



# Moldova MHPSS TRG

12 September  
2023

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Meeting Agenda

14:00 - 14:05	<b>Welcome</b>
14:05 - 14:10	<b>Agenda, follow-up items from last meeting</b>
14:10 - 15:10	<b>Discussion Items:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• MHPSS Service Mapping, Q3</li> <li>• Closure of RACS and De-escalation Training</li> <li>• Update on Temporary Protection</li> <li>• RRP 2024: Timeline</li> <li>• Joint planning for MHPSS TRG Mental Health and Wellness Fair (October 7)</li> <li>• Public Mental Health Conference of the European Public Health Association, Moldova (October 12-15, 2023)</li> </ul>
15:40 - 15:40	<b>Updates (e.g. events, challenges, developments, etc.):</b> Ministries, UN organizations, INGOs/NGOs, and other WG members are invited to share any relevant updates
15:40 - 15:45	<b>Announcements/ AOB</b>

**MHPSS Service Mapping, Q3:** The Q3 mapping period is ending and the survey will be closed soon. Thank you to the 26 entries already submitted. The data will be compiled into a regional MHPSS mapping dashboard. The mapping will facilitate referrals and identify gaps, duplications. If anyone has questions about the mapping or how to complete it, please reach out.

**Closure of RACS / De-escalation Training:** Approximately 20 RACS will be closed by the end of the year in accordance with the RAC condensation strategy. These closure are grouped into 4 groups, and will be closed on a scheduled basis. This is potentially distressing to the refugees; therefore, UNHCR is requesting de-escalation training to help frontline workers involved in the RAC closures develop skills that prevent and/or help diffuse tense situations. The training could be 2-3 hours, and UNHCR is flexible depending on the needs of the trainer (it can be on-line or in person). UNHCR will support with logistics. If any partners are interested in conducting a session on this topic, please reach out to the TRG Co-Chairs. A follow-up email will be circulated to partners to provide timeline (ASAP, but ideally in the next 2 weeks) and expectations. CNAPC reported they are also helping to support children going through the RAC closures and asked that materials be shared with them when ready.

**Update on Temporary Protection:** Registration for TP is still lower than anticipated, but progress has been made in removing some hurdles. There is a new process in place that allows refugees to self-certify their residency in Moldova without having to obtain documentation from landlords; refugees should download and complete a form for this process. Until now, this was a significant hurdle to TP registration as many landlords refused to complete this documentation due to tax obligations. There are now 15,000 Ukrainians with the document. Regarding education, the process for registration is much easier now. The Co-chair asked if any problems or observation had been noted regarding these changes; none were mentioned.

**RRP 2024: Timeline:** The Co-chair reviewed the timeline for RRP 2024 development. The following deadlines were noted: *Sept 30: Local RRP Consultations; Oct. 6: Definition of sector response strategies in consultation with partners; Oct. 15: Project submissions; Oct. 20: Vetting of projects; Nov: detailed planning; Nov. 30: RRP 2024 draft; Jan. 2024: 2024 RRP release.* MHPSS Partners were encouraged to complete the relevant exercises to ensure so their planned activities are included.

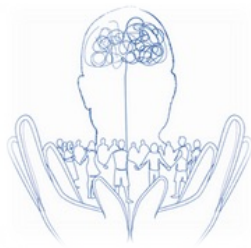
**Joint planning for MHPSS TRG Mental Health and Wellness Fair (October 7, 2023):** The Mental Health and Wellness Fair will take place October 7. The event was conceived as an opportunity to raise awareness about mental health on the World Mental Health Day. The 2023 WMHD theme: "Mental Health is a Universal Human Right". This will be the first fair of this type in Moldova and MHPSS TRG partners are invited to participate. It was recommended to add a deadline for the survey; this will **be COB, Friday, September 22**. Partners shared their ideas about what could happen at the fair, such as conducting a procession.



