

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



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

Introducing IAWG

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“IAWG” or “IWAG”





Who is here?

- Registered participants for 2011 IAWG annual meeting include approximately **121** individuals from **69** agencies and **36** 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



2010 IAFM New York Launch



2010 Training Partnerships



IAWG Steering Committee

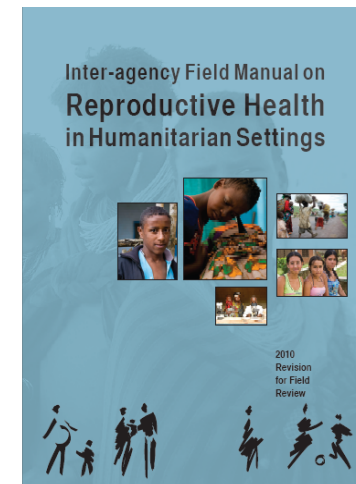
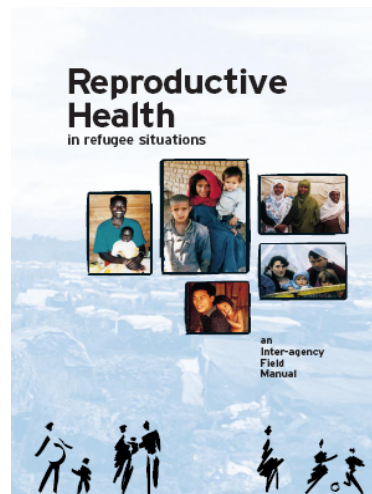
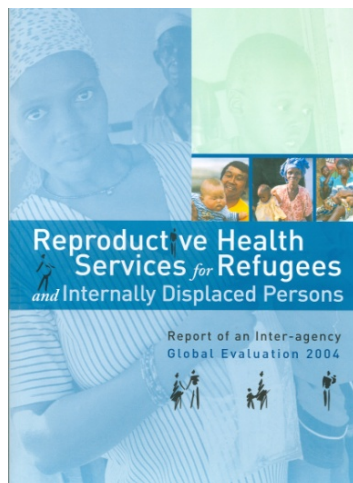
- American Refugee Committee (ARC)
- Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)
- Columbia University
- International Medical Corps (IMC)
- International Planned Parenthood Federation (IPPF)
- International Rescue Committee (IRC)
- JPHIEGO
- JSI Research and Training Institute
- Marie Stopes International (MSI)
- Save the Children
- United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF)
- 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
- *Inter-agency Field Manual on Reproductive Health in Humanitarian Settings, May 2010*





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 (www.iawg.net) and electronic community (<http://my.ibpinitiative.org/iawg>).
- Meets on an annual basis to review process and determine priorities for collective action.



2011 meeting objectives

- **Review progress** towards achieving the programmatic goals outlined in the Terms of Reference from the 2010 IAWG meeting.
- **Share information and identify areas of common work**; plan next steps for 2011-2012.
- **Establish a regional IAWG forum** for the Eastern European/Central Asia region to share information and lessons learned across projects and enable synergistic partnerships.





Thank You!