in Crises' was formed in 2006. The IAWG-TP is one of the IAWG's sub-working groups and it is linked to other IAWG sub-working groups.

Since 2006, 4 annual meetings (Geneva (2006), New York (2007), Cairo (2008) and Geneva (2009)) have taken place. During the 4th Annual IAWG-TP Meeting it was agreed that the guiding principle of the Training Partnership is long-term sustainability by focusing on strategic capacity building, piloting new training modules and ensuring quality of all training initiatives. Proposed next steps were to establish an IAWG Training Partnership website, including an e-learning platform and a community of practice for trainers, to develop a matrix of available trainings, to explore ways to share a list of trainers among agencies and to develop/pilot the four refresher clinical outreach training modules (MVA, Vacuum Extraction, Standard Precautions and Signal functions of BEmONC)

5th Annual IAWG Training Partnership for Reproductive Health in Crises Meeting

Objectives

The 5th annual IAWG TP meeting took place in Geneva from 29 November to 3 December 2010 and brought together 29 representatives from training and public health institutions from around the world (Asia, Africa, the Middle east and Latin America), as well as UN agencies and NGOs with the following objectives:

1. To provide an update on RH resources and training initiatives developed and/or carried out by IAWG agencies and training institute partners in 2010.
2. To explore successful partnership models to roll-out existing training and make it sustainable.
3. To review new activities developed by the TP based on recommendations from the 2009 annual meeting.
4. To discuss the TP workplan for next year.

The meeting closed with the Geneva launch of the 2010 Inter-agency Field Manual on Reproductive Health in Humanitarian Settings, held at the Palais des Nations. The launch was followed by a briefing on the outcomes of the 5th Annual IAWG-TP Meeting for representatives from the Permanent Missions to the United Nations Office at Geneva.

To view the presentations, go to www.iawg.net (not yet available)

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Objective 1: To provide an update on RH resources and training initiatives developed and/or carried out by IAWG agencies and training institute partners in 2010.

During the 'marketplace' session participants shared information on their RH training curricula and new resources.

In the afternoon Tomo Watanabe and Glen Mola provided an update on the development of the 2 day **refresher clinical outreach training modules** for manual vacuum aspiration (MVA) in post abortion care and vacuum extraction (VE) in assisted vaginal delivery. The MVA module was piloted by IPAS in collaboration with UNHCR at two refugee camps in Kenya, and a third pilot will be conducted mid December in Uganda. The VE module is to be piloted in December 2010 in Papua New Guinea (PNG) in collaboration with the School of Medicine and Health Sciences, University of PNG and in Uganda with the School of Public Health, University of Makerere. The clinical outreach training modules on Standard Precautions and Signal functions of BEmONC are under development.

During the final session of the first day, the participants highlighted **gaps and challenges in building capacity for RH in crises** in the following areas:

- Monitoring and Evaluation
 - We need to start collecting indicators to monitor the impact of training.
 - The IAWG-TP must advocate with the Health Cluster to start coordinated data collection through a health information system early in emergencies, including RH indicators.
 - There is a UNHCR HIS toolkit, that includes RH data, but it is not implemented.
 - HeRAMS has RH indicators, but this tool is not often used and cannot be used as a HIS.
 - The emergency HIS should include all indicators for the MISP.
- Advocacy
 - There is a gap between who we train and the understanding of policymakers.
- National Health Cluster Coordination
 - How could we configure a supportive base to provide help on RH in a humanitarian setting? There is a need for a specific lead agency on RH in a humanitarian response and a RH subgroup as part of the Health Cluster, so that efforts can be made to move RH response more quickly and efficiently than through the general Health Cluster meetings.

Recommendations

1. Integrate MISP awareness in pre services training of medical and nurse students.
2. Ensure careful selection of participants for the outreach modules. This is essential otherwise clinical on the job training is necessary as soon as the situation allows.
3. Consider the 5 outreach modules as group for refresher training of staff outside emergencies. For example, the VE module material can be adapted to target community nurse-midwives. In this case it is important to include elements of training in clinical settings (shadowing the trainee when practicing on real patients)

Objective 2: To explore successful partnership models to roll-out existing training and make it sustainable.

Norgla Aurelus shared Haiti's experience in addressing RH needs in the wake of January's earthquake. **Models of rolling out training at national level** were presented by Antoinette Kansah, Benoit Konan Kouamé and Dinesh Fernando. **Transferring skills and knowledge and south-south partnerships** was shared with the group by Janette Lauza-Ugsang and Zeina Mohanna.