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**Joint planning for MHPSS TRG Mental Health and Wellness Fair (contd.):** The Co-Chair welcomed these ideas but suggested that someone would need to take the lead in organizing this additional tasks. It was recommended to assign responsibilities to TRG partners. The Co-chair stated that there would be a table added to the sign-up sheet for people to self nominate for tasks. Another partner suggested identifying key messages and posting these around the fair grounds. Another partner stated they would like to use the opportunity to promote their activities, including their online MHPSS services. A recommendation was made to make efforts to include local organizations. Partners were invited to add these to the planning sheet

**Public Mental Health Conference of the European Public Health Association, Moldova (October 12-15, 2023):** This conference was also organized for WMHD and will feature mental health experts from Ukraine and Moldova among other expert speakers. The theme of this year's event is: "Trauma and its Price for Humanity". Several entities including *the Society of Psychiatrists, Narcologists, Psychotherapists and Clinical Psychologists of the Republic of Moldova*, Mental Health Association of South-Eastern Europe; and *EUPHA (Public Mental Health Section)* will join forces in delivering this event - one of the biggest mental health events of the year in Eastern Europe. The event will take place over three days (12-15 October 2023) and will delve into crucial topics, share cutting-edge research, and provide practical tools for fostering mental resilience. Specialists (nurses, psychologists, policymakers, etc. are invited to attend. If you'd like to present at the event, please submit a relevant abstract. The participation fee is indicated on the brochure (see the chat).

**CNPAC:** The CNPAC Director reported that she participated in a committee working on developing the draft law establishing standards for psychologists. On 26 July, they presented the first draft in a workshop with other psychologists. In early October, there will be another consultation with the psychologist community. After that, the law will be registered with Parliament. It could be up for vote by the end of the year, meaning it could potentially come into law in one year's time. To ensure the law's successful implementation, efforts will be needed to mobilize donors as this will be necessary to take next steps, and engage in strategic communication, and raise awareness, The Director also reported that their online MHPSS services for adolescents (ChildPlus) was active. She also shared a brochure in the chatbox and encouraged partners to help spread the word about the services. Psychologists are online from 7AM to 11PM, 7 days a week. The online site is very effective in reaching teenagers, and they are currently receiving calls from all over the world.

**WHO:** The new PSEA Coordinator introduced herself and made some announcements about ongoing and upcoming PSEA activities. A comprehensive PSEA risk assessment is underway. This will help identify where more effort needs to be put in 2024 to mitigate risks of SEA. A ToT will take place 27 Sept. (in Romanian) on PSEA. Please reach out if interested or need support.

**WVI:** Just received a new grant from Emergency Committee (UK) "Components of MHPSS" WVI will be implementing this 12-month activity through local partners Food Bank, Comunitas, and Step-by-Step. PM+ TOT training is taking place this month in collaboration with WHO for WVI and TRG partners. Training on "x" will also be rolled out in Sept, targeting 200 people.



Partner Updates

Action	Responsible Party	Due date
MHPSS partners interested in participating in the Mental Health Conference, please register through the link	TRG partners	15 Sept, 2023
MHPSS partners interested in participating in the Mental Health Fair, please complete the survey	TRG partners	22 Sept, 2023
Arrange overall logistics for the Fair and develop a schedule	WHO	Oct. 7, 2023
Input org. info and activities for Q3 mapping exercise	All partners	29 Sept.
RRP: Work with Sector Lead to ensure MHPSS is represented in different sector strategies	Co-Chairs	Ongoing, Sept. and Oct. 2023
Input planned activities into the RRP portal	All partners	15 Oct. 2023



Follow-up items



Useful Links

[Moldova MTRG MHPSS](#) (TRG repository of files and resources)

Residency Self-declaration form: <https://igm.gov.md/ro/content/modelul-declara%C8%9Biei-pe-proprie-r%C4%83spundere-privind-adresa-de-re%C8%99edin%C8%9B%C4%83-0>