



# Inter-Agency Working Group on Reproductive Health in Crises

Advancing sexual and reproductive health and rights in humanitarian settings

## STRATEGIC PLAN 2023-2027: EXPANDING REACH AND ACCESSIBILITY TO INCREASE IMPACT

**Inter-Agency Working Group (IAWG) on Reproductive Health in Crises**, a coalition of over 55 organizational and 4,000 individual members, provides unified leadership to advance policy, strengthen practice, mobilize resources, and build accountability to ensure the sexual and reproductive health and rights (SRHR) of people affected by crises. Since 1995, IAWG has worked to institutionalize sexual and reproductive health into humanitarian response.

### *IAWG is the only coalition dedicated to strengthening and expanding access to SRHR in crisis settings*

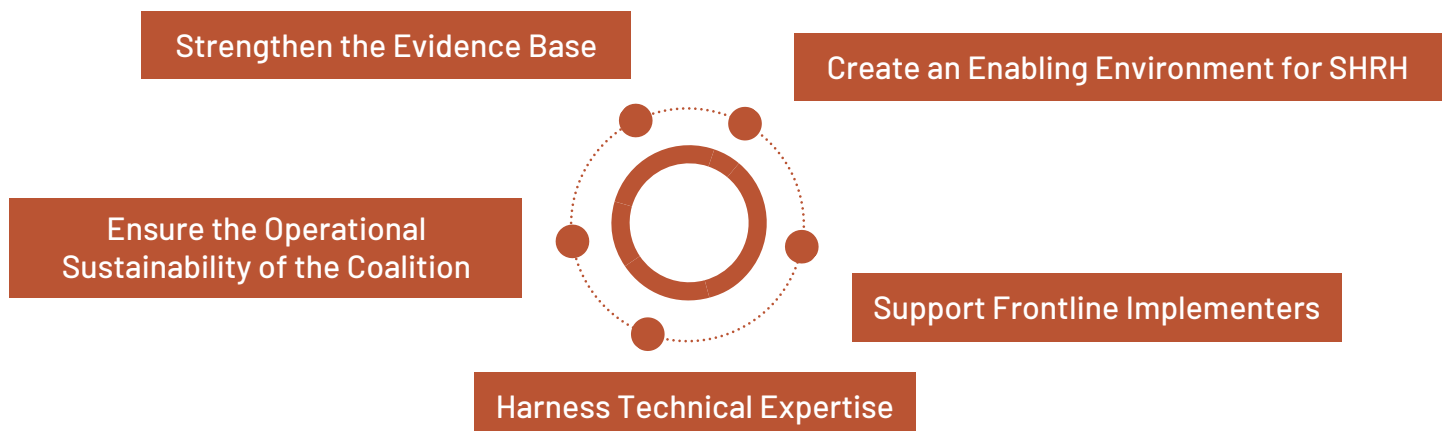
Humanitarian and development actors, and the millions of people they serve, rely on IAWG as a central and trusted source of research, guidance, tools, and advocacy to advance policies, programming, and funding. IAWG is preparing to implement a five-year strategic plan to guide our work through 2027.

### *Evolving to strengthen the SRHR response in a changing humanitarian landscape*

At a time of increasing global instability, there is a growing need for a strengthened SRHR response. IAWG is well-positioned to meet that need by harnessing the collective knowledge, skills, and expertise of its worldwide members. IAWG's five-year strategic plan will broaden meaningful participation in the coalition, improve access to coalition resources, and support timely, comprehensive, and inclusive SRHR response in all humanitarian emergencies.

### Strategic Priorities to Expand Reach and Accessibility

IAWG is committed to fostering meaningful and diverse coalition participation; local-national-regional-global linkages; equitable partnerships; and strong coordination across the full spectrum of an emergency. Over the next five years, IAWG will focus on the following principal areas of work to expand our reach and improve accessibility of our coalition resources and expertise:



## STRENGTHEN THE EVIDENCE BASE

Data is critical to understanding the magnitude of needs, gaps, progress, and best practice in humanitarian settings. ***IAWG will generate and strategically disseminate evidence needed to drive the field forward over the next 10 years. Our coordination role will ensure new research is not duplicative and informs public health action at the frontlines.***

IAWG will:

- Undertake a Global Evaluation to assess the current state of SRHR in humanitarian settings.
- Set and move forward the priority research agenda for the field.
- Identify opportunities for and pursue transformative research through equitable partnerships.
- Support dissemination and uptake of evidence conducted by IAWG and its coalition members.



## CREATE AN ENABLING ENVIRONMENT FOR SRHR

IAWG advocates for funding, policies, and programming to support implementation of the Minimum Initial Services Package (MISP) and the transition to comprehensive SRHR in all emergencies. ***IAWG will advocate with a trusted collective voice to ensure that the right information gets to the right people at the right time in order to influence policy, funding, and programming decisions in support of the MISP and comprehensive SRHR in crisis and fragile settings.*** IAWG will:



- Develop and strategically disseminate joint advocacy statements for new emergencies.
- Create a task team to advance strategies around protracted and forgotten emergencies.
- Develop, implement, and monitor strategies for uptake of IAWG data, recommendations, and products, including the Global Evaluation recommendations.
- Elevate frontline implementers' concerns and requests to global, decision-making spaces.
- Support the integration of SRHR into the preparedness efforts of humanitarian and development actors.

## SUPPORT FRONTLINE IMPLEMENTERS

IAWG's work is driven by and for SRHR frontline implementers. ***IAWG will broaden its reach and strengthen its infrastructure so that more frontline implementers have the resources and support they need to implement high-quality SRHR programming throughout the continuum of an emergency. IAWG will continue to center frontline implementers' experience and expertise across all of our work.*** IAWG will:



- Identify and support the capacities and needs of frontline SRHR implementers.
- Innovate to extend reach and access to capacity strengthening and quality improvement resources such as trainings, tools, guidelines, and mentorship opportunities.
- Support SRHR surge capacity in acute emergencies.
- Create vibrant communities of practice and equitable participation in the coalition.

## HARNESS COLLECTIVE TECHNICAL EXPERTISE

A key strength of the coalition lies in the breadth and depth of IAWG members' expertise – our guidance is expertly vetted and grounded in practical application. ***IAWG will serve as the touchstone for technical excellence within and beyond the SRHR sector so that humanitarian and development spheres incorporate best practices and contribute to the institutionalization and standardization of SRHR across existing and emerging areas.*** IAWG will:

- Increase uptake of existing IAWG and partner technical resources.
- Fill resource gaps identified by our members and partners from local to global levels.
- Align technical resources from across health and related sectors with the *Inter-Agency Field Manual on Reproductive Health in Humanitarian Settings*.



## ENSURE THE OPERATIONAL SUSTAINABILITY OF THE COALITION

IAWG will continue to adapt its governance and operating strategies to meet the needs of a growing and diverse membership and a changing humanitarian landscape. ***IAWG will center diversity, equity, inclusion, and localization in the coalition's structure, membership, and ways of working.*** IAWG will:

- Select and pilot a more inclusive, responsive, and tenable operating structure to maximize IAWG's impact and withstand changes in our operating environment.
- Enhance IAWG's communications tools and platform capacities to increase access, including at local levels.
- Develop a secretariat staffing and fundraising plan to best support IAWG's membership and ensure timely response to emerging needs and opportunities.



**IAWG's strategic plan will build on its successful track record for impacting systemic change.**

Sufficient and long-term funding is essential to ensure that these commitments, and the necessary supporting infrastructure, are comprehensively implemented and sustained.

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