

FIGO POLICY IN AREAS OF DISASTER

- FIGO is an organisation that brings together professional bodies of obstetricians and gynaecologists from around the world. It is not a relief or political organisation.
- Armed conflicts and occurrences of natural disaster appear to be increasing year on year.
- FIGO should be supportive of societies affected by instances of armed conflict or natural disaster that increase the risk to women's and newborns' health.
- However, FIGO's resources – both financial and human – do not realistically enable it to provide the kind of emergency relief and support required on an urgent basis when instances of armed conflict or natural disaster occur,
- FIGO can offer to mobilise resources from societies in countries/territories not affected by the conflict or disaster in question (particularly from societies in high-resource countries/territories).
- Affected societies should be asked what kind of assistance they need.
- FIGO can assist affected societies in seeking support from WHO, UN and other relief agencies.

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