

MoM-Beirut MHPSS TF

Date	Tuesday July 18	Venue	WHO conference room (-1)
Time	02:30pm to 03:30pm	Minutes prepared by	Rawan Hamedeh and Nour Kik

Organizations attending	Caritas, Embrace, Fundacion Promocion Social de la Cultura, GIZ, Handicap International, International Committee of the Red Cross, IDRAAC, Medair, Medecins du Monde, Ministry of Public Health, Mosaic, SANAD, SIDC, UNRWA.
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Agenda

1. **Presentation by SANAD hospice for palliative care**
2. **MOPH circular number 64: related to projects in MHPSS and substance use in Lebanon**
3. **Updates from MHPSS TF organizations on activities current/planned**
4. **Mapping of MHPSS awareness material**
5. **General Updates**

Discussion	Action / Decision / Suggestion
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1. Presentation by SANAD hospice for palliative care

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Sanad hospice for palliative care gave a presentation about their services for palliative care, which include mental health services. ➤ Sanad is a 7 years old independent, nonprofit NGO offering palliative hospice care for terminal ill patients and their families. ➤ It comprises of a multidisciplinary team including physicians, nurses, psychologists, research officers and volunteers. ➤ In addition to hospice care, SANAD also does research and outreach and awareness. ➤ Patients are either referred to SANAD by their doctors or through the community and social network. ➤ SANAD also offers support to the families of terminally ill patients and helps them throughout this painful transition through grief support groups. ➤ So far these support groups had been exclusively for families of patients receiving palliative care from Sanad, but the NGO is currently preparing for opening these groups to the public. ➤ It was highlighted by the MOPH National Mental Health Programme that “persons receiving palliative care” are one of the vulnerable groups identified in the national mental health strategy as needing special attention when it comes to mental health. As such, as per strategic objective 5.4.1, an evidence-based capacity building plan for MHPSS services for providers working in 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ The power point presentation of Sanad will be shared with the minutes.
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palliative care will be developed in collaboration with all relevant actors in the field.

2. MOPH circular number 64: related to projects in MHPSS and substance use in Lebanon

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ The Ministry of Public Health issued a circular on July 12 2017 related to projects in MHPSS and substance use in Lebanon with the aim of strengthening coordination between all actors in this field in line with the national mental health strategy and the inter-ministerial substance use response strategy. ➤ The circular was presented and explained. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ All actors including UN agencies, international and national NGOs, international and national universities, orders, syndicates, associations and other, are requested to comply with this circular. ➤ The circular is published on the MOPH website on the following link: http://www.moph.gov.lb/userfiles/files/Programs%26Projects/MentalHealthProgram/Circular%2064.jpeg ➤ Participants in the task force are encouraged to disseminate it to all relevant persons within their organisations.
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3. Updates from MHPSS TF organizations on activities current/planned

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ MDM : <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Regular MHPSS services - Preparation of 12 Mental Health disorders brochures to be used in awareness session in regional offices in Arab world - Start of the assessment phase in Rafic Hariri University Hospital to initiate the implementation of a community mental health clinic in collaboration with the Ministry of Public Health and the International Committee of the Red Cross. ➤ Embrace Fund: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Training ongoing for suicide prevention helpline volunteer operators - Updates regarding the helpline launching should be provided soon. ➤ UNRWA: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Start of the implementation and integration of Mental Health services in UNRWA centers all over Lebanon - Referral system development and piloting in Saida area ➤ HI: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - PSS for patients with physical limitations and their families 	
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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Only 2 staff are left in Tripoli - Shifting activities to supporting local partners through training and staff empowerment to move on with PSS (started in North) ➤ IDRAAC: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Project with the Asyrian communities: building resilience for students, parenting for mothers, medication for elderly and Mental Health services. ➤ GIZ: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Regular PSS services ➤ FPSC: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - MHPSS services in Zahle SDC - Limited outreach at this phase - Psychologist 1 day/week instead of 3 days until September 2017 ➤ Mosaic: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - MENA organization for Services, Advocacy, Integration and Capacity building - Target population: LGBTQI - MHPSS support - Training on sexual orientation and gender identity for NGOs - Training MDs on rape for men - No specific target age group but beneficiaries under 18 should have their family's consent 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ HI ending services so afraid to have a gap in the area where they're exiting and they are in need for a list of NGOs working in such areas for referrals ➤ Advise to local partners to contact the NMHP to coordinate the development of new services to make sure to fill in the gap and not overlap with other services. ➤ FPSC discussed the issue of how to deal with patients' complaints transmitted through other organisations. ➤ The importance of having a complaint redress mechanism within every organization was highlighted.
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4. Mapping of MHPSS awareness material

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ As a way to harmonize the key messages used in the awareness sessions conducted by organizations in the field, MHPSS organisations were urged to share the MHPSS awareness/educational/outreach material they have in order to compile what is used in the field and extract the key messages to be adapted and harmonized. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ All organisations are urged to share the material they have as this is key for the effectiveness of this exercise.
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5. General Updates

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Activities Mapping Until the finalization of the 4Ws platform for mapping of activities, a mini mapping tool will be shared with all organisations for filling in order to have a basic mapping of the organizations offering specialized mental health services. 	
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Next meeting: Tuesday September 12, 2017