During the brainstorming session on **needs and expectations**, the training institutes assessed their needs in terms of having access to, rolling out, and ensuring quality of RH in Crises training modules.

They expect the IAWG Training Partnership to support them with this. Their needs and expectations included increased access to training of trainers and improvement of the quality and quantity of trainers. They recommend to improve the coordination and communication between the IAWG agencies and the training institutes as well as enhance networking among the training institutes, such as inter-regional collaboration and sharing. The institutes confirmed the need for annual face to face meetings. They also expressed the need for technical and financial support to implement training modules.

The IAWG partners assessed their needs in terms of support with the implementation/development of training modules. They highlighted as one of their expectations that the clinical outreach training modules would be piloted by the training institutes and that feedback on the quality and feasibility of the module would be provided. The IAWG partners also hope the training institutes can make a trainer available to implement the outreach training in emergencies on request of the RH coordinator or an IAWG partner working in the setting. The IAWG partners expressed the need to develop training indicators to monitor and evaluate the impact of the training and being able to report to donors. Another expectation from the IAWG partners was to collaborate on research. The IAWG partners will come up with research questions for potential masters and PhD students studying with the institutes.

Both the training institutes and the IAWG partners expressed their need to improve access to training information through the establishment of a dedicated and functional IAWG-TP website with quarterly updates/newsletters/email groups and a central database of resources and materials.

In the afternoon, discussions around **formalization of partnerships between IAWG and training institutes** suggested that an agreement could be considered at two levels. To guide basic/semi formal partnership a Terms of Reference (TOR) should be developed. For more formal partner engagement a letter of Understanding (LoU) would be more appropriate. There was a suggestion that the secretariat explore training course accreditation with the International Association of Emergency Managers (IAEM) and to continue discussions with UNITAR around international standards and virtual training course design accreditation.

Waqar Saleem shared his experience of **ensuring quality of training** and competency based training with the group.

Recommendations

4. Improve the existing IAWG-TP website with a central location for resources/newsletter/podcasts.
5. Establish a terms of reference (TORs) for the Training Partnership.
6. Establish LoU/MoU with training institutes when necessary.
7. Develop a framework for certification of modules.
8. Frame training indicators to assess impact of training.

Objective 3: To review new activities developed by the TP based on recommendations from the 2009 annual meeting.

Papa Ndiaye presented the possibilities of integrating SRH in crises into Senegalese training programs.

The presentation on the **E-exchange platform and community of practice** outlined the capacity and limitations of existing virtual platforms (the Training Partnership page of the IAWG website and the Implementing Best Practices Knowledge Gateway). The ensuing discussion raised the issue of limited access to connectivity and limited local resources to print/distribute materials. Alternatives mentioned were the use of mobile phones, USB, CDs, Zip files with relevant information for quick downloads and iPod touch uploaded with all appropriate resources.

Research on RH in crises: PhD students, research support and modalities was presented by Phyllis Awor and Ahmed Ragab. The discussion highlighted the potential to include masters' students as well as PhD students studying at the partner institutes in the IAWG RH research agenda.

Recommendations

9. Set-up and maintain a virtual platform and community of practice.
10. Increase access to resources/teaching materials for countries that do not have easy connectivity/computer access.
11. Establish a research agenda in collaboration with the IAWG Sub-Working Group on Research and other partners such as CDC.
12. Use Training Partnership as a platform to link students/fellows with research interests to partner with institutions/agencies with similar research agendas.
13. Develop an informal research forum to establish research ideas, support fieldwork, data analysis and to inform other members on ongoing research and research conclusions to be shared in real time with colleagues responding to crises.
14. Support students to publish and present their research globally.

Objective 4: To discuss the TP workplan for next year.

Consensus was reached on the following three overarching recommendations which will shape the 2011 activities of the Training Partnership.

1. Information exchange

This means developing a virtual communication platform. A website which hosts training material and resources exists but there is a need to develop and expand this platform and ensure it is more interactive and accessible by the people who deliver the services on the ground. For example: blogs, interactive podcasts where people can present training they have delivered, quarterly newsletters, real time trainers, a training calendar that provides information for all RH courses globally, examples of best practices, opportunities for mentoring via virtual learning packages, virtual seminars/webinars and allow for online learning. There is a need for interactive IT software to achieve this and access people in emergency settings globally.

