



2019

Annual Report



Inter-Agency Working Group on
Reproductive Health in Crises

Background

Who We Are

The Inter-Agency Working Group (IAWG) on Reproductive Health in Crises is an international coalition of organizations and individuals working collectively to advance sexual and reproductive health and rights (SRHR) in humanitarian settings. The IAWG works collaboratively to:

- issue evidence-based technical guidance, standards, and tools to inform high-quality sexual and reproductive health (SRH) service provision in humanitarian settings
- evaluate the state of SRHR in the field, identify gaps in research and service, and generate new evidence
- document and disseminate evidence to policy makers, managers, and practitioners
- advocate for the inclusion of SRHR in humanitarian policies, programming, and funding
- advocate for the inclusion of historically marginalized populations in humanitarian and development policies, programming, and funding.

Our History

Founded in 1995, when SRH in humanitarian settings was virtually non-existent, IAWG has worked together to ensure that SRH is consistently integrated into every humanitarian response from the earliest days of an emergency throughout response and recovery.

In 1996, IAWG developed and piloted the Inter-Agency Field Manual for Reproductive Health in Refugee Settings. The resource was finalized in 1999 and later renamed the Inter-Agency Field Manual for Reproductive Health in Humanitarian Settings. The Field Manual was originally revised for field testing in 2010 and revised again in 2018. This Field Manual has served as the authoritative guidance on SRH in crises for nearly 25 years. The latest version in English, French, Spanish, and Arabic can be found here: IAWGfieldmanual.org.

IAWG simultaneously developed the Minimum Initial Service Package (MISP) for Sexual and Reproductive Health – a priority set of life-saving services and activities that must be implemented in the earliest days of an emergency – and the Inter-Agency Emergency Reproductive Health Kits (IARH Kits), prepackaged supplies necessary to implement the MISP, which are managed by the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA).

IAWG conducted global evaluations of SRH in humanitarian settings, initially from 2002–2004 and later from 2012–2014. Their objectives were to document progress, challenges, and gaps to best guide funding, policy, and programming decisions.

Since its founding, IAWG has held regular general membership meetings where our diverse community comes together to share their work, learn from each other, and strengthen collaborations. The next IAWG meeting is scheduled for 1–5 November 2021 in Bangkok, Thailand.

2019 Members

Online

2,210 online members by the close of 2019.

Steering Committee Members

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CARE
Center for Reproductive Rights (CRR)
Columbia University – RAISE Initiative, The Heilbrunn Department of Population and Family Health
Emory University
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World Health Organization (WHO)

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Chemonics*
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2019 Sub-Working Groups

Adolescent SRH
Advocacy and Accountability
Emergency Preparedness and Resilience
Gender-based Violence
LGBTQIA+
Maternal and Newborn Health
MISP for SRH
Safe Abortion Care
SRH Data and Research
SRH Supplies
STIs/HIV/AIDS
Training Partnership Initiative
Voluntary Contraception

2019 Sub-Working Group Key Achievements

Currently, the IAWG includes 13 active Sub-Working Groups (SWGs), which meet regularly (either monthly or quarterly) to collaboratively feed into and further IAWG's collective agenda. This annex summarizes each SWG's key achievements in 2019.

Adolescent SRH

Of note, the ASRH SWG is one of the few SWGs that receives dedicated funding. While most of the activities noted below, are unfunded, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Netherlands funds a full-time, inter-agency ASRH position. This position provides support to the ASRH sub-working group and contributes substantial time to moving activities forward. ASRH accomplishments during the reporting period are as follows:

