

Initial Rapid Assessment for Adolescent Sexual and Reproductive Health in Emergency Settings

An initial rapid assessment (IRA) is conducted within the first 72 hours of an emergency situation, to collect crucial demographic information and identify key issues within the targeted population that need to be addressed immediately. Initial rapid assessments typically focus on issues related to shelter, food, water and sanitation, health and nutrition of children under five years, and protection in the affected population.

Minimal initial data can also help identify the SRH needs and risk factors of adolescents. The following form provides key indicators that can be used to collect information about ASRH during the acute stage of an emergency situation. This information is intended to supplement the Health, Nutrition and WASH Initial Rapid Assessment and the form should be adapted to fit the context of the crisis. More detailed information is gathered later, through a situational analysis and/or comprehensive RH assessment.

A NOTE ABOUT THIS TOOL:

The data collected with this tool cannot stand alone!

This tool is intended to complement the Initial Rapid Assessment developed by the IASC Health, Nutrition and WASH Clusters, which does not include information that is specific to adolescent SRH. The data must be analyzed in conjunction with the findings from the IRA to draw conclusions about adolescents' immediate SRH needs.

See Inter-Agency Standing Committee. *Initial Rapid Assessment (IRA): Guidance Notes*. 2009.

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Number of adolescents (10-14 years), disaggregated by sex	Females		Males
Number of adolescents (15-19 years), disaggregated by sex	Females		Males
Number of unaccompanied adolescents, disaggregated by sex	Females		Males
Number of adolescent-headed households, disaggregated by sex and age	Females		Males
Number of pregnant women who are <16 years old and 16-19 years old	16 years		16 -19 years
Number of married girls, <18 years of age			
Are there national or local laws in place that might restrict adolescents' ability to access RH services?	Yes	No	Comments
Are adolescent-friendly, gender-sensitive SRH services currently being provided in the community? (If yes, specify where)	Yes	No	Comments
Are adolescent-friendly, gender-sensitive mental health and psychosocial support currently being provided?	Yes	No	Comments
Are sex-segregated toilets and bathing facilities located in well-lit areas?	Yes	No	Comments
Do toilets and bathing facilities have doors that can be locked from the inside?	Yes	No	Comments
Identify sites for adolescent-friendly condom distribution (specify location(s))			
List any adolescent groups or organizations active in the community			