

Cross-cutting Issues at A Crossroads?

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Cross-cutting Issues

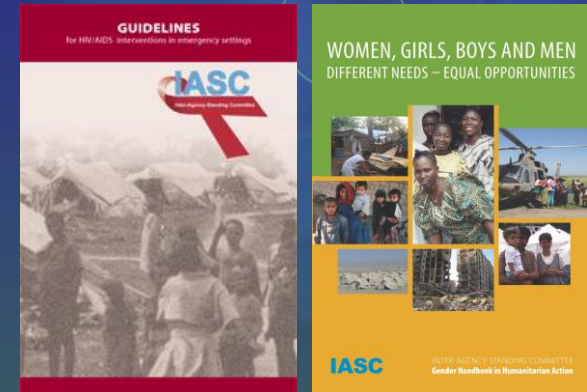
- **History and Context**
- **Towards 'people-centered' approach and action**
- **Challenges**
- **Ramifications – positive and negative
- for the IASC Gender SWG of pursuing a 'people-centered' approach**

History & Context 1

- **Late 2006/2007, a Cross-Cutting Review Team (UNDP, UNHCR, OCHA, UNEP, WHO, UNFPA, IOM & UNAIDS) discussed a comprehensive approach to cross-cutting issues within Cluster Approach.**
- **The Review Team discussed;**
 - **Responsibility:**
 - **Mechanisms for integration:**
 - **Resource implications:**
 - **Role of GenCap and others “experts”**

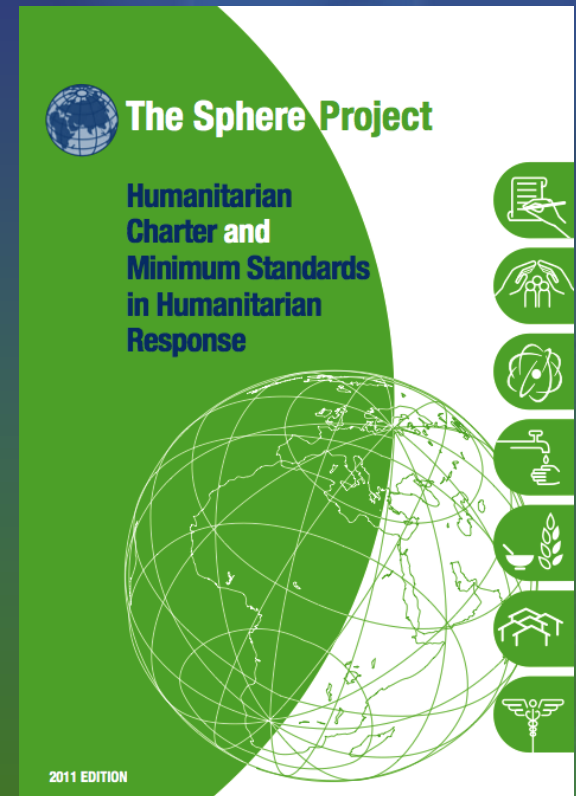
History & Context 2

- **HIV/AIDS (2004)
Gender (2006)
Guidelines**
- **Mid-2007 – the Review
Team is disbanded.**
- **Gender moves ahead –
GenCap**
- **Other Cross-cutting
issues groups (age,
Mental Health, disabled)
more active.**



History & Context 3: Sphere

- 'People-centered humanitarian response'/approach as one of the six Core Standards – “People’s capacity and strategies to survive with dignity are integral to the design and approach of humanitarian response”.



History & Context 4

- **Mid-2012 - Cross-cutting Issues' Review (Consultancy) Sept./Oct. advertised, appointment of consultant is imminent**
- **2013 – Outcomes of consultancy**

Challenges

- **Evaluations continue to report lack of attention to XCIs**
- **Continued 'peripheralisation' of XCIs**
- **Different structures and mechanisms for XCIs**
- **Inconsistency in commitment from Clusters**
- **Little consistency in capacity or funding by the Clusters**
- **Lack of clarity about what cross-cutting issues are.**

More Challenges

Focusing on gender and age in particular (GenCap paper/HelpAge)

- **Engagement and capacity**
- **Accountability/Responsibility**
- **Common coordination platform**

