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Mandates for Gender in Crisis

- ❖ ***Security Council resolution 1325 (2000)***
- ❖ ***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*



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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.**



Recommendations Cont'd

- ❖ **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.**

