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Content	<p>Background: Adolescents face many barriers to health services, especially in humanitarian crises. The development of a response to adolescent health needs requires age and sex-disaggregated data. We aim to collect available adolescent health indicators and their sources in humanitarian crises to identify gaps in the data to inform policy and practice. Methods: Adolescent health indicators of five countries facing humanitarian crises: Myanmar, Nigeria, Ukraine, Yemen, and Palestine were collected. A search on the available adolescent health indicators was done using surveys done in each country, reports, assessments by humanitarian organizations, and peer-reviewed journals. Data were extracted on the source of information, indicator name, domain, categorization, level, numerator/denominator, age groups, and sex on each indicator. Results: The Multiple Indicator Cluster and Demographic Health Survey were done in all five countries selected, but surveys were adjusted according to the appropriateness of each country and done infrequently. Yemen and Palestine only included women in their sample sizes, and no one younger than 15 was interviewed. Many times countries' indicators used by humanitarian organizations were out-of-date. The most frequent indicators found were in the categorization of reproductive health. Limited data was found on adolescents aged 10-14, boys, and WASH and nutrition indicators. Conclusion: Using surveys that provide us with a list of minimum adolescent health indicators in humanitarian settings will allow for more timely data. Humanitarian organizations can spend less time collecting data and provide appropriate health services and programs based on the adolescent needs of the country.</p>