- Conducted two regional TOT workshops on ASRH in Emergencies, equipping 32 humanitarians to implement programming and train others on ASRH (with dedicated funding from the Netherlands).
- Supported one TOT workshop and two cascade trainings on ASRH in Emergencies from TOT participants of IAWG ASRH workshops (with dedicated funding from the Netherlands).
- Finalized and translated training package for ASRH in Emergencies TOT package into Arabic, English, French, and Spanish (translations funded by the Netherlands).
- Developed frontline worker training package, including counseling session for service providers, on ASRH in Emergencies.
- Updated ASRH in Emergencies Fact Sheet.
- Led a concurrent session, entitled "Designing Emergency Response with the Adolescent Girl in Mind," at Women Deliver 2019, which was one of the few sessions selected to be live streamed on the conference's website.
- Co-organized ASRH Technical Consultation Event with more than 30 participants from humanitarian, development, and donor agencies to discuss ASRH research findings, lessons learned, and potential solutions to explore in 2019 and 2020.
- Supported Women Deliver Young Leaders to release blog post on World Humanitarian Day.
- Completed ASRH in Emergencies desk review and conducted consultations with more than 20 agencies to understand current gaps and guidance; conducted consultation workshop to review findings (from desk review and one-on-one discussion with IAWG ASRH members) and inform revision of ASRH Toolkit for Humanitarian Settings.

- Finalized revision of ASRH Toolkit for Humanitarian Settings.
- Increased coordination between IAWG and Compact for Young People in Humanitarian Action, including providing key inputs to Compact’s Youth Guidelines (released in 2019).

Advocacy and Accountability (AA)

- The AA SWG held its annual in-person meeting at the Center for Reproductive Rights in New York in April 2019. During the meeting, it defined its key ways of working (and general criteria for when to use each) and its top three advocacy priorities for the coming year, three “light-touch” priorities, and a priority cross-cutting theme. A detailed mapping of upcoming advocacy opportunities and member capacities was also undertaken.
- AA Ways of Working:
 1. Conduct publicly facing, joint IAWG advocacy to advance shared goals
 2. Coordinate/align advocacy led by individual members to ensure collective impact
 3. Share policy analyses, advocacy messages and materials developed by individual members
 4. Ensure general coordination and information sharing among members
 5. Assure strategic external engagement representing IAWG/advancing a collective agenda
- The AA SWG agreed that the cross-cutting theme they would commit to involves *SGBV in Crisis-Affected Settings*. The SWG also identified the following priorities for AA investment:
 1. IAWG Statements on Key Humanitarian Crises,
 2. IAWG Annual Meeting, and
 3. ICPD+25. Likewise, “light-touch investments” identified included Women Deliver, FP2020, and SC Open Debate on Women, Peace, and Security.

Emergency Preparedness and Resilience

- This newly formed group was invested in developing its terms of reference, including the activities for the year, and building membership.

Gender-based Violence

- Began an informal collaboration with the GBV Area of Responsibility (AoR);
- Hosted four webinars on a range of GBV topics (including partnering with the GBV AoR on several of the webinar);

- Disseminated GBV-related resources across our group listserv; and
- Proposed and planned a GBV Research focused side event for the 2020 IAWG meeting.

LGBTQIA+

- LGBTQIA+ sub-working group has held 6 meetings and increased participation to a total of 39 people globally including members new to the IAWG community.
- Successful acceptance and preparation of an IAWG meeting side event dedicated to LGBTQIA+ inclusion: the first of its kind in IAWG history.
- Preparation of a webinar to understand institutional barriers and strategies to support LGBTQIA+ inclusion within humanitarian programming.
- Create and include new resources to the online IAWG LGBTQIA+ resource library for organisations to access and share.
- Acted as a knowledge hub and connector of organisations globally to share best practices, innovation and connect likeminded organisations and champions.
- Updated the LGBTQIA+ advocacy messages and statistics to support inclusion efforts.

