

Minimum Initial Service Package for Sexual and Reproductive Health: Distance Learning Module (2019 Revision)

Women and girls in humanitarian emergencies suffer disproportionately from life-threatening conditions, including those related to sexual and reproductive health (SRH). Neglecting SRH needs in humanitarian settings has serious consequences, including preventable maternal and newborn morbidity (illness) and mortality; preventable consequences of unintended pregnancy, such as unsafe abortion; and preventable cases of sexual violence and their consequences, including unintended pregnancies, increased acquisition of sexually transmitted infections (STIs), increased transmission of HIV, and ongoing mental health problems, including depression.

The Minimum Initial Service Package (MISP) for SRH is a set of lifesaving priority activities to be implemented from the onset of a crisis. These services are to be scaled up and sustained to ensure equitable coverage throughout protracted crises and recovery. At the same time, planning should be undertaken to integrate comprehensive SRH services into primary health care as soon as possible.

About the 2019 MISP for SRH Distance Learning Module

The Minimum Initial Service Package (MISP) for Sexual and Reproductive Health (SRH) distance learning module aims to increase humanitarian actors' and partners' knowledge of these priority SRH services. It gives them the information and tools they need to implement the MISP activities and meet its objectives.

The 2019 version of the distance learning module is based on the 2018 revision of the Inter-Agency Working Group (IAWG) on Reproductive Health (RH) in Crises' *Inter-Agency Field Manual on Reproductive Health in Humanitarian Settings*, "Chapter 3: Minimum Initial Service Package." Case studies and lessons learned from previous humanitarian responses undertaken are incorporated throughout this version of the module.

The distance learning module was developed by the Women's Refugee Commission and the IAWG on RH in Crises. It is available in English at <https://iawg.net/minimum-initial-service-package/>. Translations into French, Arabic, and Spanish will be available soon.

How to take the MISP for SRH distance learning module

This is a self-instructional learning module. It is available online and in [downloadable](#) and [print form](#). It should be read in order of the learning units and can later be used as a reference. After reading through each unit, the learner completes a unit quiz. The online version of the distance learning module also includes e-learning exercises to reinforce the material in the units and links to additional web-based resources. After completing all units, learners are invited to take a post-test. Those who score least 80% will automatically receive a certificate of completion that can be printed and saved. Learners who do not have access to the online version can email their post-test to info.iawg@wrcommission.org for grading.

The module will take approximately 5 to 7 hours to complete.

At the end of the MISP for SRH distance learning module, learners should be able to:

- define and understand each component of the MISP for SRH;
- explain the importance and lifesaving aspects of implementing the MISP for SRH in humanitarian settings;
- explain the importance of addressing SRH as a core part of the overall health response, health sector/cluster coordination, and coordination with other sectors, such as the protection sector/cluster;
- list the role and functions of the SRH lead agency/coordinator within the health sector/cluster;
- explain the most important actions for the health sector/cluster to take in a humanitarian crisis to prevent sexual violence and respond to the needs of survivors;
- describe the priority interventions for preventing the transmission of, and reducing the morbidity and mortality due to HIV and other STIs in the earliest phase of crisis situations;
- explain the priority interventions to reduce preventable maternal and newborn morbidity and mortality at the onset of an emergency;
- list priority interventions to prevent unintended pregnancies;
- describe how to plan for comprehensive SRH programming services integrated into primary health care as soon as the situation permits;
- explain how to ensure access to safe abortion care to the full extent of the law; and
- describe how to order MISP for SRH supplies internationally or obtain them locally.

The MISP for SRH distance learning module can be found at <https://iawg.net/minimum-initial-service-package/>.

If you have any questions or feedback to the module, please contact info.iawg@wrcommission.org.

Disclaimer: Please note that the MISP for SRH distance learning module is available free of charge. There is no guarantee of employment with any humanitarian agency upon completion of the MISP for SRH module.