

MoM-MHPSS-TF-South-4

Date	Tuesday November 3, 2015	Venue	Imam Sadr Foundation- Tyr
Time	10-11:15am	Minutes prepared by	Moataz Tayara
Organizations attending	Blue Mission, Imam Sadr Foundation, International Medical Corps, LWAH, MoPH, MSF Swiss, NISCUT, UNICEF, UNHCR, UNRWA.		

Agenda

1. Presentation by Imam El Sadr Foundation
2. Brainstorming session for the MHPSS TF 2016 action plan
3. General Updates

Discussion	Action / Decision / Suggestion
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1. Presentation by Imam El Sadr Foundation

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ The following were presented: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Mental Health Workers-MHW Project with NORWAC (2008-onward): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➔ Goal to form a well-trained mental health team that would go to PHC centers. ➔ Curriculum developed in 2008 for training the mental health workers (Recipients of the certificate currently total 52). - Integrated mental health program (2006 onward) - Mental Health Program with IMC (2011-2013) - ISF mental health units (total of 9) and their function - Supervision unit: Part-time Psychiatrist, Psychotherapist, Nurses and coordinator; and its role. - Insights on challenges in integrating mental health in PHC which include lack of policy, lack of supervision, lack of continuous supply of psychotropic medications in primary care. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ The PPT presentation is attached with the minutes, in addition to the contact information shared by ISF of focal persons in the different locations ISF operates in. ➤ A main objective of the “Mental Health and Substance Use Strategy for Lebanon 2015-2020” is the integration of mental health in primary health care. By 2020, it is targeted that all PHC centres and all MOSA SDCs that are part of the MoPH network, are trained and supervised on mhGAP-IG and other relevant trainings. Quarterly assessments of the PHC centers' needed quantity of psychotropic medications will be conducted through inspection visits and a systematic feedback mechanism from the centers.
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2. Brainstorming session for the South MHPSS TF 2016 action plan

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Activities from the 2015 action plan that will be carried on in 2016 action plan: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Referral system building project: currently in recruitment phase, will begin end of November. - Staff care project: In 2016 an action plan will be developed for staff care based on recommendations of the assessment currently being conducted (data collection phase started in October). - Training calendar: online platform for all MHPSS TF organizations to update on planned trainings. - Rolling out of Psychological First Aid (PFA) trainings. ➤ Suggested areas of action or activities by South MHPSS TF organizations: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Awareness in schools for children and their parents (ex: parents committees) on importance of mental health. ○ Trainings on mental health assessment, management and referral for Child protection and SGBV case workers (to address the gap in protecting children who are living in abusive environments) ○ Trainings for mental health front-liners/community mobilizers on how to identify the need for protection and when/where to refer ○ Conducting an assessment of salaries of psychologists/psychiatrists hired by NGOs to inform the development of a salary scale that can be unified across all organizations. ○ Harmonizing qualifications (TORs) for hiring psychiatrists and psychologists 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Interviews for staff care assessment will extend till end of November/Early December. 20+ organizations were interested and there is still space in late November for additional organizations who would be interested in participating: if interested, to send an email to Mr. George Fenning at: georgefenning@georgefenning.co.uk ➤ UNHCR Protection will share their referral pathway and their awareness sessions agendas. ➤ UNRWA will share their protection referral pathway as well.
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3. General Updates

- The National Mental Health Programme (NMHP) is currently finalizing the first draft of the “Substance Use Strategy for Lebanon” which is one of the objectives (1.1.3) of the “Mental Health and Substance Use Strategy for Lebanon 2015-2020”.
- The NMHP has also started working on a mental health and substance use strategy for prisons and detention centers, also one of the objectives (5.5.1) of the national strategy.
- The NMHP is also currently developing a 4Ws software to facilitate the data collection for the 4Ws (Who’s doing What, Where and Until When) assessment and the generation of timely reports.
- Official letters are being sent to program coordinators of TF organizations to nominate one focal person that will be responsible for entering all relevant information on trainings/workshops conducted by their organization in all governorates in the MHPSS TF training calendar. Participants in the TF meetings are kindly requested to follow-up with their program coordinators regarding the nominations.
- Update from UNHCR Protection: The 16 days of activism will be held from November 25, 2015 to December 10, 2015: during 16 days, different activities will be held to promote the right of education for girls.

Next meeting: Tuesday December 1, 2015 at 10 am at LWAH, Sarafand