TOOL 6

STEP-BY-STEP TOOL FOR DECIDING PRIORITY MHM ACTIONS

**Menstrual Hygiene Management (MHM) in Emergencies** / IFRC / Pilot version

OVERVIEW

This is a step-by-step tool that can be used to help you analyse and prioritise the MHM needs and actions required[[1]](#footnote-1). Based on the assessment information and data collected, fill in the table below beginning at number 1 and continue across to number 5. Several examples are provided.

TOOL FOR DECIDING MHM ACTIONS

**See actions below**

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| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| Problem identified during assessment | Priority – rank the severity of the problem  1 = high  2 = medium  3 = low | Goal – if the problem was solved, what would the outcome be? | Actions required to achieve the goal | RCRC area of responsibility in this response/context?  Yes or No |
| *Example:*  *Women and girls do not use camp latrines when menstruating.* | *1* | *Women and girls feel comfortable and safe to always use camp latrines when menstruating.* | * *Latrines are gender segregated.* * *Latrines are well lit.* * *Waste disposal bins are available inside latrines.* * *Latrines can be locked from inside.* * *Men and boys are not hanging around latrines.* | *Y – because the National Society has responsibility for WASH in that context*  *Coordinate with PGI team* |
| *Example:*  *Women and girls have no private places for washing or drying pads (they wash in river & dry them on the bushes).* | *1* | *Women and girls have access to private, appropriate washing and drying facilities.* | * *Construction of bathing areas that are lockable, private and have sufficient access to water and drainage.* * *Construction of drying areas OR distribution of rope/pegs/small drying racks to women and girls.* | *Y – for water related actions*    *N – for others: another agency is responsible for bathing areas. Coordinate with shelter sector and NFI team.* |
| *Example:*  *Women and girls do not have any sanitary materials to absorb menstrual flow (because they are displaced).* | 1 | *Women and girls have access to appropriate sanitary pads (based on their preferences, and context) to absorb their menstrual flow.* | * *Distribution of reusable cloth pads to women and girls, along with underwear, bucket, laundry soap, and rope and pegs to support drying.* * *Or: cash grant or voucher for menstrual hygiene items* * *Conduct post-distribution monitoring to check use, satisfaction and challenges with use of pads etc.* | *Y – PGI team is distributing dignity kits.*  *Ensure dignity kits include ALL minimum items for MHM*  *PGI to coordinate with WASH (access to water, private and safe latrines, bathing areas, waste management facilities)* |
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**Actions from column 5:**

1. Adapted from: Save the Children, *Menstrual Hygiene Management Operational Guidelines*, 2015 <http://www.savethechildren.org/atf/cf/%7B9def2ebe-10ae-432c-9bd0-df91d2eba74a%7D/MENSTRUAL\_HYGIENE\_MANAGEMENT\_OPERATIONAL\_GUIDELINES.PDF>. [↑](#footnote-ref-1)