

## Reproductive Health Assessment Toolkit for Conflict-Affected Women

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- Do you provide reproductive health services to women in post-conflict settings?
- Do you want to obtain population-based data on reproductive health needs to inform programs and policy?
- Do you want to learn how to conduct a survey and train survey personnel?
- Do you want to access technical assistance from CDC?

If you answered yes to the above questions, CDC's new *Reproductive Health Assessment Toolkit for Conflict-Affected Women* may meet your needs. Read more to learn about a training opportunity at the American Public Health Association (APHA) Annual Meeting in Boston, Massachusetts on Sunday, November 5, 2006.

### **Purpose and description**

Reproductive health for women affected by conflict entails providing services to ensure safe pregnancies and deliveries, meeting family planning needs, preventing and treating sexually transmitted infections (STIs) and HIV/AIDS, and preventing gender-based violence (GBV) in populations affected by complex humanitarian emergencies. Assessing these needs requires gathering information and technical knowledge about how to conduct a survey. The *Toolkit* includes sampling instructions, training manual, questionnaire, data entry program, analysis guide, and suggestions for data use. It allows field staff to collect data to inform program planning, monitoring, evaluation, and advocacy. Information can be gathered about safe motherhood, family planning, sexual history, STIs, HIV/AIDS, GBV, and female genital cutting. The *Toolkit* has been pilot tested in three settings during 2004-2006 among women in refugee camps and women displaced in their own countries.

### **Target users**

The *Toolkit* is intended for organizations such as government, non-governmental, and United Nations agencies that provide or are interested in providing reproductive health services to conflict-affected women. Field staff who use this *Toolkit* should be familiar with survey work, but it is designed to be used by staff with limited survey skills.

### **Learn how to implement the Toolkit**

CDC will be conducting a full day training class at the American Public Health Association (APHA) Annual Meeting in Boston, Massachusetts on Sunday, November 5, 2006. The training will include lecture, open discussions, small group work, and hands-on activities related to planning and translation of data to action. The cost is \$225 per registrant. Registrants may earn continuing professional education (CE) credits for specific professional disciplines for \$50. For more information or to register, visit the website:

[http://www.apha.org/meetings/continuing\\_ed.htm](http://www.apha.org/meetings/continuing_ed.htm) (Course: CEI 2015.0 Implementing the Reproductive Health Assessment Toolkit for Conflict-Affected Women).

Participants will be trained how to:

- Plan for implementation of the *Toolkit* in the user's setting
- Conduct a population-based quantitative survey
- Provide training to survey personnel
- Interpret *Toolkit* findings
- Present findings to partner organizations, community, and donors
- Access technical assistance from CDC

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