AAWG Humanitarian Workstream Updates

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What did we commit to last year?

**Objective:** Increased understanding and information sharing on what is needed across diverse crisis-affected settings for RH supplies

**Activity 1:** Start up collaboration with IAWG & define interest of members to join this group

**Activity 2:** Develop background document on the issue (based on webinar in previous year)

**Activity 3:** Develop one pager on advocacy asks for RH supplies in humanitarian settings

**Activity 4:** Co-host a joint in-person meeting with IAWG at ICFP
What did we do?

✓ Co-hosted a joint in-person meeting with IAWG* at ICFP
  Over 40 people from across the humanitarian and development sectors attended
  Presentations and discussion focused on improving SRH supplies across the humanitarian-development continuum

✓ Developed technical brief, which can be used to support advocates:
  http://iawg.net/resource/strengthening-supply-chains-brief/

*IAWG: Inter-agency Working Group on Reproductive Health in Crises
Main points of the brief

Many entry points to improve supply chains occur before or after the onset of an acute crisis - not at the height of the emergency.

Collaboration is needed across the humanitarian-development continuum (govts, NGOs, UN agencies, donors) on two key transition points:

- strengthening pre-crisis preparedness
- transitioning after acute emergencies to more stable and uninterrupted supply chains
Challenges we faced

Managing two groups:
- IAWG Supplies Sub-working Group
- RHSC AAWG Humanitarian Workstream

IAWG Supplies working group was already established and functioning

However, advocates in RHSC can play a key role, especially in areas that cross the humanitarian-development continuum

How to engage more RHSC members in this work to leverage expertise?
  - Co-lead from a traditionally “development” partner?