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Mandates for Gender in Crisis

- ECOSOC Gender Mainstreaming (1997)
- IASC gender policy (1999)
- Beijing Platform and Beijing +10
- CEDAW
OCHA Policy on Gender Equality

4 mandated areas of work

- Information management and analysis
- Humanitarian response and coordination
- Humanitarian policy and evaluation
- Humanitarian advocacy
Framework for Analysis
Overall Gender Issues

- Gender expertise and gender balance
- Gender analysis & assessments
- Sex- and age-disaggregated data
- Equal access to services
- Participation/consultation process
- Change of gender roles due to conflict
Gender Issues in Sectors

- Protection
- Food – Non Food Items
- Water and sanitation
- Shelter
- Education
- Livelihoods
- Health
Gender Concerns in the Health Sector

- Coordination
- Reproductive Health
- Gender-based Violence
- Mental Health
- Community Participation
Recommendations

- Early deployment of gender experts in a new emergency from all lead agencies and major sectors including health.
- Formation of a gender working group which is tasked with supporting gender mainstreaming across all sectors.
- The health lead agency should integrate gender and ensure all actors in the health sector mainstream gender issues.
Develop a list of gender issues to be integrated into various areas of the health sector. WHO should take a lead on developing this tool and ensuring it is used when they are the lead health agency.