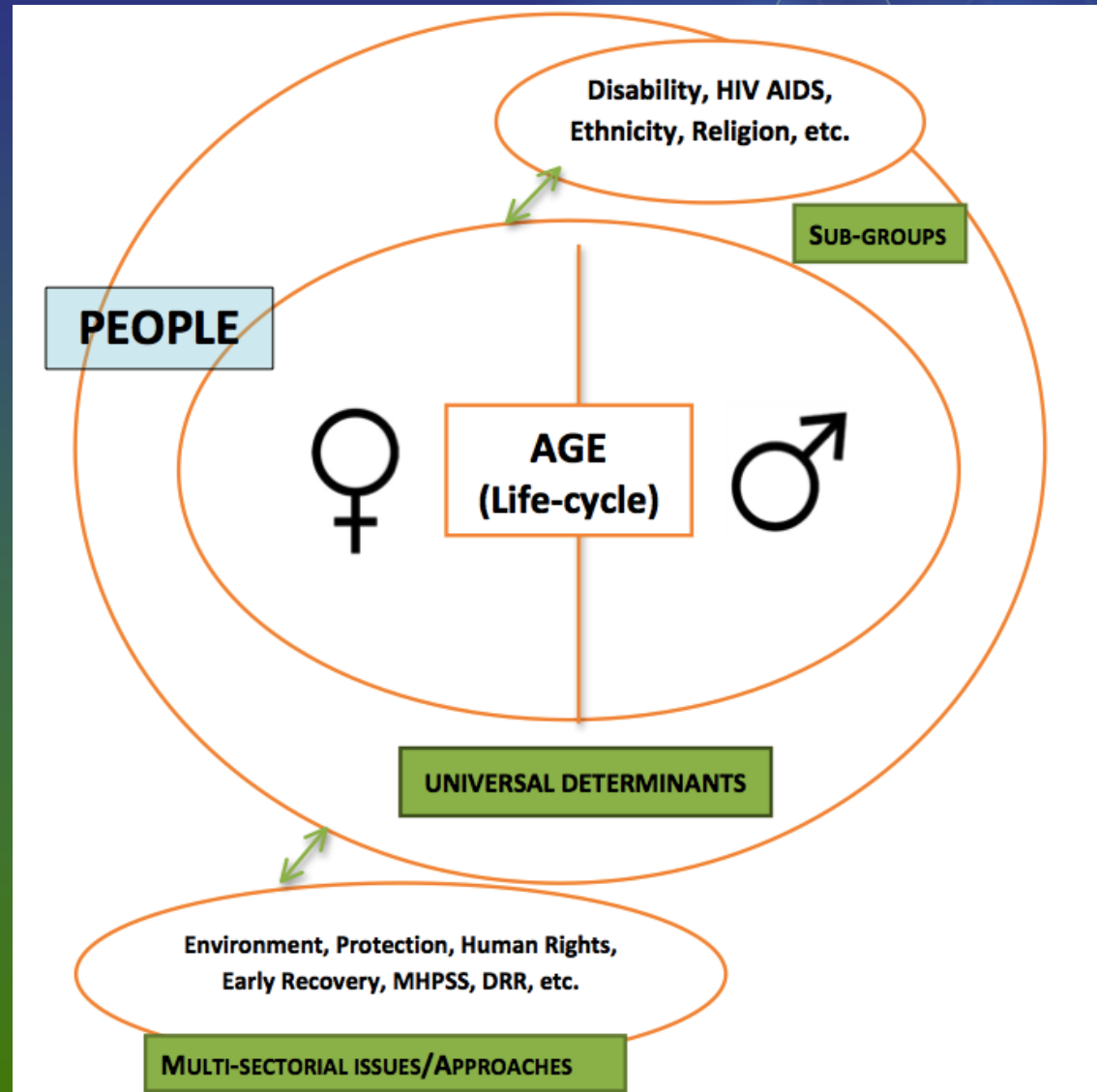
Even More Challenges

- **Conceptual clarity: XCIs = age, gender, HIV/AIDS, environment, disability/diversity, mental health and psychosocial support (MHPSS), Early Recovery, Protection Mainstreaming, CCCM, Human Rights, conflict mitigation, DRR, etc.**
- **Cross-cutting issues fatigue**
- **New efforts on Accountability to Affected People ?**

Conceptual Framework

Differentiate

- Universal determinants (SADD)
- Sub-groups
- Approaches



Ramifications for Gender

Positive

- **Transformative Agenda**
- **Contribution to AAP**
- **Focus on resilience-strengthening**
- **Greater coherency with ADGM (UNHCR) in refugee multi-sector work**

Negative

- **Absence of cohesion/silo'ing**
- **Examples:**
 - **MHPSS in Protection and CCCM**
 - **Environment Marker CAP 2013**
- **Risk of diluting gender in broadening the issue?**

A Way Forward?

- **Outcomes of XCIs Consultancy.**
- **Reshape how we package/'brand' ourselves**
- **People-centred approach and action.**
- **Addressing specific needs of people of different gender and age*.**
- **What role, position does Gender SWG take in this?**