October 2017- December 2020 TERMS OF REFERENCE (ToR)

Inter-agency Working Group on Reproductive Health in Crises

Training Partnership Initiative Steering Committee

Background

The Inter-agency Working Group (IAWG) on Reproductive Health in Crises Training Partnership Initiative (TPI) was formed in 2006 to address clinical service gaps identified in the implementation of the Minimum Initial Service Package (MISP) for Sexual and Reproductive Health (SRH). The need for these efforts continues to be great. According to the IAWG's 2012-2014 Global Evaluation, insufficient technical capacity and a scarcity of health care staff, as well as a lack of respectful rights-based care were identified as some of the barriers to implementing quality SRH care in humanitarian settings.[1]

After a five-year funding gap, the IAWG-TPI was reinstated in 2015 thanks to generous support from USAID's Office of United States Foreign Disaster Assistance (OFDA). In October 2017, the IAWG-TPI was awarded a three-year grant from the Netherlands Ministry of Foreign Affairs to continue its mission to support the development of international, regional, national, and local capacity to effectively coordinate and deliver quality SRH services from the onset of a crisis response. The IAWG-TPI focuses on an integrated, inclusive, and comprehensive approach to capacity development, involving partnerships with key stakeholders and practitioners within and across crisis-affected countries. This decentralized approach is intended to ensure the effectiveness and long-term sustainability of capacity development efforts.

IAWG-TPI Steering Committee (SC) Membership Responsibilities

- Regular and active participation in monthly IAWG-TPI SC calls and/or activities, as scheduling permits.
- Provide strategic and/or technical guidance to the IAWG-TPI, as needed.
- Contribute to the completion of one or more IAWG-TPI deliverables. Examples include, but are not limited to:
  - identifying new IAWG-TPI partners; assisting with the development of a monitoring and evaluation (M&E) plan for the roll-out of trainings; actively facilitating the dissemination of IAWG-TPI modules with the M&E strategy; providing a technical review of trainings under development; and/or identifying funding to support additional field roll-outs of the IAWG-TPI modules, as relevant.

2017-2020 Project Objectives and Deliverables

Objectives

- Continue to build upon the 2016-2017 project objectives (please see below).
- Strengthen and grow the IAWG-TPI's role as a capacity development resource for in-country, regional, and global partners working in SRH in crisis-affected settings through the completion of the deliverables noted below.

Deliverables

- Develop, implement, and evaluate a dissemination strategy for the existing IAWG-TPI SRH Clinical Outreach Refresher Trainings (S-CORTs) in relation to the following practice areas:
  - Manual vacuum aspiration (MVA),
  - Clinical management of sexual violence survivors (CMoSVS),
  - Basic emergency obstetric and newborn care (BEmONC), select signal functions, and

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[1] IAWG. *Reproductive Health in the Changing Humanitarian Context: Compendium of Key Findings from the IAWG on Reproductive Health in Crises' 2012-2014 Global Evaluation.* Available: http://iawg.net/wp-content/uploads/2016/08/IAWG-Global-Evaluation-2012-2014-1.pdf

- o Vacuum extraction (VE).
- Develop, pilot, conduct operations research around, and finalize three new resources:
  - o A toolkit for expanding SRH services from the MISP to comprehensive SRH care,
  - o A S-CORT focused on long-acting reversible contraceptives, and
  - o A supplementary 0.5-1-day training on misoprostol and mifepristone for uterine evacuation to the MVA S-CORT.
- Document and report on research and findings around capacity development efforts in crisis settings.
- Grow the IAWG-TPI microsite into a hub for quality training materials and capacity development information.
- Develop a roster or network of qualified trainers for the IAWG and IAWG-TPI.
- Implement the quality improvement action plan developed during the H-Pass pilot.
- Develop a M&E strategy in order to report on select health outcomes and service quality where the TPI clinical refresher training modules have been implemented.
- Update the strategic plan for the IAWG-TPI.

2016-2017 Project Objectives and Achievements

Objectives
- Resource development: Develop a series of four S-CORTs on the clinical components of the Minimum Initial Service Package (MISP) for Reproductive Health
- Coordination of partnerships: Coordinate, strengthen, and maintain capacity building partnerships between IAWG members and training institutions from crisis-prone countries and regions to ensure that quality trainings on SRH are accessible.
- Capacity development: Roll out the S-CORTs based on sound evidence and international standards, with in-country training institutions.
- Evidence Building: Build the body of evidence on capacity development for SRH in humanitarian settings through operations research and reporting.

Achievements
- Four S-CORTs on MVA, CMoSVS, and VE have been finalized.
- A forth S-CORT on select signal functions of BEmONC has been developed, piloted, and refined.
- The MVA and CMoSVS modules have been effectively evaluated, and the results from operations research disseminated.
- The findings from IAWG-TPI operations research have been published in a special issue on SRHR in humanitarian settings in *Reproductive Health Matters*.
- A S-CORT operational considerations and programmatic guidance reference document has been developed for SRH trainers, program managers, and coordinators.