



GBV Screening—Bringing Health Care Providers on Board

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Speakers Bios

Helena Acosta is a psychologist with over 20 years of experience. Prior to joining IPPF/WHR in 2008 as Counseling Specialist, Helena worked as the Director of Counseling Services at the Fundación Oriéntame in Bogota, Colombia. She worked extensively with the ESAR network, IPPF fellows and the Mexican Secretary of Health of the Federal District. She also served as a consultant to the Legal & Constitutional Network for Sexual and Reproductive Rights. At IPPF/WHR she oversees safe abortion projects in four countries in the Latin America and Caribbean region. She also leads region-wide trainings for counsellors and other healthcare providers on abortion and gender-based violence services. She holds a Bachelor's degree in Psychology and a Postgraduate Degree in Clinical Psychology with specialization in couples' therapy.

Ashley Jackson is a Technical Advisor for Reproductive Health at Population Services International (PSI). She serves as PSI's focal point for the integration of gender considerations into social marketing, social franchising, and other approaches to scaling up access to contraception and other health services. With support from USAID's SIFPO Project, Ashley collaborated with IntraHealth to develop PSI's Clinical and Programming Standards & Guidelines for Responding to GBV. Prior to joining PSI, Ashley spent three years working for EngenderHealth on family planning and GBV initiatives, including EngenderHealth's efforts to integrate IPV and FP services in Guinea. Ashley has also worked for Management Sciences for Health (MSH) to strengthen health systems in Haiti and the DRC. She has a master's in public health from the Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health and studied in Benin as a Fulbright Fellow.

Fabio Verani is the Senior Technical Advisor and Team Leader for the Gender/MAP Team at EngenderHealth, where he coordinates technical assistance around gender for EngenderHealth's range of international projects, supervises projects coordinated by the Gender/MAP Team and leads development of internal standards and practices for gender programming and integration. His work has included developing new interventions and curricula based on gender transformative approaches (such as Men As Partners) with girls and women and boys and men to promote sexual and reproductive health, prevent and respond to Violence Against Women and promote gender equality and women's rights.