

MoM-MHPSS TF- North-4

Date	Wednesday November 11, 2015	Venue	RESTART Center, Tripoli
Time	11:30am-01:00pm	Minutes prepared by	Farah Kerdy
Organizations attending	ADN-WARD, Caritas, Danish Refugee Council, Hariri Foundation, Heartland Alliance, IMC, IRC, MoPH, MoSA, MSF, UNHCR, UNICEF, Restart Center, Save The Children.		
Agenda			
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Presentation by IMC on their Mental Health services 2. Mental Health Challenges in Akkar 3. Brainstorming session for the North MHPSS TF 2016 action plan 4. General Updates 			
Discussion			Action / Decision / Suggestion
1. Presentation by IMC on their Mental Health services			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ IMC presented their: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Area of coverage - Teams - Services (MHPSS case management, psychotherapy and psychiatric services, awareness and psychoeducation sessions, PSS activities and programs, expression through arts and mhGAP training) 			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ The PowerPoint presentation is attached with the minutes.
2. Mental Health Challenges in Akkar			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Partners in Akkar gave an overview of the mental health challenges in that area, mainly: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Lack of mental health services in Wadi Khaled. - GBV cases, in need of mental health services, have no access to such services. - Difficulties of movement due to legal concerns (detention concerns at checkpoints) and transportation fees. 			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Suggestions by the TF: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - IMC suggested an option to be further examined: to provide mhGAP trainings for PHC staff in Wadi Khaled and the surrounding areas and to ensure for them remote support and supervision (on-call psychiatrist and maybe one visit per month). - Organizations to consider extending the provision of mental health services in Akkar region.
3. Brainstorming session for the North MHPSS TF 2016 action plan			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ The list of challenges and potential action points developed in previous meetings was revised. 			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ A draft action plan will be reviewed during next meeting.

4. General updates

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none">➤ Suggestion in previous meeting: to alternate the meeting location of the North MHPSS TF between Tripoli and Quobayat in order to ensure participation of mental health partners operating in Akkar area.
➤ 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.
➤ 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. | <ul style="list-style-type: none">➤ Consensus was reached among present organizations to alternate the meeting location between Tripoli and Quobayat.
➤ The next meeting of the TF will be held in Quobayat.

➤ Participants in the TF meetings are kindly requested to follow-up with their program coordinators regarding the nominations. |
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Next meeting: Wednesday December 2nd, 2015 at 11:30 am at IMC, Quobayat (AKKAR)