Maternal and Newborn Health (MNH)

- Completed stock-taking of MNH technical guidelines, training materials and data collection tools.
- Strengthened engagement with Every Newborn Action Plan (ENAP), contributing to development of **Roadmap to Accelerate Progress for Every Newborn in Humanitarian Settings 2020-2025**. Produced advocacy brief on MNH in Emergencies to accompany roadmap.
- Organized panel on MNH in humanitarian settings at 2019 Women Deliver and presented on MNH priorities and guidelines at multiple global health practitioner conferences and technical meetings.
- Contributed to development of MISP Distance Learning Module and updating of reproductive health and newborn supply kits for humanitarian settings.

Minimum Initial Service Package (MISP)

- A task team of the MISP SWG lead the revision of the MISP Reference Sheet (formerly the MISP cheat sheet/synopsis). The MISP Reference Sheet is available in English, French, Spanish and Portuguese (translated by UNFPA for the Mozambique response).
- The MISP Task team also undertook the revision of the MISP Distance Learning Module – a self-instructional course which aims to increase humanitarian actors' and partners'

knowledge of priority SRH services. It also provides the information and tools needed to implement the MISP for SRH activities. Historically, the MISP Distance Learning Module has been the most popular resource on IAWG’s website.

Safe Abortion Care (SAC)

- Finalized a candidate set of core abortion-related indicators that align with the standards of care outlined in the 2018 IAFM. These indicators have been incorporated into two multi-country studies to determine whether they can be routinely collected in humanitarian settings.
- Finalized talking points on safe abortion care in the MISP and published on the IAWG website
- Built out “10 steps for starting or expanding SAC programming” into a brief, narrative guide, which will be published on the IAWG website with links to resources.
- Advised WHO on how to better incorporate humanitarian settings into the upcoming revision of their SAC guidelines. (A number of IAWG SAC SWG members participated, and the consultant who is revising the guidelines is an active member of the SWG.)
- Held a workshop to develop a “Protecting Life in Global Health Assistance” (PLGHA) – compliant Field Manual. This guide redacts the Field Manual rather than revises it, so that it is both compliant and makes clear what has been removed. The FAQ document also makes clear how compliant organizations can continue to engage with safe abortion care.

SRH Data and Research

- Developed a workshop on SRH research priorities at the bi-annual IAWG meeting to assess progress made since the October 2018 meeting and plan future steps to continue to move the work forward (workshop postponed to 2021).
- Participated in WHO-led effort to ensure the consistent inclusion of SRH indicators with sex and age disaggregation in surveillance systems.
- Engaged in WHO SRH research priority setting process.
- Supported the IAWG bi-annual meeting through participation in the abstract selection task team.

SRH Supplies

- Developed information brief on improving SRH supplies across the emergency programming cycle, focusing on humanitarian/development nexus entry points (preparedness, post-acute transition to stable supply chains).

- Strengthened collaboration with the Reproductive Health Supplies Coalition (RHSC).
 - SWG representatives presented during plenary and panel sessions during RHSC’s members meeting in Nepal in March 2019.
 - Co-hosted the supplies advocacy meeting in October 2019 and shared outcomes document with agreed advocacy asks.
 - Co-drafted an advocacy brief.
- Participated in the Humanitarian Health Supplies (HHS) coordination group meeting and other supplies-related meetings.

STIs/HIV/AIDS

- Previously, the STIs/HIV/AIDS SWG was inactive. Members reactivated the group and spent this time investing in developing its terms of reference, including the activities for the year, and building membership.

Training Partnership Initiative (TPI)

The TPI SWG is another IAWG SWG that receives dedicated funding from the Netherlands Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

