

Inter-agency Global Evaluation of RH Services for Refugees and IDPs

Conclusions and Future
Directions

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Overall

- Findings attest to progress made since 1995 regarding institutionalization of RH programmes
- But, particular aspects of RH services need to be strengthened and/or expanded

Field Level

- RH services are consistent with those outlined in *Inter-agency Field Manual*.
- Services generally favourable for refugees in stable settings, but with some gaps:
 - Safe motherhood (problems with EmOC)
 - Family planning (problems with availability of methods, skills of workers, use of services)
 - GBV (weakest area of RH)
 - STI/HIV/AIDS (problems with drug availability and skills of workers)
- Services for IDPs generally very poor

Field Level (cont'd)

- MISP better used than in past (post emergency situations)
- RH Kits generally useful
- MISP unfamiliar to most humanitarian actors involved in Sudanese refugee crisis in Chad, and recommended services not in place

Agency/Institutional Level

- Since 1995, improvements noted in all areas of RH for refugees, technical support, and RH strategy
- Collaboration and exchange amongst organizations increased due to vital roles of:
 - IAWG
 - RHRC Consortium
 - Other key groups
- But, work hampered by inadequate funding and too few technical staff

Global Level

- Funding sources for RH programmes in conflict situations unchanged since 1995
- But, funding declined since 2000 and unlikely to increase in near future:
 - Weakening political support for RH programmes generally
 - Perception that RH is not essential in emergency situations
 - Absence of strategic advocacy plan on part of IAWG

Future Challenges

- Implementing MISP in new emergencies
- Establishing GBV programming
- Ensuring access for IDPs to RH services
- Improving access to and quality of EmOC, FP services, and services for STIs/HIV/AIDS

Future Challenges (cont'd)

- Improving collection and appropriate use of data
- Nurturing the growth of inter-agency collaboration
- Development of an advocacy strategy