



Dear Colleague,

Enclosed is a copy of the *Inter-agency Field manual on Reproductive Health in Humanitarian Settings*, 2010 Revision for Field Review. The Field Manual outlines the priority minimum reproductive health (RH) interventions to be implemented from the onset of an emergency, guides the introduction and/or strengthening of RH interventions, and advocates for a multi-sectoral approach to meet the RH needs of affected populations.

First developed in 1997 and later finalised in 1999, the Field Manual has served as the authoritative guide on RH programming in humanitarian settings. Used in conjunction with other guides, such as the Global Health Cluster Guide (2009), the Field Manual aims to reduce mortality, morbidity and disability during a humanitarian crisis.

The recommended audience for this tool includes health officers, and RH program managers and coordinators in humanitarian settings. Service providers, doctors, nurses and midwives, will find some elements useful, though no detailed clinical guidance is provided. We also encourage donors and policymakers to use the Field Manual to ensure policies reflect accurate guidance and to direct funding to technically sound proposals that include RH in humanitarian settings.

The 2010 Field Manual version will be field tested to improve the guidance it offers. In the next year, feedback will be gathered from a web survey and workshops, which will be held in selected countries. Please consider contributing to this feedback process by taking a short survey online: visit http://iawg.net/resources/field_manual.html.

What is New in this Version

- √ The Field Manual reflects the wide application of the principles and technical content beyond refugee situations—including conflict and natural disasters, camp and non-camp based displacement, and internally displaced persons
- √ The chapters have now been revised to reflect updates in clinical guidance
- √ There is a new chapter on Comprehensive Abortion Care
- √ Previously situated in the same chapter, Sexually Transmitted Infections and HIV have separate chapters
- √ Previously known as the chapter on Safe Motherhood, this Field Manual emphasizes the continuum from antenatal to postnatal periods by renaming the chapter Maternal and Newborn Health
- √ The chapters on Program Design, Monitoring and Evaluation and Adolescent Reproductive Health have been moved to an earlier position in the Field Manual, as these are cross-cutting issues that should be carried throughout the rest of the chapters
- √ Information on human rights and legal considerations has been integrated into each of the thematic chapters
- √ Field Manual comes with a CD-ROM of additional resources, including those recommended at the end of each chapter

We hope this publication will be of use to you, and please contact us for further information.

With regards,