- Piloted a new LARC sexual and reproductive health clinical outreach refresher training (S-CORT) in collaboration with CARE in Kathmandu, Nepal (February 2019), Goma, DRC (May 2019), and Cox’s Bazar, Bangladesh (October 2019).
- The *Uterine Evacuation in Crisis Settings Using Medications*, drafted by Ipas, was piloted with the manual vacuum aspiration S-CORT in Yumbe, Uganda (Ipas & Médecins du Monde/April 2019) and in Maiduguri, Nigeria (Ipas & CARE Nigeria/July 2019).
- A PLGHA compliant version of the uterine evacuation with medications and manual vacuum aspiration modules were developed and piloted for a pilot in Goma, DRC (Ipas, CARE DRC, Save the Children DRC/August 2019).
- Providers who participated in the LARC and uterine evacuation trainings received a follow-up visit at three months after the training to assess their knowledge and skills from the training and provide additional capacity development support.
- Collaborated with the World Health Organization/Global Health Cluster on the pilot of the MISP to comprehensive SRH participatory planning toolkit in Yemen in February and March 2019, primarily through remote technical support and analysis of the data collected as part of the toolkit evaluation.
- Established new partnerships with UNFPA DRC and UNFPA Bangladesh to implement follow-up to the MISP to comprehensive SRH planning workshops. As a result of the partnership in the DRC, the recently revised national midwifery curriculum now includes the MISP, and select midwifery training institutes in three provinces of the Kasai will be

refurbished, equipped with a sufficient amount of training supplies and models, and in-service training and teaching staff further supported.

Voluntary Contraception

- Contributed to the development of the High Impact Practices (HIP) for [Family Planning Strategic Planning Guide on FP in humanitarian settings](#).
- Strategized and contributed to message development ahead of key conferences and opportunities, including Women Deliver, ICPD+25, the Reproductive Health Supplies Coalition (RHSC) meeting, and the Evidence for Contraceptive Options and HIV Outcomes (ECHO) trials.

2019 Donor Acknowledgments & Finances

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Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Netherlands

2019 Finances*

Revenue**: \$1.4 million

Expenses: \$1.1 million

*The Women's Refugee Commission Fiscal Year is October 1, 2018 – September 30, 2019.

**FY2019 included temporarily restricted revenue from multi-year awards that will be carried over into FY2020.

Honoring Jennifer Schlecht

In November 2019, the IAWG community suffered the devastating loss of our colleague and friend, Jennifer Schlecht. Jennifer was a bright light in our community and a tireless advocate for the sexual and reproductive health and rights of women and girls living in fragile and humanitarian settings for more than 15 years.

In addition to her countless organizational achievements, Jennifer advanced many areas of IAWG's work, including voluntary contraception, emergency preparedness and disaster risk reduction, adolescent SRH, and HIV/AIDS.

With Jennifer's collaborative advocacy, the 2017 Family Planning Summit in London brought global attention to the need to address family planning within humanitarian assistance. Her advocacy efforts as co-lead of IAWG's Voluntary Contraception sub-working group also contributed significantly to the inclusion of "reducing unintended pregnancies" as new objective of the 2018 revised Minimum Initial Service Package (MISP) for sexual and reproductive health. As a result, access to family planning is now agreed to be an established, life-saving priority at the outset of an emergency response. In her most recent role as the Senior Advisor for Emergency Preparedness and Response at Family Planning 2020, Jennifer was working closely with IAWG colleagues to convene stakeholders and partners working across the humanitarian cycle, from preparedness through response and recovery, to develop a shared vision for the future of family planning in crisis-affected settings.

Jennifer led the global discourse around addressing sexual and reproductive health as part of emergency preparedness and disaster risk reduction at international, national, and community levels. She stood at the forefront of addressing preparedness for sexual and reproductive health, and she ushered in the creation of a Reproductive Health Working Group within the United Nations International Strategy for Disaster Reduction's Thematic Platform for Health. This group has produced policies and guidelines around integrating sexual and reproductive health into emergency health and disaster risk management strategies. Jennifer's advocacy further contributed to sexual and reproductive health being incorporated into the Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction 2015-2030, which was adopted by member states at the United Nations World Conference on Disaster Risk Reduction in Sendai, Japan in 2015. Most recently, she co-founded the IAWG Emergency Preparedness and Resilience sub-working group.

