

About This CD

This Orientation Guide, “Involving Men in Sexual and Reproductive Health,” was created by the Men and Reproductive Health Subcommittee of the US Agency for International Development (USAID) Interagency Gender Working Group (IGWG). The Subcommittee is composed of representatives from USAID, Cooperating Agencies (CAs) and other organizations and donors who are working to improve gender equity and increase men’s positive participation in their reproductive health programs and services.

The Subcommittee pilot-tested this Guide in 2001 in a series of presentations/workshops with US-based CAs and others working in the international reproductive health field. Following these efforts, which were carefully evaluated, the Subcommittee revised the Guide taking into account feedback from the pilot sessions and is widely distributing it.

Established in 1997, the IGWG is a network of non-governmental organizations, including USAID Cooperation Agencies, and the Bureau for Global Health of USAID. The IGWG promotes gender equity within population, health, and nutrition programs in order to improve reproductive health/HIV/AIDS outcomes and foster sustainable development.