



# IGWG Gender and Health Toolkit

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Partners with expertise and experience in the topic develop the toolkits collaboratively using a series of online features, including audio- and video-conferencing tools, text chatting, and a commenting feature that allows invited collaborators to provide comments about individual resources and toolkit sections. This participatory approach guarantees that the toolkits are of the highest quality. The continuous publishing principle on which toolkits are based allows them to evolve after publication to capture additional resources and to identify and fill remaining information gaps.

Discussion boards built into the toolkits allow users to provide feedback and ask questions about the content of the toolkit, as well as suggest additional resources and identify information gaps.

## IGWG Gender and Health Toolkit

The IGWG Gender and Health Toolkit is a unique resource on gender and health as it brings together a wealth of practical and hands-on, how-to resources for gender integration and mainstreaming in health policies, programs, and institutions in one place. The Toolkit broadens the set of "how-to" resources available to USAID staff, contractors, gender experts, and other public health specialists and service providers. It also offers a place for individuals and organizations around the world to feature examples of gender-integrated policies and programs, methodologies, and tools. Examples of gender integrated programs can be found in the Promising Practices section under the Programmatic Evidence and Promising Practices Tab.

This selective collection of "how-to" methodologies and tools is designed to move health practitioners and managers from awareness and commitment to direct application and practice. For the purpose of the IGWG Gender and Health Toolkit, a tool is defined as an instrument or methodology that helps the user to collect information on gender roles, identities, and relations, analyze it, and apply it to make health systems more equitable and effective.



Most of the tools in the IGWG Gender and Health Toolkit are located under multiple tabs so users can easily access resources through different entry points depending on their interests. The site is designed as a companion site to the IGWG Website ([www.igwg.org](http://www.igwg.org)) which has become a premier site for gender and reproductive health information, publications, and networking.

The Interagency Gender Working Group (IGWG) was established in 1997 as a network comprising nongovernmental organizations, the United States Agency for International Development (USAID), cooperating agencies, and the Bureau for Global Health of USAID. It promotes gender equity within population, health, and nutrition programs with the goal of improving reproductive health/HIV/AIDS outcomes and fostering sustainable development.

The IGWG Gender and Health Toolkit ([www.k4health.org/toolkits/igwg-gender](http://www.k4health.org/toolkits/igwg-gender)) is the result of a collaborative effort among the USAID Interagency Gender Working Group (IGWG), K4Health Project, and Cultural Practice, LLC. Individuals from FHI, Futures Group, Pan American Health Organization (PAHO), Population Council, Population Reference Bureau (PRB), United Nations Development Fund for Women (UNIFEM), and United States Agency for International Development (USAID) contributed to the design and review of the IGWG Gender and Health Toolkit.

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### Technical Areas of Health

Tools in the Technical Areas of Health section address gender in the context of specific technical areas of healthcare. The collection of tools in this section were designed to assist in integrating attention to gender in the design, implementation, and monitoring and evaluation of specific technical areas of health. Over the last 10 years there has been an explosion of tools that address gender and HIV. There are also tools developed to address gender in nutrition and child healthy/IMCI programs, on infectious diseases, and for reproductive health, family planning, and maternal health.

Currently, some areas, such as HIV/AIDS and RH/FP have considerably more tools than others. As an awareness of the impact of gender on health outcomes increases, it is likely that there will be a similar growth in the development of tools for other health sectors. We welcome suggestions and contributions from users of the Toolkit. If you have or know of additional tools, especially those in technical areas other than Reproductive Health and HIV/AIDS, please join the Discussion Board found at the far right hand corner of the Toolkit or send your suggestions by email to [toolkits@k4health.org](mailto:toolkits@k4health.org).



- Adolescent And Child Health
- Female Genital Cutting (FGM/C)
- Gender-Based Violence (GBV)

## Technical Areas of Health

The collection of tools in this section were designed to assist in integrating attention to gender in design, implementation, and monitoring and evaluation of specific technical areas of health. Users will find tools focused on adolescent & child health, female genital cutting, gender-based violence, HIV/AIDS, infectious diseases, maternal health, nutrition & food security, sexual/reproductive health & family planning, and water & sanitation.

## Implementation Approaches

The tools in this section of the toolkit provide guidance on implementing activities designed to achieve gender-specific objectives in different types of health programming. The resources help users to identify concrete strategies for implementing gender-focused activities identified in their workplans. The tools are organized by types of program, for example Behavior Change Communication (BCC), Service Delivery, Policy and Advocacy, and Community-Based Approaches.

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- Constructive Engagement Of Men And Boys
- Adolescent And Youth Programs