



INTER-AGENCY CONSULTATION ON TRAINING  
IN MATERNAL AND CHILD HEALTH AND ON  
FEMALE CIRCUMCISION

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PROVISIONAL AGENDA

PART I - TRAINING IN MCH AND FAMILY PLANNING IN THE  
CONTEXT OF PRIMARY HEALTH CARE  
(4 days) 24 - 27 March 1980

1. Opening session (address by Dr. A.H. Taba; UNICEF Regional Directors attending; the senior UNFPA representative; Regional Director of IPPF if present)
2. Election of Chairperson(s) and Rapporteur
3. Announcements
4. Consideration of the UNICEF/WHO Joint Committee on Health Policy Working Paper JC22/79.4 on Training in Maternal and Child Health. Issues raised and the possibilities indicated in general for joint action in future.
5. A review and evaluation of past experience of inter-agency joint activities in training in this Region.
  - 5.1 Country level
    - 5.1.1 UNFPA/WHO collaboration in training teachers of MCH (Barakat, Sudan)
    - 5.1.2 UNICEF/WHO activities in training for EPI in Pakistan
    - 5.1.3 Other experiences to be contributed by participants.
  - 5.2 Inter-country or inter-regional level
    - 5.2.1 The UNICEF/WHO Regional Midwifery Teachers Training Programme
    - 5.2.2 The Regional Food and Nutrition Training Programme
    - 5.2.3 The UNICEF/WHO-supported course for Senior Teachers of Child Health London/India, 1962-1978, as far as concerned with this Region.

6. Special subject-matter considerations of current high priority to the agencies
  - nutrition
  - immunization
  - diarrhoeal diseases
  - maternity care (traditional birth attendants)
  - family planning
  - health learning materials at various levels.
7. Proposals for action, for both actual training and institution-building.
  - 7.1 At local level (national in small countries, provincial or sub-provincial in others)
    - training of PHC workers
    - training of traditional birth attendants.
  - 7.2 At national or large provincial level
    - training of teachers of PHC workers
    - training of midwives and public health nurses
    - training of doctors to play a more appropriate role in MCH, family planning and PHC.
  - 7.3 At mix of national and inter-country levels (even inter-regional in some cases)
    - health learning materials programme
    - training of top level midwifery tutors
    - training of persons who will be leaders in MCH, family planning and PHC programmes, responsible for planning, implementing and evaluating services, for teaching and for action-oriented research.
8. Résumé of commitments and approval of a general workplan for joint activities in 1980 - 1983.

PART II - FEMALE CIRCUMCISION  
(2 days) 28 & 29 March 1980

1. Review of the present situation as regards female circumcision in our region
2. Review activities at present being undertaken by the Agencies
  - 2.1 Preliminary report on results to-date of a WHO-sponsored study on the epidemiology of Female Circumcision in the Sudan
3. Discussion of potential areas for joint activities
  - 3.1 Epidemiological research and better definition of the nature and magnitude of the problem;
  - 3.2 Dissemination of information particularly about the harmful effects of pharaonic female circumcision;
  - 3.3 Is there a possibility of operational research to evaluate what effect health education can have on reducing the incidence of pharaonic circumcision?
4. Summing up of commitments and approval of a general workplan for joint activities in 1980 - 1984.