It also means maintaining communication between the Training Partnership partners through annual face to face meetings and inter and intra regional institutional meetings.

2. Capacity building of training partners

This includes linking IAGW partners and training institutes with potential researchers such as Masters and PhD students wanting to do RH research. Create a research agenda to support information exchange between students, institutions and IAWG partners to demonstrate synthesis of theory and practice which in turn will strengthen the evidence base and support health system strengthening.

It further includes supporting trainers from training institute partners with training, training tools, relevant guidelines and teaching aids to deliver outreach clinical refresher training in relevant humanitarian settings on request from the humanitarian partners.

Thirdly, it includes expanding the 'SPRINT' initiative to Latin America/Caribbean and Eastern Europe/Central Asia.

3. Resources development

This comprises ensuring dissemination and re-printing of key RH documents, developing and piloting new outreach clinical refresher training, as well as standardizing training materials and measurement of the effectiveness of training packages to assure standards, performance and accountability. Create quality standards and indicators for RH training through collaboration between RH specialists and training experts. Ensure accreditation of specific modules and training packages for assuring quality training of international standards and recognition.

(The workplan for 2011 is presented in **Annex 2**. The activities will be undertaken pending funding which is not available yet)

Annex

- 1) Agenda, 2) Workplan 2011 3) List of participants

ANNEX 1 AGENDA

Inter-agency Working Group (IAWG) on Reproductive Health in Crises

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Agenda 5th IAWG Training Partnership Meeting

30 Nov - 3 Dec 2010, Geneva

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DAY 1 Tuesday 30 November			
Objective 1 Update on RH resources and training initiatives			
CHAIR Annemiek Buskens			
08.30 - 09.00	Registration	Jeannette Zouiten	
09.00 - 09.20	Welcome	CARE Geneva / UNFPA Geneva	Opening words
09.20 - 09.45	Logistics, introductions and expectations	Annemiek Buskens Jacqueline Bell	Plenary
09.45 - 10.15	Overview of TP	Wilma Doedens	Presentation / Q and A
10.15 - 10.45	Break		
10.45 - 12.00	RH trainings and new resources 2010	All participants	Market place (demonstrations)
12.00 - 13.00	Lunch		
CHAIR Dinesh Fernando			
13.00 - 14.45	RH trainings and new resources 2010 -continued	All participants	Market place (demonstrations)
14.45 - 15.30	Outreach training modules: pilot and roll-out	Glen Mola / Tomo Watanabe	Presentation / Q and A
15.30 - 15.45	Break		
15.45 - 16.30	Capacity building for RH in crises: Training gaps	Jacqueline Bell	Discussion
16.30 - 17.00	Stocktaking of recommendations of the day	Chairs/Secretariat	Plenary

DAY 2			
Wednesday 1 December			
Objective 2 Exploring successful partnership models			
CHAIR Glen Mola			
09.00 - 09.15	Recap day 1	Chair	Plenary
09.15 - 09.40	Country presentation (Haiti)	Norgla Aurelus	Presentations / Q and A
09.40 - 10.40	Mechanisms for rolling out training at national level	Antoinette Kansah Benoit Kouame Dinesh Fernando	Presentations / discussion
10.40 - 10.55	Break		
10.55 - 12.30	Needs and expectations of partners: IAWG agencies and training institutes	Group work	Discussion / Presentations / Q and A
12.30 - 13.30	Lunch		
CHAIR Stacy de Jesus			
13.30 - 15.30	Partnerships: A) South-South partnerships B) Partnerships between IAWG and training institutes, options for formalization	Zeina Mohanna Janette Lauza Chair	Presentations / discussion
15.30 - 15.45	Break		
15.45 - 16.15	Ensuring quality of training	Waqar Saleem	Presentation / Q and A
16.15 - 16.45	Brainstorm on new training models	To be confirmed	Presentation / discussion
16.45 - 17.15	Stocktaking of recommendations of the day	Chairs/Secretariat	Plenary

