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The RH for Refugees Consortium announces publication of a new report from its Global Gender-Based Violence Technical Support Project. A compendium of key issues, themes, and lessons learned from GBV programs in 12 countries, this book is designed to be read and used by staff and volunteers working with displaced populations – from high level policymakers to field-based workers.

Part 1, Emerging Standards, describes the evolution of GBV programs serving populations affected by armed conflict. Chapter 2 is a brief description of the current recommended model for integrating GBV prevention and response into the work of all humanitarian actors. Chapter 3 describes the most common challenges to GBV prevention and response efforts, and outlines solutions that are described further in other chapters. Chapter 4 is an analysis of the key challenges organizations face at policymaking levels as they attempt to integrate GBV action into their work; and includes recommendations for resolving those challenges.

Part 2, Putting It Together is an analysis of the seven most common problem areas for GBV programs in the field. Each chapter describes an issue, analyzes the reasons behind the difficulties, and offers suggestions for resolving these problem areas in programming.

Part 3, Varied Programs, Shared Challenges, contains summaries of seven GBV programs visited in 2001-2002. With its pending, fledgling, or established GBV program, each country is a microcosm of the status of GBV programs around the world serving displaced populations. Each profile briefly discusses the reason for the displaced population situation in that country, the GBV-related issues, and technical assistance provided during the field trips.

Appendices include recommended resource materials relevant to GBV programming in populations affected by armed conflict and a sample interagency procedure manual.

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