

Global Leadership Priorities (GLPS)

The PHN Interagency Gender Working Group (IGWG)/Gender GLP

The Interagency Gender Working Group (IGWG) is a network of organizations, including the USAID Bureau for Global Health and other USG partners, USAID-funded Cooperating Agencies, and health and women's advocacy groups. The IGWG promotes gender equity within programs to improve reproductive health/HIV/AIDS outcomes and foster sustainable development. Specifically, the IGWG works to raise awareness and commitment to gender equity within the RH/HIV/AIDS sectors, develop operational tools, collect empirical data, and advance best practices in gender integration.

Since 2002, the IGWG/Gender GLP has focused its work on the following technical priority areas:

- Gender-based violence
- Youth and gender (focus on child marriage and cross-generational sex)
- Constructive engagement of boys and men
- Gender implications and vulnerabilities of HIV/AIDS

The IGWG has produced numerous publications, including tools, guidelines and manuals on gender integration, case studies of best practices, and literature reviews. The Group has also developed a range of training modules on gender and health, and we regularly provide technical assistance to CAs and missions.

For more information on the IGWG's products and training modules, please go to www.igwg.org <<http://www.igwg.org>>, or contact Michal Avni (mavni@usaid.gov) or Diana Prieto (dprieto@usaid.gov).

Refugee Reproductive Health Working Group

The Refugee Reproductive Health Working Group serves as the focal point within PRH for issues associated with the reproductive health concerns of refugees and other displaced peoples. The PRH Working Group coordinates the PRH's efforts to answer critical research questions, fill in key technical gaps, and provide reproductive health commodities such as contraceptives and condoms. The group coordinates with USAID/OFDA and Department of State's Bureau for Population, Refugees and Migration (B/PRM).

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Repositioning

Repositioning Family Planning in Sub-Saharan Africa is a multilateral initiative to ensure that access to quality family planning services remains a key issue for policymakers and providers working to impact children's health as well as the health of women and men in Africa. Efforts are focused on securing increased political commitment for financial and human resources for family planning, strengthening participation and coordination among donors and other partners including the private sector and achieving more effective programming of resources.

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PHE

Population, health and environment (PHE) projects acknowledge and address the complex connections between humans, their health, and their environment. The key objective of these projects is to simultaneously improve access to health services while also helping communities manage their natural resources in ways that improve their health and livelihoods and conserve the critical ecosystems they depend upon. These programs assume that addressing needs and programming based on synergies between health, results in terms of efficiency and sustainability, than will similar programs pursued separately.

USAID's Office of Population and Reproductive Health promotes integrated population, health, and environment (PHE) strategies through the PHE Global Leadership Priority (GLP). The PHE GLP works to develop relationships across offices and bureaus, and especially with the field, to build capacity and develop tools to address population, health, and environment linkages in biodiversity hotspots, defined as the most species-rich and endangered ecoregions on Earth. Supporting the development of effective PHE program models and learning from these models is one of the many ways USAID has led the field in promoting the linkages between health and the environment to key constituencies both within and outside of the traditional health sector.

The PHE program strategic framework currently focuses on the following three areas:

- ***Increasing Technical Capacity for PHE implementation*** by funding scaleable and replicable PHE projects, developing rigorous monitoring and evaluation frameworks, and producing programmatic tools and best practices from ongoing PHE projects;
- ***Increasing Awareness of PHE Linkages*** through dissemination of programmatic successes to key policy and program audiences and funding PHE Operations Research projects that demonstrate the nature of these linkages;
- ***Providing Support to the Field*** for the implementation of PHE programs & approaches

For additional information visit the PHE website at www.ehproject.org/phe/phe.html or please contact Heather D'Agnes at hdagnes@usaid.gov or 202-712-5476

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