

WHO work on reproductive health research capacity strengthening

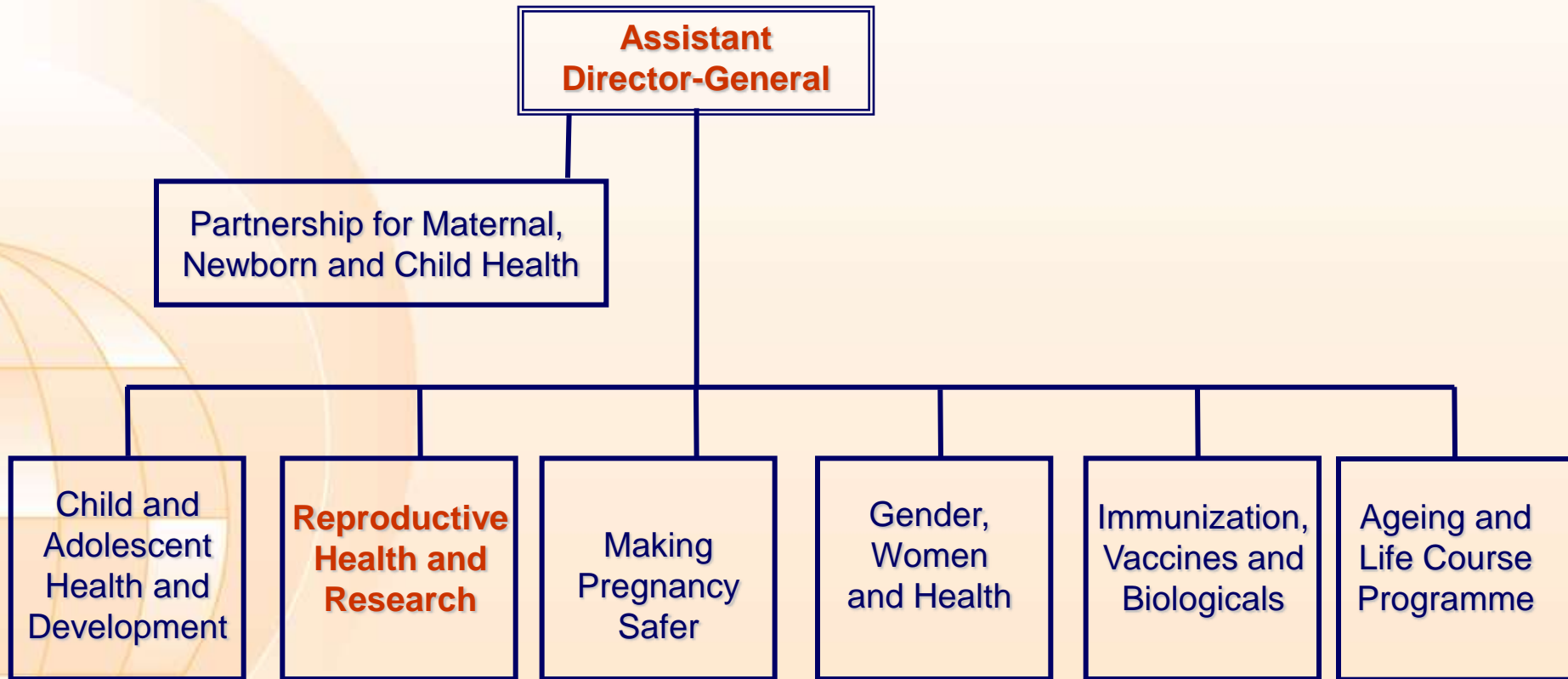
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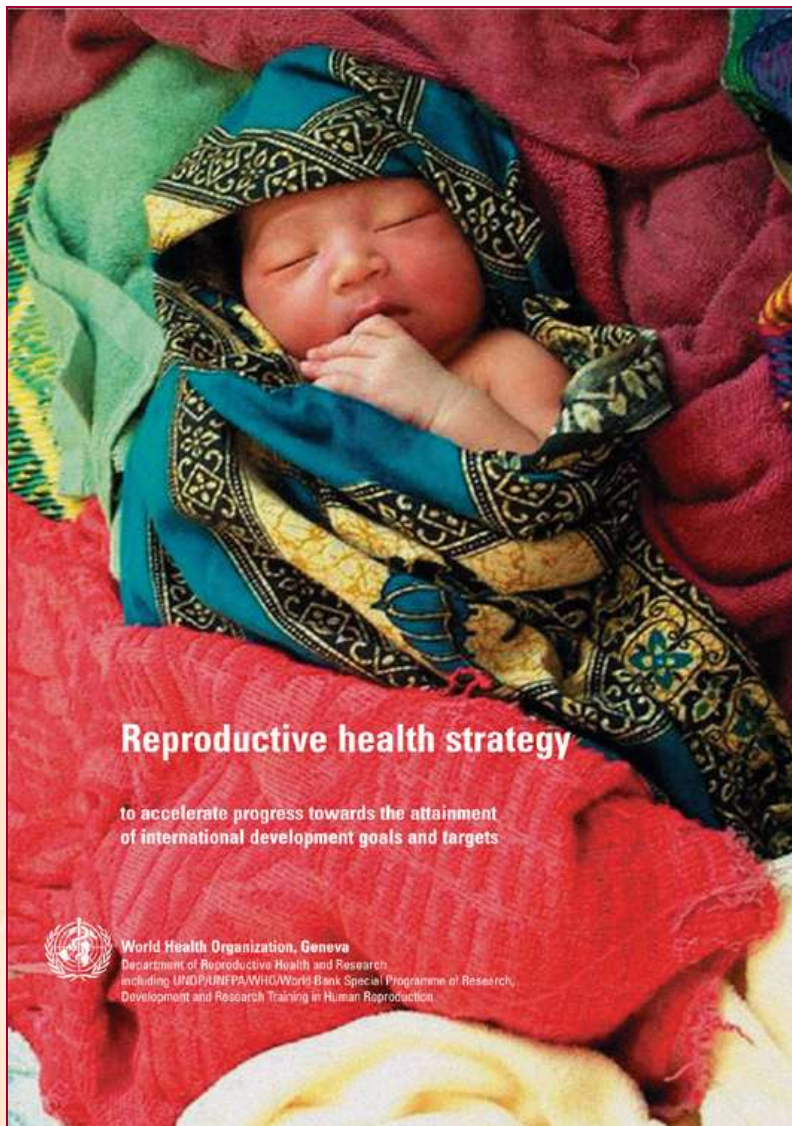
Training Course in Sexual and Reproductive Health Research
Geneva Workshop 2011



