

# Assessment of 18 countries' readiness to provide Minimum Initial Service Package for SRH during a Humanitarian Crisis in the Eastern Europe and Central Asia Region

Albania, Armenia, Azerbaijan, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Georgia, Kazakhstan, Kosovo, Kyrgyzstan, FYR Macedonia, Moldova, Romania, Serbia, Turkey, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan, Ukraine, and Uzbekistan

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## The MISP Readiness Assessment Tool for the EECA region, a unique achievement at regional level

The MISP Readiness assessment tool was developed by the Inter-Agency Working Group (IAWG) on Reproductive Health (RH) in Crises for Eastern Europe and Central Asia in 2013 to help country teams to assess their readiness to provide the Minimum Initial Service Package for Reproductive Health in case of a humanitarian crisis. 18 countries comprising more than 90 organisations performed their MISP Readiness assessment in 2014, which proves to be a unique achievement at such a large scale so far.

“The MISP (Minimal Initial Service Package for Reproductive Health) is a priority set of life-saving activities to be implemented at the onset of every humanitarian crisis.

It forms the starting point for reproductive health programming and should be sustained and built upon with comprehensive reproductive health services throughout protracted crises and recovery.”

See the InterAgency Working Group for Reproductive Health in Crises <http://iawg.net/>

The tool is composed of 38 indicators, grouped according to the 5 MISP Objectives:

1. SRH Coordination (with added aspects of Disaster Management and Health Coordination)
2. Prevent Sexual Violence and Assist Survivors
3. Reduce HIV Transmission & Meet STI Needs
4. Prevent excess maternal and neonatal mortality and morbidity
5. Plan for comprehensive RH services integrated into primary health care (partially addressed)

The indicators describe an ideal state of preparedness in the country to provide the minimum vital services of Sexual and

Reproductive Health from the onset of a man-made or natural disaster.

The region-wide analysis is based on the average score of each indicator.

The results of the region-wide analysis were presented to the 65 national representatives from the Ministries, NGOs and UN Agencies of the 18 countries at the 3<sup>rd</sup> Inter-Agency Working Group Forum for the EECA Region in Istanbul, 14-16<sup>th</sup> of October 2014.

## Region-wide analysis of the MISP Preparedness: a baseline for the EECA Region

Main results show that there is a good enabling environment in most countries to provide SRH services; the integration of MISP services into the national health emergency response plan and the compliance with international standard is fair on average for each objective; the comprehensiveness of planned priority services is best for the MISP Objective 4 dedicated to priority Maternal and Neonatal Health. Crises with temporary settlements and population movements (in-country or cross-border) are not sufficiently addressed in planned services. Finally, a key area of improvement in the preparedness phase is coordination, whether it involves the national partners or the external actors from other sectors or neighbouring countries.

### Way forward

The national country teams welcomed the findings of the analysis which constitutes a baseline in terms of MISP preparedness for the 18 countries. Country teams are committed to:

- ☞ elaborate their **action plan** in order to improve each indicator not yet achieved,
- ☞ focus on strengthening and **formalizing SRH coordination** in both preparedness and response phases, by October 2015,
- ☞ select at least **one indicator for each MISP Objective** to be achieved in the next 12 months,
- ☞ **report** on their improvements by the 4<sup>th</sup> EECA IAWG Forum to be held in October 2015.

IAWG members also agreed and delegated the below task to UNFPA EECARO and IPPF-EN:

- ☞ **to develop web-based module of the tool In order to make this tool user-friendly and get “readiness” assessment results in real time.**

Download the full document “Assessment of countries’ readiness to provide Minimum Initial Service Package for SRH during a Humanitarian Crisis in the Eastern Europe and Central Asia Region: Report<sup>1</sup>”



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