Jennifer contributed immensely to building the evidence base and strategies around so many areas of IAWG's collective work. She led cutting edge research on child, early, and forced marriage and developed a toolkit that builds community capacity to address gender and sexual and reproductive health in disaster preparedness. This toolkit has been applied

to communities in the Philippines, Pakistan, and northern Iraq and used by many organizations around the world.

To us all, Jennifer was an amazing colleague and friend. Despite her incredible workload, she made time to mentor junior staff and check in with colleagues. She offered to help brainstorm or troubleshoot whenever she could. She was generous with her time and energy, both at work and in her community. She was an amazing listener, remembering small personal details from past conversations and following up on them. She would send thank you emails or small notes of encouragement or praise. She was a thoughtful gift-giver. Above all, Jennifer was an incredible mother – her love for and pride in her daughter, Abaynesh, radiated from her body whenever she spoke of her.

Jennifer was brilliant, strategic, and visionary. She was also empathetic, warm, and held an unwavering dedication to the people that she served, our IAWG community, and her family and friends. Both her work and her kindness have left an indelible mark on the world, which we will continue in her honor.

Jennifer, you are loved and so deeply missed.

Spotlighting Our Work

Launch of tools to support uptake of the 2018 Inter-Agency Field Manual for Reproductive Health in Humanitarian Settings

Online Platform for the Inter-Agency Field Manual for Reproductive Health in Humanitarian Settings

The new [Inter-Agency Field Manual \(Field Manual\) microsite](#), launched in September 2019, offers an advanced digital version of the Field Manual, taking into special consideration the needs of frontline implementers. Key features include reactive loading to improve speed in low connectivity areas, links to related content throughout the manual to better highlight interlinkages among topics, a robust search feature, and hover expansion of acronyms and abbreviations. The site also features an easily searchable compilation of case studies as well as a reference and resource section that will be updated regularly. The online platform will be available in French, Arabic, and Spanish in 2020.

IAWGfieldmanual.com/

Minimum Initial Service Package (MISP) for Sexual and Reproductive Health (SRH): A Distance Learning Module

In December 2019, the Women's Refugee Commission and IAWG released the revised *Minimum Initial Service Package (MISP) for Sexual and Reproductive Health (SRH): A Distance Learning Module*. This self-instructional module increases humanitarian actors' and partners' knowledge of the priority, lifesaving SRH services in emergency settings. Based on the 2018 revision of the IAWG's *Inter-Agency Field Manual on Reproductive Health in Humanitarian Settings*, "Chapter 3: Minimum Initial Service Package", it contains nine units, quizzes, and eight new eLearning activities for learners to interactively engage with the material. It is freely available online on the IAWG website and can also be downloaded for offline use. The module will be available in French, Arabic, and Spanish in 2020.

<https://iawg.net/misp/dlm>

The Minimum Initial Services Package (MISP) for Sexual and Reproductive Health (SRH) in Humanitarian Settings Calculator

Updated in 2019, this tool calculates the reproductive health statistics necessary for implementing the MISP, designed to help coordinators and program managers determine affected population demographics for advocacy, fundraising, and programming. Users can input affected population numbers, when known, and the tool provides immediate access to the best available data for populations in the affected country and/or subnational area. The most significant change to the calculator is the addition of country-specific default data, when available (in addition to the global default data).

iawg.net/misp-calculator

Women Deliver

In June 2019, more than 8,000 people from over 165 countries gathered in Vancouver, Canada for Women Deliver, the world's largest conference on gender equality and the health, rights, and wellbeing of girls and women.

IAWG was invited to [co-curate the humanitarian segment of the conference and developed four panels](#), which all included representatives from community-based and national organization from conflict-affected or fragile settings. These panels included:

- [Surviving Day One: Birth in the Humanitarian-Development Nexus](#)
- [Designing Emergency Response with the Adolescent Girl in Mind](#)
- [A Humanitarian System by Women, for Women: The Essential Role of Women-Focused CSOs](#)
- [Not Optional! Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights Essential to Humanitarian Action](#)

The IAWG Advocacy and Accountability sub-working group and the Communications task team disseminated a curated list of humanitarian-focused sessions along with [advocacy messages](#), which were printed on postcards and disseminated widely at IAWG panels and member-agency booths in the exhibit hall.

