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MEMBERSHIP

2020



Inter-Agency Working Group on Reproductive Health in Crises

Founded in 1995, the Inter-Agency Working Group (IAWG) on Reproductive Health in Crises is a global coalition of organizations and individuals committed to advancing sexual and reproductive health and rights (SRHR) in humanitarian settings. **The IAWG works to expand and strengthen access to quality SRHR for crisis-affected people worldwide.** Our members form a highly collaborative and diverse network of more than 2,500 experts from 122 countries and territories.

The IAWG occupies a unique role in and across the humanitarian space by leveraging its technical expertise, cross-collaborative relationships, and insights from member organizations to:

- issue evidence-based technical guidance, standards, and tools;
- document and generate new evidence, disseminating these findings to policy makers, managers, and practitioners; and,
- advocate for the inclusion of SRHR in humanitarian policies, programming, and funding and for the inclusion of humanitarian populations in development agendas.

IAWG'S STRUCTURE

The IAWG advances its mission through its members' volunteer efforts. In 2014, to better support our growing and diversifying network, the IAWG adopted a more formalized, transparent structure.

At a glance, the IAWG is led by a Steering Committee, advanced by the work of technical and cross-cutting thematic sub-working groups, and coordinated by a four-person secretariat.

Steering Committee

Comprised of 21 member agencies, the Steering Committee shapes the IAWG's overall strategic priorities. It is responsible for IAWG governance decisions and ensuring that external communications and sub-working groups' terms of reference are aligned with IAWG's agreed-upon principles. The Steering Committee elects five representatives from among its members to serve two-year terms on the Executive Committee, which is responsible for overseeing key financial decisions.

Sub-working Groups

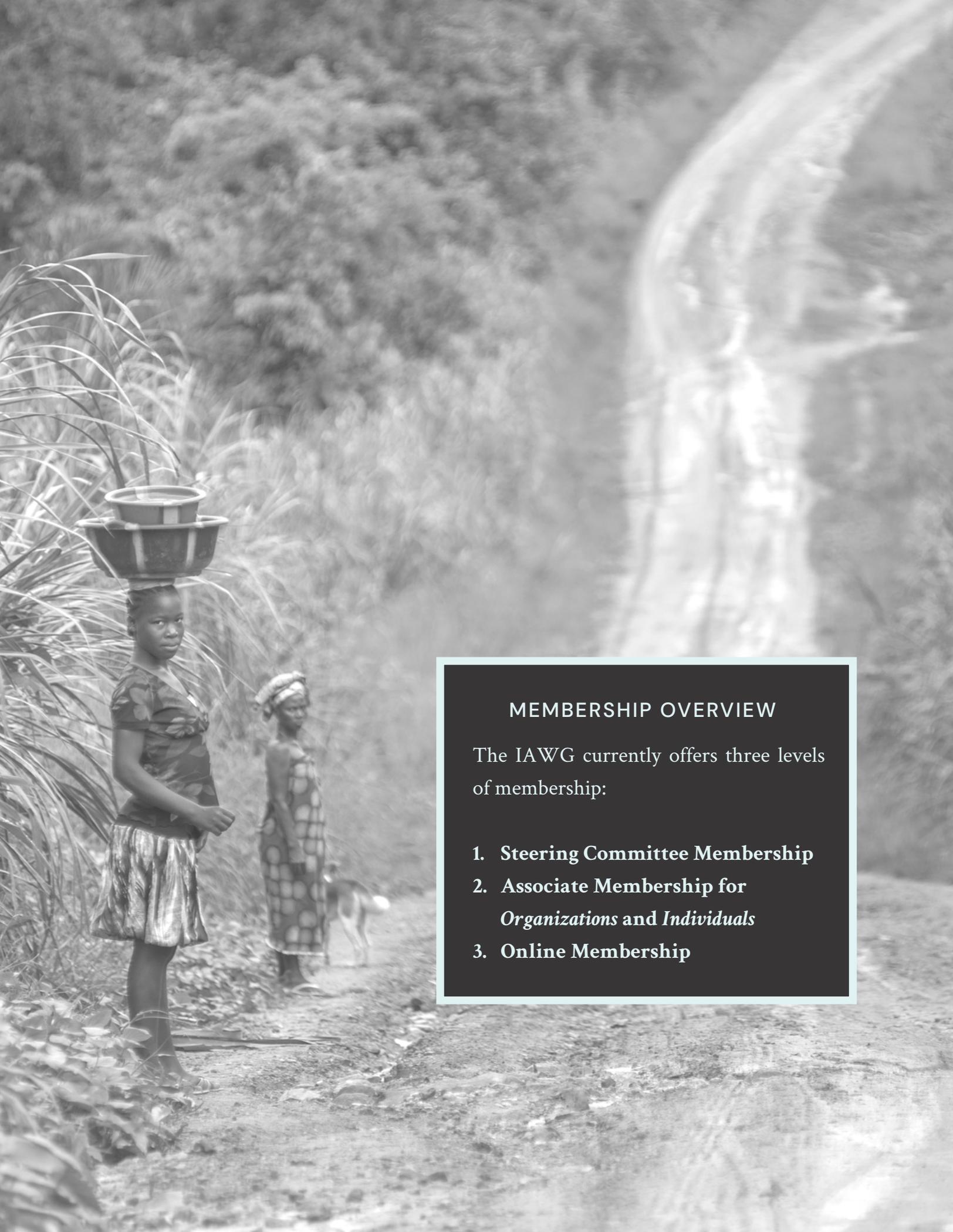
Our members commit to working in one or more thematic sub-working groups related to the SRHR needs of crisis-affected communities. Each sub-working group updates its terms of reference annually, which serve to guide their work, evaluate the progress of advancing the SRHR agenda in crisis settings, and prioritize upcoming activities relevant to each sub-working group. Most sub-working groups also organize monthly conference calls to coordinate activities and discuss relevant content. For a current list of sub-working groups, refer to [our website](#). Sub-working group participation is available to members at the Individual and Organizational Associate and Steering Committee levels.

