

MoM-Bekaa MHPSS TF

Date	Tuesday January 24, 2017	Venue	UNHCR Zahleh
Time	12:00-1:00pm	Minutes prepared by	Nour Kik
Organizations attending	IMC, Intersos, MAGNA, Medair, MDM, MMU Makassed, MOPH, MOSA, Salam LADC, SAMS, University of Oxford, UNICEF, UNHCR		

Agenda

1. Partners' 2017 activities
2. Presentation of the "Inter-ministerial Substance Use Response Strategy for Lebanon 2016-2021" launched in December 2016
3. General Updates

Discussion	Action / Decision / Suggestion
1. Partners' 2017 activities	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ The mapping of planned activities in 2017 shared by task force organisations was presented. ➤ 2017 Activities to be added to the compiled list of activities shared by task force organisations: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ SAMS: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Community mental health services in Bekaa, Majd el Anjar at Ras El Kheir Clinic and in Aarsal at Amel Center. - Will be starting also mental health services (Psychiatry and psychology) in Akkar and Beirut - The project will extend for at least 2 years - Target group: refugees and Lebanese, any age group ▪ MAGNA: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Start date: April 2017 - Comprehensive PSS for SGBV (victims of violence) in Rachaya and Baalback through the Social Development Centres of the Ministry of Social Affairs ▪ INTERSOS: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Psychotherapy, counseling, PSS services, self-care for staff - In Central Bekaa, West Bekaa and Rachaya - Target group: all ages, SGBV, CP and PWSN ▪ International Medical Corps: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Case management and psychotropic medication - In Aarsal: new small project starting beginning of February which consists of identifying 5 refugee outreach volunteers 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ List of activities to be shared with task force.

and training them onto detect persons with mental health disorders and provide basic PSS.

- Save the Children:
 - Starting focused PSS in Nabad (started training and capacity-building)
 - Case-management and cash assistance for labor children

2. Inter-ministerial Substance Use Response Strategy for Lebanon 2016-2021

- The Ministries of Public Health, Social Affairs, Education and Higher Education, Interior and Municipalities and Justice have launched on December 22, 2016 the “Inter-ministerial Substance Use Response Strategy for Lebanon 2016-2021” as a response for substance use including alcohol, drugs and tobacco.
- This strategy was the result of a participatory process involving all stakeholders mentioned above in order to respond to the challenges posed by substance use locally, regional, and globally on various levels, including health, social and economic.
- The strategy aims at:
 - 1) Increased availability of high quality age and gender sensitive prevention, treatment, rehabilitation, social re-integration and harm reduction services and
 - 2) Increased accessibility to these services,
 - 3) Increased protection of human rights of persons with substance use disorders, and
 - 4) Increased efficiency and effectiveness of supply reduction activities.
- The achievement of the above goals will assist on the long-term in:
 - Decreasing prevalence of substance use disorders
 - Delaying the age of onset of substance use
 - Decreasing the prevalence of communicable diseases among People Who Inject Drugs
 - Decreasing the number of overdose cases
 - Decreasing the stigma around persons with substance use disorders
- The above will be reached through 6 domains of action:
 - 1- Leadership and governance
 - 2- Health and social welfare sectors response
 - 3- Supply reduction
 - 4- Monitoring and surveillance
 - 5- International cooperation
 - 6- Vulnerable groups.

- The Strategy is available online in both English and Arabic through the following link:
<http://www.moph.gov.lb/userfiles/files/Inter-ministerial%20Substance%20Use%20Response%20Strategy%20for%20Lebanon%202016-2021-English.pdf>

3. General Updates

Psychotropic and neurological medication:

- Medications lists for prescription by specialists in humanitarian settings is available on MOPH website on the following link:
http://www.moph.gov.lb/userfiles/files/Programs%26Projects/MentalHealthProgram/Psychotropic%20and%20neurological%20medication%20list%20-%20humanitarian%20-%202012_06_2016F.pdf
- The humanitarian medication list order was placed with UNICEF. Some medication have arrived.
- Medication that will be delayed will be complemented by medication ordered through FPSC.
- From now till the end of January: all medication should be available in the warehouse.
- For distribution: at least 4 primary healthcare centres which have psychiatrists will be picked.

- National Mental Health Information System development has begun in line with the “Mental Health and Substance Use Strategy for Lebanon 2015-2020”.
- One of the interfaces will be linked to the MHPSS TF for the collection of the service utilization indicators agreed upon.

- Workshop on ambiguous loss in families of missing persons in collaboration with ICRC on February 13 targeting mental health professionals.
- Aim: to introduce the concept of ambiguous loss and explore its relevance to the Lebanese context.

- Invitation to be shared with mental health professionals working in MHPSS TF organisations.

Next meeting: Tuesday February 28, 2016 at 12pm in UNHCR Zahleh