

## MoM-Bekaa MHPSS TF

<b>Date</b>	Tuesday 25 October 2016	<b>Venue</b>	UNHCR Zahleh
<b>Time</b>	1:00-2:00pm	<b>Minutes prepared by</b>	Nour Kik
<b>Organizations attending</b>	Fundacion Promocion Social de la Cultura, GVC-Italy, International Medical Corps, Medecins du Monde, Medecins Sans Frontieres, Ministry of Public Health, Terre Des Hommes-Italy, UNHCR, UNICEF, WAHA		

### Agenda

- 1. Presentation of gaps, challenges and potential actions to address them identified task force members**
- 2. Discussion around priorities for the 2017 action plan**
- 3. Presentation of the MHPSS TF Performance Evaluation Results**
- 4. General Updates**

<b>Discussion</b>	<b>Action / Decision / Suggestion</b>
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#### **1. Presentation of gaps, challenges and potential actions to address them identified task force members**

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| <p>➤ The gaps, challenges and potential actions to address them identified by task force members compiled from the online feedback forms and from the discussions in task force meetings in all regions were presented during the meeting.</p> |  |
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#### **2. Discussion around priorities for the 2017 action plan**

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| <p>➤ A discussion around the top priorities was held during the meeting and the below priorities were identified by participants:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Addressing the lack of mental health services in the Bekaa, particularly in the underserved areas of Hermel and Aarsal</li> <li>- Establishing a referral system</li> <li>- Capacity-building for front-liners</li> <li>- Training Outreach Volunteers (OVs) on the crisis management protocols</li> <li>- Conducting a rapid needs assessment</li> <li>- Increasing linkages with other sectors including food and shelter</li> <li>- Mainstream mental health in outreach and awareness material of the protection sector</li> <li>- Develop guidelines for MHPSS programmes</li> </ul> |  |
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#### **3. Presentation of the MHPSS TF Performance Evaluation Results**

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ The MHPSS TF performance evaluation results were presented to task force members and discussed.</li> <li>➤ The below feedback was given by participants: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- The majority agreed that the timing and location of the meeting is good and should not be changed</li> <li>- The majority did not think that the taskforce needs to meet more frequently.</li> <li>- All agreed that hard copy handouts cannot be handed out every time</li> <li>- All agreed that it would be useful to receive updates from the SGBV and Child protection and Education sectors during the MHPSS TF meetings and to have updates from the Health Working Group whenever it is relevant to MHPSS.</li> <li>- Participants had mixed feedback regarding assigning a focal point from every organization to regularly attend the meetings. Many said that this is not a feasible option due to the dynamic nature of the work.</li> <li>- Most participants agreed that they would like more information to be shared during task force meetings about mental health related legislation/regulation</li> <li>- All participants agreed that more information sharing from participating organizations is needed. More updates should be given by organisations about their activities during the meetings. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- A suggestion was made to develop an online resource folder where all resources (tools, assessments...) used by MHPSS organizations are pooled. A participant pointed to the resource kit on the UNHCR portal that could be used.</li> </ul> </li> <li>- It was clarified that the agenda of the task force meetings is set based on the implementation of the action plan of the task force and that there is always a section open on the agenda for any TF organization interested in presenting something related to their work (services offered, project under implementation or under planning, results of a project...)</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	
<p><b>4. General Updates</b></p>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ 4Ws (Who is doing What, Where and until When) mapping exercise</li> <li>➤ Around organisations have contributed so far and still expecting some organisations to send their sheets in the coming week</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ The report will be finalized in November</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ One of the main challenges in MHPSS work identified by the task force at the end of 2015, was the low availability coupled with the low retention rate of qualified psychiatrists and psychologists working in the humanitarian field. This has been exacerbating the inability to respond to the needs of people who require special assistance such as psychological or psychiatric care.</li> <li>➤ In line with the MHPSS Task force 2016 action plan, an “Exploratory study of the perceptions of psychiatrists and psychologists regarding their work conditions in the humanitarian field in Lebanon: will be conducted.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤</li> </ul>

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ The aim of this study is to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(1) Gain a better understanding of the motivations of psychiatrists and psychologists to work in the humanitarian field in Lebanon</li> <li>(2) Identify perceived advantages and disadvantages of working in this field and</li> <li>(3) Identify opportunities for improvement of work conditions in this field.</li> </ul> </li> <li>➤ Psychiatrists and psychologists working or having worked in the humanitarian field for at least two years (after 2011) will be invited to participate.</li> </ul>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ The Inter-ministerial Substance Use Response Strategy for Lebanon is posted online for public review on the ministry's website.</li> <li>➤ Anyone can download the Arabic or English version of the strategy draft and provide feedback on it through filling an online anonymous feedback form.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ The following is the link to the strategy and the feedback form:  <a href="#">Inter-ministerial substance use response strategy for public review</a> </li> </ul>
<p><b>Next meeting: Tuesday November 22, 2016 at 1pm in UNHCR Zahleh</b></p>	