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Public health assessments among crisis-affected populations – a practical guide for implementers

• In general, start with basic principles needed for setting up a logical, sensible assessment, then follow with practical guides, examples in the annex, job profiles for enqueteurs, order supplies, training plans, etc

Introduction

- use and utility of PHACAPs
 - need for evidence-based decision-making, etc (Darcy & Hoffman)
 - essential that methods are appropriate (Speigel & Prudhon)
- timing of assessments (health cluster guide)
- when and whether to launch assessments

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Assessments

- Rapid, inter-sectoral assessments (MIRA-style) *
- In-depth Health/Nutrition (capacity?) assessment (3W & HeRAMS)

Surveys - essential variables to include, principles for additions

- Nutrition *
- Mortality
- Vacc. coverage * (beginning 2011)
- Health status?

Surveillance

- Infectious diseases (this is very important a clear, concise reference document on this would be enormously important)
 - Included in these would be off-the-shelf briefing sheets (with elements to fill out for specifics) for each of the major diseases that tend to show up after crises
- Mortality and malnutrition