

MoM – Bekaa MHPSS TF

Date	16 th of April	Venue	UNHCR - Zahle
Time	12:00pm to 1:00pm	Minutes prepared by	Alain Gebrayel (MOPH-National Mental Health Program)
Organizations attending	Concern Worldwide, International Organization for Migration, Medecins Sans Frontieres – Switzerland, MOPH-National Mental Health Program, Restart, Seed National, UNHCR, War Child Holland		

Agenda

1. **Presentation and review of the "Triage Criteria for Inpatient Psychiatric Hospitalization"**
2. **Updates on Information Management Systems: 4Ws and MHPSS Monthly Indicators**
3. **Presentation of the Yearly MHPSS Indicators**
4. **Any Other Business**

Discussion	Action / Decision / Suggestion
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1. Presentation and review of the "Triage Criteria for Inpatient Psychiatric Hospitalization"

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Several challenges were raised by MHPSS actors in previous MHPSS TF meetings such as having long waiting lists for referral to admission to inpatient psychiatric care, and having discrepancies between the criteria used to determine the eligibility and urgency of the referrals. ➤ MHPSS TF objective in 2019 Action Plan: “Develop criteria for triage of persons to be admitted for psychiatric admission” ➤ During the February MHPSS TF meetings, discussions were centered around Challenges related to Triage for Referral to Psychiatric Admission faced by MHPSS TF organizations. Shortly after the MHPSS TF meetings, interviews were conducted with psychiatrists from referring organizations around the challenges faced when referring persons to psychiatric inpatient care as well as the lessons learnt from past experiences. ➤ The following first draft of the criteria are the product of these fruitful collaborations with organizations. The first draft was presented in the meeting for feedback by task force members. ➤ Aim of the criteria is to have a standardized emergency mental health triage criterion across NGOs that refer to hospital admission to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Determine highest priority cases 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Next steps: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ The document will be sent to relevant MHPSS TF members for review. ○ Piloting of the criteria ○ Finalization and implementation of criteria
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- Facilitate access
- Eliminate delays
- Decrease the risk of self-harm and suicide.

➤ The Triage Criteria for Persons with Mental Health Conditions in Need of Hospitalization are designed as a tool to be used by the psychiatrist in humanitarian field and public sector to support in decision-making through:

- Providing a standardized approach to determine need and the urgency for inpatient care
- Clarifying prioritization of referrals of persons to psychiatric admission, with the aim to ensure timely referral to needed care.
- Ensuring that responses are appropriate to the person’s level of risk
- Providing a structured approach to document and facilitate the process of prioritizing persons to be admitted for inpatient psychiatric care, and record the needed information for referral and follow-up
- Providing a basis for improved communication between the mental health professionals (psychiatrists at NGOs) who do the triage and other services (psychiatrists at psychiatric hospitals).

2. Updates on Information Management Systems: 4Ws and MHPSS Monthly Indicators

➤ 4Ws Online Platform:

- 38 organizations registered
- 16 active organizations
- 179 activities published by 16 organizations until April the 1st

MOPH would like to thank the following organizations for mapping out their activities on the 4Ws online platform:

ALMahdi Scouts, Blue Mission Organization, Caritas, Dorcas Tabitha, Embrace, EMDR Lebanon, IDRAAC, Imam Sadr Foundation, International Medial Corps, Intersos, Medecins Du Monde, Mousawat, Medical Teams International, Medecins Sans Frontieres – Switzerland, Relief International, UNRWA

➤ MHPSS Monthly Indicators reporting for February 2019:

- 26 organizations registered

➤ **MOPH urges all the registered organizations to map activities as soon as possible**

➤ Kind reminder that the deadline to submit the online monthly report for March is on the 15th of April. System would close after that!

➤ Whenever reviewing or reporting are done, kindly send the report to facility director.

- 22 organizations have reported

MOPH would like to thank the following organizations for reporting for the month of February:

ABAAD, Blue Mission Organization, Caritas Lebanon, Dorcas Tabitha, Fundacion Promocion Social, Himaya, Imam Sadr Foundation, International Committee of the Red Cross, International Medical Corps, International Organization of Migration, Intersos, Lebanese Welfare Association for the Handicapped, Magna, Makhzoumi Foundation, Medair, Medecin Du Monde, Medecin Sans Frontier – Switzerland, Mousawat, Nusroto, Relief International, SIDC, Terre des Hommes - Lausanne

- Kindly request a meeting with us for a walkthrough of any of the mentioned platforms. Any challenges? Questions? Please contact: Alain Gebrayel – Gebrayel.alain@gmail.com

3. Presentation of the Yearly MHPSS Indicators

- The Yearly Indicators Report focuses on staff training, staff care, and service user feedback mechanisms. These indicators were designed based on the available indicators shared by different organizations participating in the MHPSS Task Force in addition to local and international stakeholders and experts in the field.

- The yearly indicators will be shared in the upcoming two weeks.
- The report will take no longer than **10 minutes** for completion

4. Any Other Business

- The MoPH-National Mental Health Program is happy to launch for the first time a quarterly national mapping exercise of research related to MHPSS & SU by different institutions since 2010 in Lebanon.
- Therefore, you are kindly invited to participate in a short survey which aims to collect information on planned, ongoing, or completed researches related to MHPSS and SU by different institutions.

- The exercise will feed into a MHPSS & SU mapping of researches in Lebanon that will be published on a regular basis by the National Mental Health Program.
- Completing the survey will take approximately **10 minutes** per study.
- Link to survey: [Link](#)

Next meeting: (28th of May from 12:00pm to 1:00pm, UNHCR - Zahle)