

Gender and Women's Health

Trainings have been provided to basic health staff on concepts and related practices within the health related framework of gender and equity. During 2008-2009 training on gender and health was conducted in 12 new townships and up till the present moment gender issue has been sensitized to BHS of 31 townships. Training are totally participatory in nature and BHS are encouraged to use the modules in training the community and at the same time applying the Gender Analysis Tools in align with the contents of the modules.

Following Cyclone Nargis, Gender Sensitivity Disaster Management training workshops were held in Ayeyarwaddy and Yangon divisions and also in Mon State. All the Township Medical Officers (TMOs) and Health Assistants were sensitized on gender issues who later identified in group work means and ways for supporting gender sensitive disaster management in future.



Drawing Risk Mapping for Disaster Preparation during the training



Training on GMS to Four Programmes in Meikhtilar Township

In early 2009, mainstreaming gender (GMS) into four programmes namely Tuberculosis, HIV/AIDS, Leprosy and Reproductive Health was initiated by conducting training at central and followed by performing four actions cum research, emphasizing on gender perspectives towards the four programmes.

Refresher training was given to those training team members from the pioneer six townships started for gender training since 2006. During refresher training experience sharing was done between central trainers and the township training teams. The participants were encouraged to conduct further refresher training at townships they are responsible.

All these activities will lead to development of strategies for integrating gender equity into programmes, policy, and capacity building in the health sector in future.

Monitoring of the BHS from the townships that obtained training on gender and health is being done so as to keep track on their training to the community and to know how they are applying gender modules in their daily life activities of service provision.

Gender analysis and mainstreaming tools for the Basic Health Staff and the community has provided with the acceptance, understanding and consideration of gender issues among service providers and community thus making them gender aware and gender sensitive in their service provision and treatment seeking respectively.

Research on gender issues:

A small scale study on assessing Gender based domestic violence in two townships Hlegu and Pyinmana was done during end of 2009 and is still in process for data analysis. Findings will provide input for further prevention of Gender Based Violence for the women in the communities.