

Inter-agency Global Evaluation of RH Services for Refugees and IDPs

Component 5: Assessment of Changes Over
Time Within Agencies/Institutions Involved in
RH Services for Refugees and IDPs

Women's Commission for Refugee Women and
Children

Purpose

- To identify institutional progress and ongoing challenges and suggest future directions

Methodology

- Sample of 46 organizations with known involvement in RHR generated:
 - 18 international NGO's
 - 13 academic/research institutions
 - 8 multi-lateral/UN affiliated agencies
 - 7 governmental agencies

Survey Questionnaire

- Key informant at each organization sent survey questionnaire:
 - requested to confer with RHR colleagues within their organization when completing questionnaire
- Survey topics:
 - policies; budget and finance; programming components; technical assistance; RH training; technical resources; and collaboration between agencies
 - both qualitative and quantitative data collected
- Completed survey questionnaires received from 30 organizations

Organizational Evolution

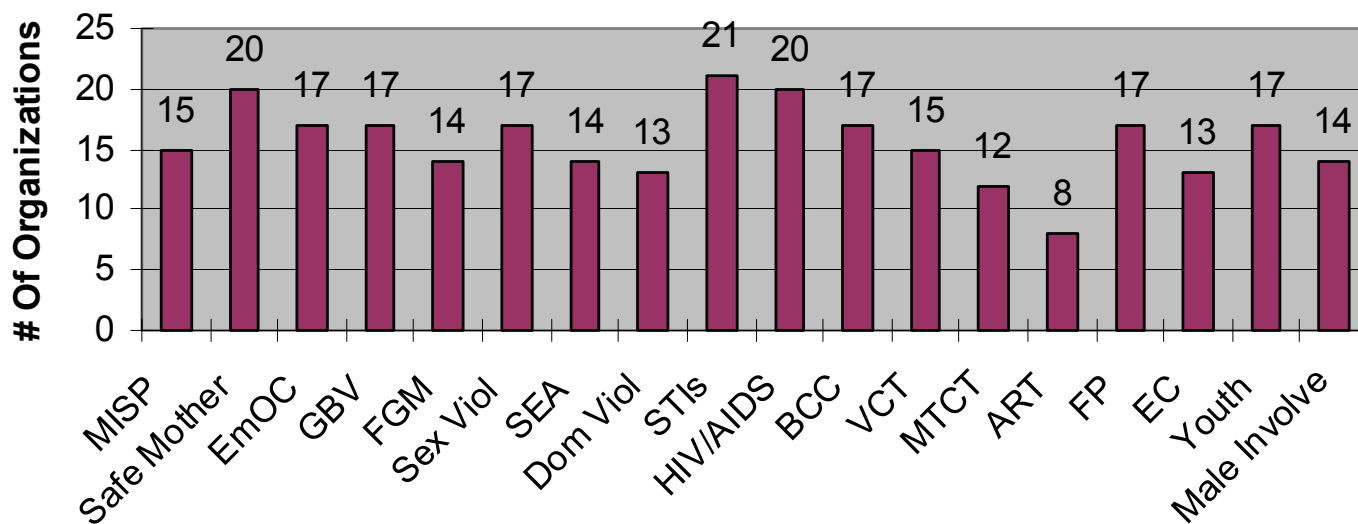
- 73% of organizations reported significant changes in RHR programming and/or operational working areas since 1995:
 - 82% described RHR growth in their organization
 - 18% described either stagnation or reduction of growth

Nature of Organizational Change

- RHR reached point of integration into formal structure for about half of organizations
- Integration also occurred within health care delivery and multi-sectoral service delivery approaches
- Appreciable rise in institutional endorsement of RHR since 1995
- Increased programming and wider scope of RHR components
- But simultaneous concern that RHR would only be sustained organizationally if funding continued and new donors identified

