

Regional IAWG on RH in Crisis Middle East and North Africa

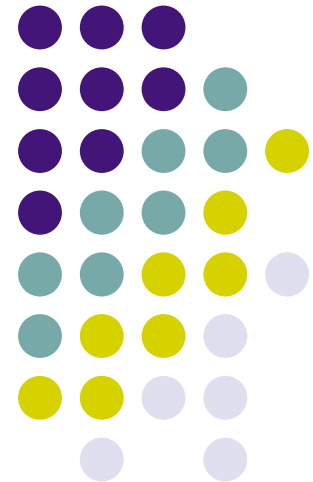
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Middle East North Africa Region



Situation...

- Diverse region that suffers from a variety of emergencies affecting a large number of states
- Political unrest & armed conflict (Tunisia, Egypt, Libya, Syria, Yemen, Sudan, South Sudan)
- Prone to natural disasters (ie. floods, droughts, earthquakes)
- Displacement & Migration (refugees, IDPs, migration from rural to urban areas)



MENA established December 2008



- At 11th Annual IAWG Conference in Cairo
- TORs drafted: informal technical platform that hosts different organizations from MENA region
- Co-chaired by UNFPA and International Medical Corps (IMC) with support from UNFPA ASRO Secretariat

1st Regional Meeting for MENA (Cairo July 2009) and Regional MISP Training of Trainers: A course for SRH coordinators (Cairo December 2009)



Developed MENA Action plan...

Focused on 4 priorities:

1) **Capacity building**

- ❑ Develop team of trained RH Coordinators through MISP TOT and echo trainings.
Adaptation of MISP ToTs.

2) **Technical assistance**

- ❑ Develop roster of experts & identify good tools

3) **Coordination and information sharing**

- ❑ Enhanced communication, expanded network, information sharing

4) **Advocacy and awareness raising**

- ❑ Develop advocacy tools and strategies to integrate SRH preparedness into national emergency preparedness plans



2010 – 2011 MENA Activities



MISP ToT Manual Translated into Arabic

MISP ToT echo trainings held in country

Jordan :28 participants from Jordan, 5 from Syria

Palestine: 2 echo MISP ToT trainings

Sudan: Multiple MISP ToT trainings held in Darfur and South Sudan

Lebanon: MISP ToT planned for North, South and Bekaa regions

Yemen: MISP ToT

Libya: MISP trainings, CSSAS, EmOC

Coordination: MENA WG emails exchanged during onset of Egypt and Libya crisis Jan/Feb 2011; sharing of tools and information

Advocacy: meetings with MoH at country level;

Advocacy Day in Jordan → Drafted RH

Emergency plan for integration into Jordan MOH

National Health Strategy Plan for Disaster

Preparedness



MISP TOT: echo training Participants, Jordan



MENA Plans for 2012...

- More echo trainings scheduled (southern governorates in Jordan, Lebanon, Libya)
- Update roster of experts
- 2nd Regional IAWG meeting to follow up on Action Plan (Spring 2012)
 - Extend membership to more countries and national & local partners
 - Contextualization/adaptation of MISP to country context
 - Integration of MISP updates (ASRH, FP)
 - Organization & Leadership

** MENA meeting Wednesday 6-8pm