The 2019 conference featured a much larger humanitarian focus than in years past, with calls for a more feminist and localized approach to humanitarian aid. IAWG's collective effort before the conference informed the program and during the conference added to joint advocacy, ultimately helping to ensure that women and girls in humanitarian settings were represented at this powerful global convening and their voices reflected in resulting policies, programming, and commitments.

The Nairobi Summit

2019 marked the 25th anniversary of the International Conference on Population and Development (ICPD) in Cairo, where refugee and displaced persons including adolescent's rights to sexual and reproductive health were first explicitly recognized in the 1994 Programme of Action. From 12–14 November, the governments of Kenya and Denmark and UNFPA co-convened the Nairobi Summit on ICPD25. This “high-level conference to mobilize the political will and financial commitments needed to fully implement the ICPD Programme of Action” included reinforcing the importance of achieving zero unmet need for family planning information and services, zero preventable maternal deaths, and zero sexual and gender-based violence and harmful practices against women and girls. One of the five themes of the Summit was *Upholding the right to sexual and reproductive health care even in humanitarian and fragile contexts*.

IAWG engaged in extensive advocacy and planning leading up to the Nairobi Summit to ensure strong commitments for SRHR in humanitarian settings. [A panel co-convened by Women Deliver, FP2020, and IAWG on delivering the MISP for SRH in emergencies](#) was accepted, offering a prominent and broad platform to present the 2018 revised MISP. The IAWG communications task team curated a list of humanitarian sessions, which was shared through our listserv of close to 3,000 recipients, and worked closely with the Advocacy and Accountability sub-working group to [develop an infographic on IAWG's major accomplishments over the last 25 years](#), which was disseminated widely online and to conference participants. We hope that commitments from the Summit translate to increased funding and policy support for SRHR in humanitarian and fragile settings.

Institutionalizing high-quality adolescent sexual and reproductive health (ASRH) programming in humanitarian settings

With support from the Netherlands Ministry of Foreign Affairs, IAWG has engaged an inter-agency adolescent sexual and reproductive health (ASRH) specialist based at Save the Children to lead our work to institutionalize ASRH in humanitarian settings and improve adolescents' access to services.

In 2019, the IAWG ASRH specialist in collaboration with the ASRH sub-working group led two regional training of trainer (ToT) workshops on ASRH in Emergencies. The first workshop, held in the Middle East and North Africa (MENA) region, brought together 12 participants from five countries. A second ToT was held in Bogota, Colombia. While the focus was mainly on the

Venezuelan crisis, SRH managers from across the Latin American and Caribbean (LAC) region were invited to participate. There were 18 participants total.

Follow-up with previous ToT participants in Cox's Bazar (2018), Amman (2019), and Bogota (2019) showed that workshop participants are continuing to advance ASRH in their regions, with ongoing remote technical assistance from the IAWG ASRH specialist.

Examples include:

Cox's Bazar

- An ASRH Taskforce was established after the workshop. The Taskforce met regularly, providing presentations to the SRH sub-cluster, and planning ASRH assessments and further trainings.
- Participants undertook activities including ASRH assessments, mobilizing resources for ASRH, developing adolescent strategies for their organizations, and implementing new ASRH programming.
- Seven participants have further trained 203 staff members on health teams and other sectors including protection, mental health, and psychosocial support.

MENA Region

- Participants undertook ASRH activities, including holding awareness raising sessions, mapping ASRH programming in humanitarian settings in the region, and integrating ASRH into other sectors of their work.
- Participants have advocated for inclusion of ASRH in programming when partnering with other agencies and have provided ASRH input into proposals.
- Six participants have further trained 81 staff members within their health teams or in other sectors, with additional trainings planned in 2020.

