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New Format

With this first 2004 issue, we are making some changes to the Newsletter. We hope this shorter and more resource-focused format is useful for you. This issue focuses on training and includes information about new resource materials available and a short summary of a field experience with training. In future issues, we will include focused topics such as this one, as well as more general news and information. We welcome your comments, suggestions, and submissions. Have you had an experience you would like to share? Email us at gbvresources@jsi.com

Making the GBV Resource Desk more helpful for you

Over the coming weeks, we will be contacting some of you to ask for feedback about the GBV Resource Desk and the Newsletter. The goal of the GBV Resource Desk is to provide relevant and useful information, advice, resource materials, and support to anyone working to address gender-based violence in populations affected by armed conflict. We know this can be a challenging and lonely job. This project is here to support you and your work. We want to be sure we are doing that. Please feel free to contact us directly and tell us what you need: gbvresources@jsi.com

New Resource Materials

Sexual and Gender-Based Violence Against Refugees, Returnees and Internally Displaced Person: Guidelines for Prevention and Response. May 2003 UNHCR. These guidelines examine the root causes of and factors contributing to sexual and gender-based violence and suggest practical actions of prevention and response. The guidelines include information on special considerations for refugee children, monitoring and evaluation, addressing GBV in determining refugee status, and developing a code of conduct, incident report form, and medical examination report.

Violence Against Women: The Health Sector Responds. 2003 Pan American Health Organization. A collaborative effort between PAHO, PATH, and CDC. Includes an overview of gender-based violence as a public health problem, discusses the development, implementation, and achievements of PAHO's integrated strategy for addressing GBV, presents "lessons learned" within the health sector, at the health clinic, and in the community at large; as well as a chapter written by WHO offering a more global perspective on how lessons learned can be applied to other communities around the world.

To obtain copies of these or any other resources, email us at gbvresources@jsi.com

New Training Manuals

Training modules for introducing GBV to staff, colleagues, and communities:

Moving from Emergency Response to Comprehensive Reproductive Health Programs: A Modular Training Series. 2002. Produced by CARE on behalf of RHRC. Includes a Two-Day Training Module on Gender-based Violence in Comprehensive Health Programs, including training activities, hand-outs, and games that illustrate the key points of GBV. To obtain a copy of this manual, please contact: CARE, 1625 K Street, Suite 500 Washington D.C. 20006, or rhrc@care.org

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Introductory Training Module: A Practical Field Tool for Understanding Gender, Women & Children's Rights & Sexual and Gender-based Violence. UNHCR. Provides a number of icebreakers and groundrules for the workshop. Also introduces a human rights framework, addresses the definition of gender (including exercises), discusses the causes, contributing factors, and consequences of GBV. Highlights the issue of sexual exploitation using a case study format, and focuses on reviewing existing policies and guiding principles available to the organization to guide implementation of programs that promote women's empowerment, gender equality, and prevention of SGBV in refugee contexts.

UNICEF Training of Trainers on Gender-Based Violence: Focusing on Sexual Exploitation and Abuse. UNICEF. This is a two-day training; the first day is designed to increase participant's knowledge and understanding of the concept of gender, and gender-based violence. The second day takes a closer look at sexual exploitation and abuse and includes sessions on the core principles for a code of conduct, reporting mechanisms and developing a programmatic response.

Training Experience from the Field:

We spent two full weeks training our GBV refugee staff in many topics, including gender, human rights, gender-based violence, prevention, survivor assistance, participatory techniques, etc. For their first community education event, they decided to bring together a group of women leaders and do some awareness-raising and training about gender and human rights. Knowing that the refugee children are always very curious, they were careful to include in their training plan a system for discouraging the children from gathering around the windows and doors at the training site. To our surprise and embarrassment, our staff arranged to have men with sticks outside the perimeter of the building: they were instructed to keep the children away and use the sticks if they needed to. We all learned something that day! And our future trainings will emphasize non-violent methods of crowd control !!!

- a GBV program in Africa