Secretariat

The IAWG relies on a secretariat based in New York to undertake its essential operating activities, which include communications and coordination, membership management, fundraising and grant management, and advocacy.

COALITION OPERATIONS & MEMBERSHIP

The IAWG is a voluntary partnership of members and is not a legal entity in its own right. Therefore, the IAWG operates under the aegis of an organizational host, the Women's Refugee Commission (WRC). The WRC assumes financial, human resource, and legal roles and responsibilities related to the IAWG.



MEMBERSHIP OVERVIEW

The IAWG currently offers three levels of membership:

1. **Steering Committee Membership**
2. **Associate Membership for
*Organizations and Individuals***
3. **Online Membership**

This membership level is ideal for, but not limited to, international NGOs, UN agencies, and academic institutions with the capacity to commit a significant amount of time to leadership of the coalition.

Members at the Steering Committee level guide the IAWG's work. Steering Committee members collaboratively set strategic objectives, identify priority activities, participate in virtual and face-to-face meetings, and vote on coalition-wide decisions. Members at this level offer significant time, guidance, and thought leadership to the IAWG, reflecting our highest level of commitment. Steering Committee members enjoy access to all benefits available to Associate and Online members.

Members at the Steering Committee level are expected to commit to:

- expanding and strengthening access to comprehensive sexual and reproductive health services for people affected by conflict and natural disaster, as defined by the 1994 Programme of Action of the International Conference on Population and Development and the 2018 Inter-agency Field Manual on Reproductive Health in Humanitarian Settings (IAFM).
- advancing the evidence base for SRHR in crises.
- working collaboratively with other IAWG members.
- ensuring representation from at least one staff person per member organization on at least 75% of hour-long Steering Committee calls, which occur monthly.
- ensuring representation from at least one staff person per member organization at the IAWG Meeting, which is held in a different strategic region each convening. Agency representatives at headquarters level are also expected to self-fund their participation.
- dedicating time for IAWG activities. Steering Committee members spend approximately ½ day per month, or 6-8 days per year per organization on IAWG-related activity. This commitment varies by organization, time of year, and the Steering Committee's workplan.
- contributing to the IAWG's fundraising strategy and internally advocating for IAWG support at your respective organizations.
- playing an active role in at least one sub-working group.

