

**MHPSS Working Group Minutes of Meeting**  
**October 15<sup>th</sup>, 2014 – Ministry of Health, Amman**  
*Chaired by Ahmad Bawaneh (IMC) and Zein Ayoub (WHO)*

**1. Introduction & Member Updates**

- International Medical Corps: announced they have started providing MHPSS services in EJC in mid-October. A psychiatrist will be available one day per week, while the psychosocial team will provide services on a daily basis.
- World Relief: a new member to the MHPSS WG, are in the process of registering in Jordan. They briefed the group about their planned activities in Amman: early childhood development activities, CFS/AFS, WASH activities, recreational activities. They are interested in identifying referral pathways to specialized services.
- Danish Refugee Council: are currently in a bridging period where previous programs have concluded and new programs are currently being planned, including legal, health and PSS activities.
- Terres Des Hommes- Lausanne: are working on programs focusing on juvenile justice, child protection and psychosocial interventions for children in conflict with the law. They are mainly working with boys at the moment, however are planning to target girls in the near future.
- Handicap International: implement comprehensive rehabilitation services (physiotherapy, occupational therapy and MHPSS) for injured people, and people with impairment (including vulnerable Jordanians). Support and training is also provided to caregivers. HI also provides information sessions and referrals for people with other disabilities (sensory or intellectual impairment). Contact information for focal points was provided (Sunday to Thursday 9am to 5pm):
  - Mafrq (including Zaatari camp and community, Azraq camp) Email : dvfp.intake.mafraq@gmail.com
  - Irbid (including King Abdallah Park and Cyber City) Email : dvfp.intake.irbid@gmail.com
  - Amman and Zarqa Email : dvfp.intake.opamman@gmail.com

**2. Updates on the 3RP/JRP**

WHO delivered a brief presentation highlighting the main updates and next steps for the 3RP/JRP process:

- WG members reviewed and provided feedback on the draft health and protection objectives, outputs and indicators relevant to MHPSS. Sub-sector chairs communicated this feedback to the health and protection chairs.
- Partners were requested to begin internal discussions within their organizations to outline projects/activities for 2015 in preparation for submissions into ActivityInfo (opening on October 21st until October 30th).
- Partners were invited to nominate 1-2 representatives to attend the ActivityInfo training held on October 19th and 20th at UNHCR Khalda. Details were circulated in a separate email.

*\*\* Please see attached presentation for further details.*

### **3. Presentation by MHPSS Gender Focal Point**

Dr Lina Darras (ARDD - Legal Aid) delivered a brief presentation on the IASC Gender Marker Analysis and Coding, highlighting the following:

- Purpose of the gender marker
- Gender equality measures in programming
- Gender marker coding
- Gender analysis, and gender responsive sector plans and projects in reference to the 3RP/JRP process

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### **4. Any Other Business**

- WHO and IMC provided a brief background to the Vulnerability Assessment Framework (VAF), an interagency system establishing an agreed selection of vulnerability indicators for refugee households. A workshop on the VAF was announced (Thurs 19th) for sector chairs and 1-2 representatives from the sub-sector, to develop sector-specific rules that can be shared for validation with the working groups.
- Please see link to the Psychological First Aid manual in English and Arabic:  
[http://www.who.int/mental\\_health/publications/guide\\_field\\_workers/en/](http://www.who.int/mental_health/publications/guide_field_workers/en/)

### **5. Training Calendar**

The MHPSS Working Group maintains a shared Google Calendar to track their training activities. This calendar can be accessed with the following information:

Link: <<https://accounts.google.com/>>

Username: mhpsworking.group.jordan

Password: MHPSSworkinggroup

The next working group meeting will take place on **Wednesday, November 19th at 1:00pm** at the Ministry of Health.