



CALL FOR EVIDENCE

UN Secretary-General's Independent Accountability Panel (IAP): REPORT ON ACCOUNTABILITY FOR WOMEN'S, CHILDREN'S AND ADOLESCENTS' HEALTH IN HUMANITARIAN SETTINGS

Deadline for Submissions has been extended to April 1, 2019

The UN Secretary-General's Independent Accountability Panel (IAP) for Every Woman, Every Child, Every Adolescent invites your insights and contributions to inform our next report on the theme of accountability for women's, children's and adolescents' health in humanitarian settings. This will be our fourth report, following the 2018 report on [private sector](#) accountability, the 2017 report on accountability to [adolescents](#), and the [inaugural](#) report of 2016. Submissions should be sent to info@iapewec.org

About the IAP: The Independent Accountability Panel (IAP) is mandated by the UN Secretary-General to provide an independent analysis and review of progress on the implementation of the [2016-30 Global Strategy for Women's, Children's and Adolescents' Health](#) ("Global Strategy") in the context of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). The IAP is the only fully independent mechanism within the Global Strategy architecture exclusively focused on strengthening accountabilities. Its recommendations for action are addressed to the range of stakeholders—governments, parliaments, human rights institutions, the UN System, development cooperation partners, the private sector, civil society and academia.

Scope of the Report: Women's, children's and adolescents' health in humanitarian settings, and their related rights and well-being more broadly, including on gender equality and education issues. The report is expected to cover migrant and refugee crises, with a focus on protracted crises in conflict-affected settings (excluding environmental disasters). The IAP will focus on assessing strengths and shortfalls by applying its conceptual framework across the full accountability cycle of *monitor, review, act and remedy* from a rights, gender and equity-centred approach.

Guiding Questions

- What are the key policy frameworks and commitments under international treaties and agreements to women's, children's and adolescents' health in humanitarian settings, and how effective are existing mechanisms in holding actors to account for fulfilling them? Consider global, regional, national and community levels of monitoring and accountability processes and mechanisms.
- What are the critical accountability gaps in the response to women's, children's and adolescents' health needs and related rights? Who is being left behind in humanitarian responses and what specific groups of women, children and adolescents? Who are the key actors falling short of living up to their obligations and commitments? Why, in what aspects, and what can be done to overcome the gaps and challenges?

- What areas of sexual, reproductive, maternal, newborn, child and adolescent health are making progress? What health, nutrition and gender equality issues are being left behind? Are underlying social determinants of women's, children's and adolescents' health being addressed?
- Are migrants (documented/undocumented), refugees and internally displaced persons being included in national universal health coverage schemes? Do they have equitable access to health care? What are the leading examples of political leadership and inclusive policies, monitoring and accountability frameworks in this regard? What discriminatory health policies and service delivery practices are excluding them from accessing essential health services?
- What do you recommend to fill policy, institutional, budgetary and/or structural gaps? What promising or evaluated accountability practices are available to learn from in overcoming the gaps and challenges to improve women's, children's and adolescents' health and well-being? What effective, participatory processes or mechanisms exist for reviewing and reforming delivery of humanitarian and development assistance, involving these groups' active participation and voice in decision-making?

We welcome your recommendations on how to improve *accountabilities --by whom, for whom and how*—to deliver on promises to women, children and adolescents across *rights, results and resources*.

How to Submit Contributions:

Brief submissions (est. 2-5 pages) should summarize and specify the main highlights and findings with supplementary documentation and evidence available enclosed. This includes promising practices, case studies, recent reports, data analyses and evaluation findings. Submissions should be made in English. NOTE: All submissions should focus on accountability issues, rather than describe programmes.