

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

Review of Resource Availability at the Global Level in Support of RH Services for Refugees and IDPs

Methodology

- structured questionnaire
- tape-recorded telephone interviews
- 10 key informants :
 - Senior members of staff
 - Knowledgeable about resource availability in support of RH services for refugees and IDPs

Topics Covered

- trends in funding
- advocacy activities and/or strategies
- changes in policies and practices affecting the availability of resources
- resources provided through IAWG

Major Sources of Funds

- Governments:
 - USA, Holland, Belgium, Nordic countries
- Government Agencies:
 - USAID, ECHO, DFID, BPRM, GTZ
- NGOs

Major Sources of Funds

- Private Foundations:
 - Mellon Foundation, Turner Foundation
- UN Agencies:
 - UNHCR, UNFPA, UNAIDS

Trends in Funding

- no major changes in sources of funds
- increase in funds between 1995 and 2000
- shortfall after 2000
- media and political bias
- global economic recession
- increased competition in area of humanitarian aid

Positive Factors Affecting Availability of Funding

- ICPD, other UN conferences
- Women's Commission
- Yugoslavia and Rwanda
- IAWG advocacy activities
- RH needs in UN agency policy documents
- expansion of RH agenda

Negative Factors Affecting Availability of Funding

- donor perception of RH services in emergencies
- weak support of UN agencies top management re RH in emergencies
- political and media bias
- USA government position toward RH
- HIV/AIDS “eclipsing” other RH problems

Effective Advocacy Strategies

- support and involvement of senior staff
- evidence and research data
- international research and development conferences
- IAWG collaboration
- working with media

Changes in Policies and Practices

- emergence of RH as human right
- establishment of guidelines/standards for RH in emergencies
- recognition of RH needs of refugees
- institutionalization of RH in UN P/P
- creation of IAWG

Role of IAWG

- guidelines/standards
- MISP/RH Kits
- RH training courses
- exchange of information and experiences
- joint planning and policy formulation
- advocacy materials

Conclusions

- major sources of funds unchanged
- decline in funds since 2000
- advocacy activities need to continue
- support of IAWG to continue