Current Programming in RHR Components

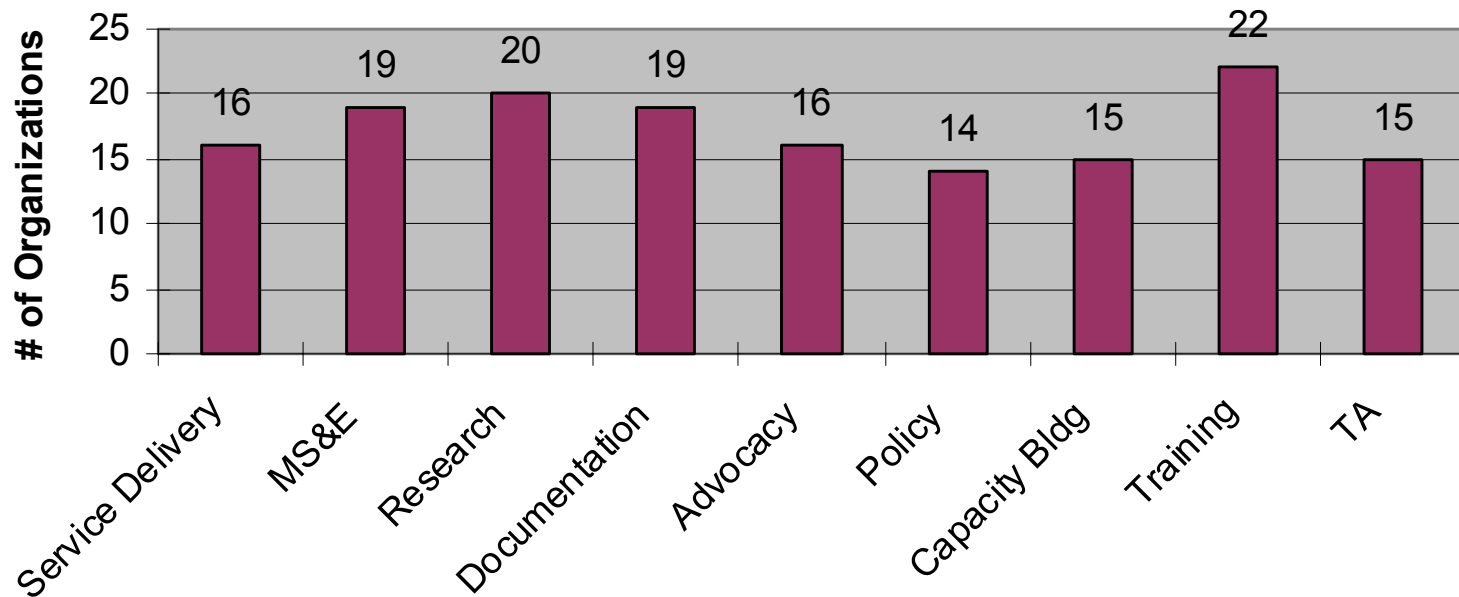
RHR COMPONENTS BY NUMBER OF INVOLVED ORGANIZATIONS



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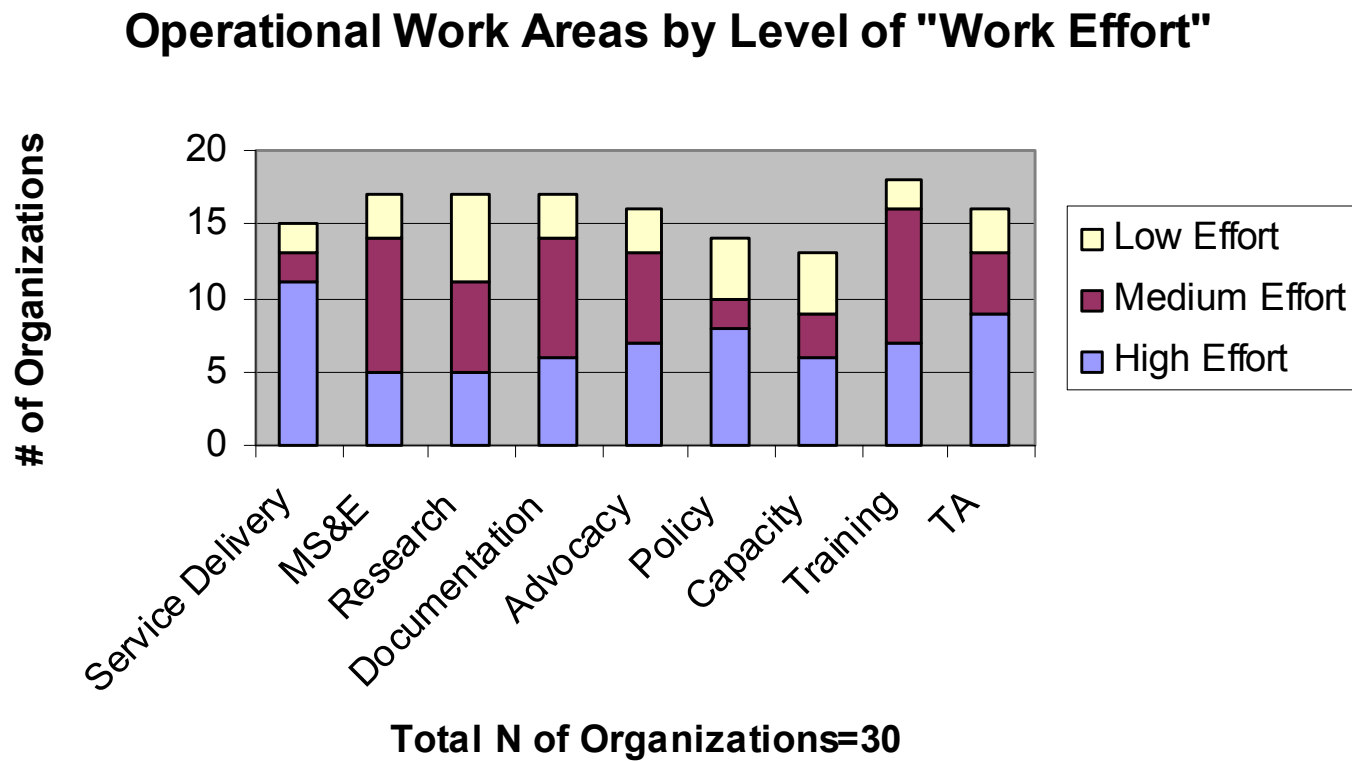
Current Operational Work Areas

