

Crisis-affected settings and the need for SRH supplies: An overview

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Webinar Objectives

- **Provide background** to RHSC members interested in crisis-affected settings
- **Discuss critical SRH supply needs** before, during, and after crises
- **Longer-term:** Develop linkages and leverage expertise between RHSC & IAWG



Quick overview of crisis settings

- Types of crises:
 - Disasters
 - Conflict
- 65.6 million people forcibly displaced (end of 2016)
 - Refugees (22.5 million)
 - Internally Displaced Persons (IDPs) (40.3 million)
- Average conflict-induced displacement: 17 years
 - Long-term development issue



SRH needs increase during crises

- Women/girls affected by crises face increased risk of:
 - Unintended pregnancy
 - Maternal morbidity & mortality, including unsafe abortion
 - Sexual violence
- Many women want to space or limit pregnancies following displacement
 - 3 contexts in Africa: 12-35% wanted no more children; and 30-40% did not want to become pregnant in next 2 yrs
 - This proportion can be even higher in some settings
- Demand for the full range of contraceptive options is present in humanitarian settings



Supplies are a major gap

- IAWG global evaluation found gaps in commodity management and security
 - Stock outs
 - Challenges transitioning from minimum to comprehensive SRH services and supplies
- Gaps in:
 - Policies
 - Guidance
 - Capacity
 - Coordination
 - Funding



What can we do about it?



Entry points to improve SRH Supplies



3rd presentation

4th presentation

Disaster

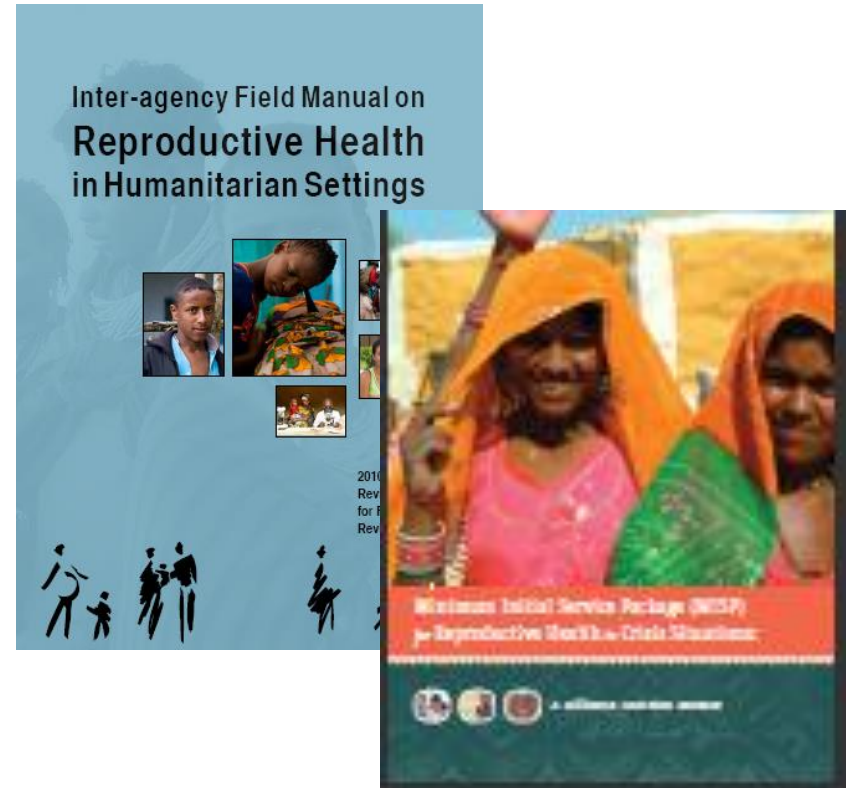
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Emergency Management Cycle

Strengthen linkages, leverage expertise



Build on existing guidance



Stay tuned!

- Panel at RHSC meeting in Brussels (Thur, 8:30 am)
 - Key challenges and opportunities
- More webinars targeting AAWG (and SSWG?) members
 - What can we do together?

Thank you!

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