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Family and Community Health Cluster





Reproductive health strategy

to accelerate progress towards the attainment
of international development goals and targets



World Health Organization, Geneva
Department of Reproductive Health and Research,
including UNDP/UNFPA/WHO/World Bank Special Programme of Research,
Development and Research Training in Human Reproduction

WHO Global Strategy for Reproductive Health 2004

Crucial role of reproductive health research

- **the identification of reproductive health needs within communities;**
- **the generation of new knowledge for advocacy;**
- **the selection and testing of priority prevention and care interventions;**
- **the resolution of reproductive health problems;**

Crucial role of reproductive health research (continued)

- **the improvement of policy formulation through evidence-based recommendations;**
- **the strengthening of service programmes by applying research-generated technologies and up-to-date practice guidelines; and**
- **the decision-making about the appropriate allocation of health resources with the overall aim of promoting the well-being of communities.**

Challenges in many countries in the African and Eastern Mediterranean regions:

- Limited research capacities and no strategic plan for capacity strengthening
- Most of the research conducted donor driven and carried out by individuals, not institution-based
- Student thesis remain on shelves and not used
- Documentation of the volume of research conducted and topics covered not completed
- Insufficient use of research evidence for decision-making
- No information about resources available for health research
- No research unit or centre
- Internet access limited

Research Capacity Strengthening options

www.who.int/reproductivehealth/topics/countries/grants/en/index



Long-term Institutional Development (LID) Grant

Financial support towards:

- the implementation of well-defined research projects;
- research training locally, within or outside the region;
- organization of short group-learning activities;
- purchase of laboratory equipment and consumables;
- purchase of computer equipment and software, including establishment of information technology facilities;
- data processing and library resources;
- transport facilities.

Up to a maximum of five years,

- **renewable once for another five years, subject to satisfactory annual performance by the recipient centre.**

Institutional leadership and national authorities should be

- **willing to gradually increase financial support to the centre for its sustainability.**

Courses, Workshops and Seminars (CWS) grant

- **The grant proposal should spell out clear course objectives, which are measurable, and also the expected outcome(s) following issuance of such grant support.**
- **Centres are encouraged to forge strategic partnerships or participate in relevant networks following a CWS grant award. The proposal should outline proposed links with other units, institutes or centres that could strengthen the application.**
- **CWS grant can be awarded to: organize regular postgraduate courses; facilitate the dissemination of research findings; provide intensive training towards the design and implementation of a research project;**
- **CWS grant recipient centres are encouraged to use the support of HRP as leverage for additional funding through other channels such as national and external donor sources. Demonstration of ability to secure such additional support reflects positively on the centre and its potential for being able to sustain its courses, workshops and seminars.**

E-learning in reproductive health and research through RAFT

<http://raft.hcuge.ch>

The core activity of the RAFT is the web-casting of interactive courses.

- These sessions put the emphasis on knowledge sharing across health care professionals, usually in the form of presentations and dialogs between experts in different countries.

Objectives

- **To provide up-to-date, evidence-based information on priority reproductive health issues to health personnel.**
- **To encourage dialogue between the presenters and the audience by offering an opportunity to ask questions on the topics presented.**

Practical information for presenters

- You need to decide a topic
- You need to Propose a date (Monday for Arabic, Wednesday for English, Thursday for French)
- WHO will check availability of video conference facilities and confirm the date and time
- WHO will make the announcement
- You need to prepare the Powerpoint presentation and send to WHO at least one week in advance
- You need to go to the video conference room 15 minutes before the session starts
- **No cost for the presenter, no financial incentive for the presenter**

Practical information for participants

- Check the program on the website <http://raft.hcuge.ch>
- Install Dudal (software freely available at the RAFT web site)
- Watch the programme alone or with the group and submit your comments or questions
- *Watch again at any other time since all the lectures can be seen and heard at the site where there are archived for several years and can be accessed at any time*