OPERATIONAL WORK AREAS BY NUMBER OF INVOLVED ORGANIZATIONS



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Current Level of Work Effort

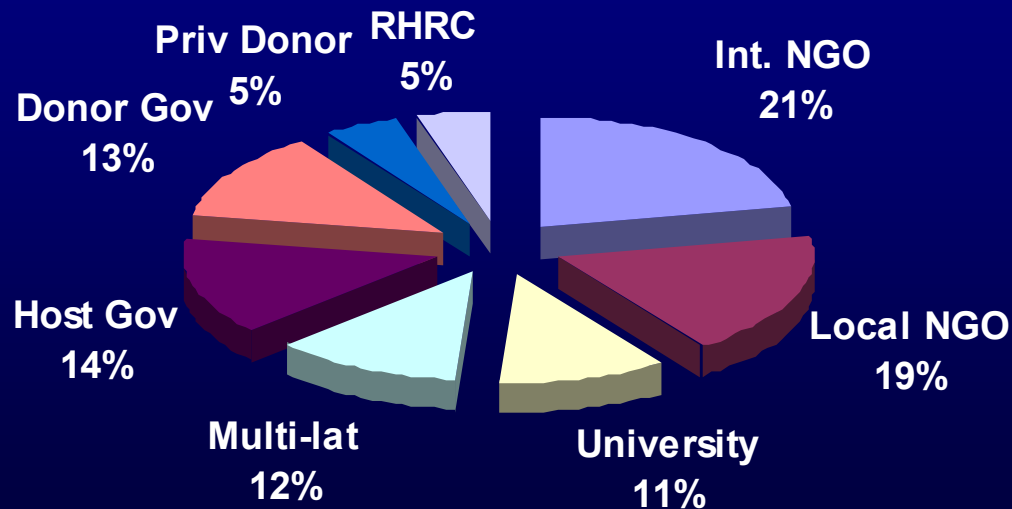


Changes in Budget and Staffing

- Only 1/3 of organizations able to provide data that tracked RHR expenditure over time
- Overall organizational expenditure showed:
 - strong increases between 1995-2003
 - strongest growth between 1995-2000
 - more variability between 2000-2003 with 40% of organizations reporting downward trend

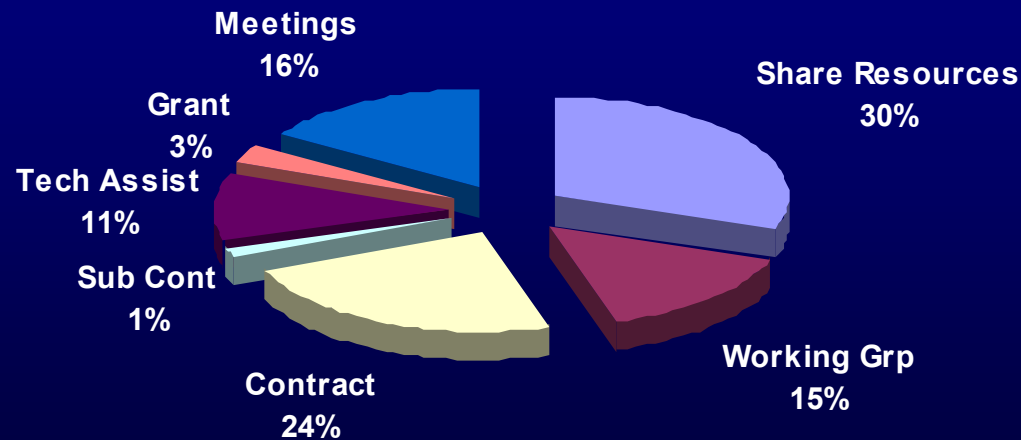
Collaboration Among RHR Organizations

Recent Collaborating Partners



Forms of Collaboration

FORMS OF COLLABORATION



Conclusions

- Improvements in all RHR areas, technical support, and RH strategy since 1995
- Overwhelming evidence of increase in collaboration among RHR organizations, thanks to the work of IAWG, RHRC Consortium, and other key groups
- Growth in technical expertise, collaboration, program activities, and institutionalisation likely to continue to grow

Conclusions (cont'd)

- But the following concerns must be addressed:
 - poor collection of data in the field
 - limited in-depth research on the elements of RHR
 - limited capacity building with local NGOs
 - small pool of competent technical staff

Future Directions

- Possibilities:
 - Formation of an Outreach Committee (through IAWG)
 - Revitalization of the **refugeerh** listserve
 - Simplification of systems and formats and better technical support for data collection in the field
 - Capacity building within local NGOs and other organizations