DAY 3 Thursday 2 December			
Objective 3 2009 recommendations: New activities developed by the TP			
CHAIR Lisa Thomas			
09.00 - 09.15	Recap day 2	Chair	Plenary
09.15 - 10.15	E-exchange platform and community of practice	Jacqueline Bell	Presentation / discussion
10.15 - 10.30	Break		
10.30 - 12.00	Research on RH in crises: A) PhD students , research support modalities B) Brainstorm on IAWG research questions	Phyllis Awor Ahmed Ragab	Presentations / discussion
12.00 - 13.00	Lunch		
Objective 4 Discussion on the TP workplan 2011			
Chair Sandra Krause			
13.00 - 15.00	Workplan 2011 and beyond	Group work	Discussion / Presentations / Q and A
15.00 - 15.30	Stocktaking of the meeting	Chair	Plenary
15.30 - 15.45	Break		
15.45 - 17.30	Preparation for donor briefing	Chair / Volunteers	

DAY 4 Friday 3 December			
TODAY THE MEETING WILL TAKE PLACE AT PALAIS DES NATIONS			
09.00 - 11.00	Launch: <i>Inter-agency Field manual on Reproductive Health in Humanitarian Settings</i>		
11.00 - 13.00	Briefing for Donors and Permanent Missions		3 volunteers

ANNEX 2 WORKPLAN

Inter-agency Working Group (IAWG) on Reproductive Health in Crises

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Workplan 2011

OBJECTIVES	ACTIVITIES	WHO
Information exchange	IAWG TP E-exchange platform & community of practice	
Provide easy ongoing access for all partners to an up to date agenda of quality RH courses, available recent RH training modules and RH training materials.	Set-up and maintain a virtual platform and community of practice	Women's Refugee Commission and TP secretariat
	Improve the existing IAWG-TP website with a central location for resources/newsletter/podcasts	Women's Refugee Commission
	Collect and share RH training materials, training agendas, technical updates and best practices between IAWG partners and training partners.	TP partners and TP Secretariat
	News flash and quarterly newsletter	TP Secretariat
	Develop research forum	TP secretariat
	Meetings	
	IAWG TP annual face to face meeting	TP Secretariat
	Inter-regional Institutional meeting	Training Institutes
	Intra-regional Institutional meetings: expert exchange visits	Training Institutes
Capacity building	Research support for PhD students	
Increase regional and national ownership of capacity building efforts and support reproductive health in crises research.	Collaborate with national research departments and support PhD and Masters students for travel and publications to conduct research on best practices and lessons learned on reproductive health in crises. Research questions will be formulated by the IAWG members and the international community.	IAWG members, Research Working Group, PhD & master students
	Impact measurement (training outcome)	
	Outreach training through universities	
	Support trainers from training institute partners to deliver RH training in relevant humanitarian settings on request from the humanitarian partners.	IAWG partners
	Provide trainers from training institute partners with training, training tools, relevant guidelines and teaching aids.	Training Partnership + 1 trainer per region who travels around to institutes
	Coordinator's training of trainers (SPRINT)	
	SPRINT ToT and in-country roll out in Latin America/Caribbean and Eastern Europe/Central Asia	IPPF / UNFPA
	Continuity and refreshers for other regions that already received training	IAWG partners

Resources development	Publications	
<p>Ensure the quality and technical accuracy of newly developed and existing RH training modules and materials. Ensure dissemination and re-printing of key RH documents.</p>	Printing all resources available,	IAWG partners
	Translation of materials to French, Arabic, Spanish, Russian	IAWG partners
	Dissemination to IAWG members	IAWG partners / UNFPA
	Tools	
	Training boxes*	TP secretariat
	Field Zip file	TP secretariat
	Technical update	
	Pilot two IAWG MISP "Outreach" clinical refresher training modules: 'Signal Functions for Emergency Obstetric Care (EmOC)' and 'Standard Precautions'.	UNFPA/IMC and others?
	Developing/piloting new training modules based on assessment of training needs by the IAWG partners.	
Develop a framework for certification of modules		
Frame training indicators to assess impact of training		
Coordination	Project management	
<p>Strengthen and maintain partnerships between IAWG partners and universities and training institutes from crisis-prone countries</p>	Coordinate activities between the training institutes and IAWG partners through inter-agency and inter-institutional networking, information sharing, research support and training collaboration, including south-south partnerships.	TP Secretariat
	Identification of other partners	TP partners
	Advocacy among governmental bodies	
	Establish a terms of reference (TORs) for the Training Partnership	TP secretariat
	Establish LoU/MoU with training institutes when necessary	TP secretariat

* books, CDs, USB sticks, pelvic model, sterilizer, other models depending upon the topics - computer and project provided by agency organizing training

ANNEX 3 PARTICIPANTS LIST

5th Annual IAWG Training Partnership Meeting

30 November - 03 December 2010

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