

# Action Planning

**Time:** 30 minutes

**Activity Objective:**

Identify initial actions to integrate gender into participants' own projects.

**Materials:**

Prepared Flipchart: Action Planning Questions

**Activity:**

1. Ask the participants to now turn their attention to their own projects. Explain that you would like them to think about next steps for integrating gender in their current projects/programs.
2. Divide the larger group into project teams if possible. If not, participants can work as individuals. Ask participants to individually record their responses to the following questions posted on the flipchart and then discuss them with others (in their group, or with another participant if not working in a group), taking 15 minutes total.

Considering your own safe motherhood work in light of the workshop:

- What key gender issues have you identified that likely apply to your project?
- What key steps need to be taken to better address gender issues in your project:
  - In the short term (i.e., the next 3–6 months)?
  - In the longer term (i.e., the next 1–1.5 years)?
- What resources need to be secured (including leadership commitment, technical assistance, or allocated budget)?
- What is one action you will take when you return home, based on what you have learned at this workshop? By when?

After 15–20 minutes, call time and ask two or three participants to share their next steps with the larger group.

3. Ask the participants if they know of resources related to gender and maternal health that would be useful to everyone. List them on a flipchart. Share the IGWG website address and your email and contact information, reminding the group that the IGWG is available to provide technical assistance for integrating gender when going through this process.