LAC Region

- Participants implemented ASRH activities including revising materials and guidance to include ASRH, initiating/training staff on MISP activities for adolescents and young people, conducting focus group discussions with adolescents, integrating SRH into education programs, and supporting partners to provide contraception, education, abortion, and GBV services and information to young people.
- Six trainings have been conducted by participants to train an additional 114 people, with plans for further cascade trainings in 2020.

Training Partner Initiative

New training materials for crisis-affected settings: long-acting reversible contraceptive methods and uterine evacuation with medications

The IAWG Training Partnership Initiative (TPI) and its partners have developed a series of training materials called the SRH Clinical Outreach Refresher Trainings (S-CORTs). These trainings are designed to rapidly update and reinforce clinical service providers' knowledge and skills on several of the lifesaving SRH services included in the MISP. They are intended for use in humanitarian contexts during the emergency phase once the situation allows, or as part of preparedness or recovery efforts.

With funding from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Netherlands, the IAWG-TPI partnered with CARE to develop a three-day S-CORT module focused on long-acting reversible contraceptive (LARC) methods. The training is complementary to CARE's existing comprehensive family planning counseling training package. The module was piloted in Kathmandu, Nepal; Goma, DRC; and Cox's Bazar, Bangladesh.

Further, the IAWG-TPI continued its collaboration with Ipas to develop a training on uterine evacuation using medications. These materials are designed to be used for a standalone training or combined with the available S-CORT on manual vacuum aspiration. In 2019, the uterine evacuation module was piloted in Yumbe, Uganda and Maiduguri, Nigeria. A third training was held in Goma, DRC with materials that were adapted to comply with the United States' PLGHA policy. These two new resources offer another tool and approach to maximize the capacity of clinical service providers to deliver the high quality, respectful, lifesaving clinical interventions included in the MISP.

Planning for comprehensive SRH services as part of the MISP

The IAWG-TPI continued its strong collaboration with the WHO/Global Health Cluster to pilot a toolkit to support colleagues with the MISP objective to: "plan for SRH services integrated into primary health care as soon as possible, and work with the health sector/cluster partners to address the six health system building blocks." The toolkit guides SRH and health coordinators through facilitating a workshop that engages national stakeholders and partners in a participatory planning process. As a result, participants create a collective workplan for how to improve the quality of MISP services and integrate comprehensive SRH services into health system strengthening efforts at the national or local level.

In 2019, the WHO/Global Health Cluster and IAWG-TPI held two workshops in Yemen. In addition, as follow-up to an August 2018 planning workshop for the Democratic Republic of Congo's Kasai region, the TPI provided seed funding for activities from the collective workplan, including integrating the MISP into the revised national midwifery curriculum and updating skills labs, classrooms, and in-service training sites to accommodate the revised curriculum's competency-based training methodology. Following the November 2018 Bangladesh workshop, seed funding was provided to strengthen community health workers' capacity, and referral systems for obstetric and other sexual reproductive health emergencies from the camps to higher-level clinical care centers in Cox's Bazar.

2020 IAWG Priorities

- Launch a secretariat for the *Accelerating Newborn Health in Humanitarian Settings Initiative* to fast-track preparedness and response efforts to scale up good quality maternal and newborn health care, and improve newborn health and well-being in humanitarian and fragile settings
- Continue to strengthen adolescent-friendly programming in emergencies in collaboration with the Inter-agency Adolescent SRH Advisor and the IAWG ASRH sub-working group
- Conduct two additional workshops in Syria and Niger of the Training Partnership Initiative's MISP to comprehensive SRH participatory planning toolkit
- Finalize the uterine evacuation in crisis settings using medications and LARC S-CORTS
- Launch redesigned IAWG website
- Continue to advocate for strengthened SRHR in emerging and ongoing emergencies worldwide