Please note that, to promote transparency and avoid conflicts of interest, we are not accepting Steering Committee applications from foundations or bilateral donors at this time.

2 ASSOCIATE MEMBERSHIP FOR ORGANIZATIONS AND INDIVIDUALS

\$500 | \$50
organization | individual

The Associate Organizational membership is ideal for international NGOs, non-profit organizations, and academic institutions eager to engage around thematic area(s) via one or more sub-working group. The Associate Individual membership is geared toward consultants, SRH medical professionals, and students.

The IAWG offers Associate memberships at the Organizational and Individual levels. Associate members shape IAWG's strategy and priority activities around particular thematic areas through active participation in sub-working groups. Associate members commit to regularly joining sub-working group teleconferences and are encouraged to join occasional in-person meetings.

Associate Members are also invited to attend the IAWG's Annual Meeting. Members at this level enjoy access to all perks extended to Online members.

Both Organizational and Individual Associate members are expected to commit to:

- expanding and strengthening access to comprehensive quality sexual and reproductive health services for people affected by conflict and natural disaster, as defined by the 1994 Programme of Action of the International Conference on Population and Development and the 2018 Inter-agency Field Manual on Reproductive Health in Humanitarian Settings (IAFM).
- advancing the evidence-base for SRHR in crises.
- working collaboratively with other IAWG members and associates.
- ensuring representation from at least one staff person per member organization to self-fund for and attend the IAWG Meeting, which is held in a different strategic region each convening.
- contributing to IAWG's fundraising strategy and/or acting as an internal advocate at your respective organizations.
- playing an active, collaborative role within at least one sub-working group.

In certain cases, an individual affiliated with an organization may apply for Individual Associate membership to build and leverage agency buy-in until the next renewal cycle. This organization will be encouraged to apply for Organizational Associate membership the following year.

3 ONLINE MEMBERSHIP open to all

This membership level is ideal for individuals committed to SRH services, humanitarian response, and global development.

Our online members participate in the IAWG primarily through our network's listserv. Online members enjoy access to the coalition's monthly newsletter (*IAWG Insider*), including online resources, new research, conference and webinar announcements, job opportunities, and real-time updates from members and partners advancing SRHR.

Online members are encouraged to attend the IAWG Meeting. Local and community-based organizations are eligible to apply for a limited number of sponsorships to attend.

Membership at this level is free, open to all, and does not require annual renewal. Online members can opt out at any time by unsubscribing from the listserv.

a note on IN-KIND MEMBERSHIPS

The IAWG recognizes that some members are not able to formally commit to dues because of resources or organizational policies prohibiting payment for coalition work, including UN and government agencies. In-kind memberships are available on a very limited basis. Please contact **Sarah Knaster** (SarahK@wrcommission.org) for more information.



APPLICATIONS

Applications for Steering Committee and Associate memberships are available via [this form](#). Online members can sign up by subscribing to all digital communications at iawg.net.

The membership cycle aligns with the calendar year. Applications for 2020 membership are **due on December 31, 2019**. Dues are collected annually and can be prepaid at any time. Invoices are available upon request.

Please note that both new and existing IAWG members are expected to complete annual applications to initiate and renew membership, respectively. Applications for new members are accepted on a **rolling basis**.

To request an in-kind membership, please contact **Sarah Knaster** (SarahK@wrcommission.org).





CONTACT US

For more information about the IAWG, please visit our website at iawg.net.

All membership inquires can be emailed directly to **Erin Worden** (ErinW@wrcommission.org). Please copy **Sarah Knaster** (SarahK@wrcommission.org) and **Alison Greer** (AlisonG@wrcommission.org). A member of the IAWG Secretariat is happy to hold exploratory calls with prospective members upon request.