

MHPSS Task Force

Meeting Minutes



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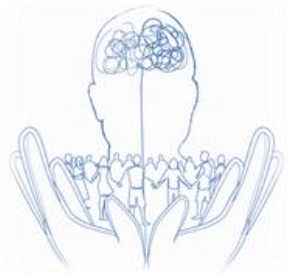
Members

WHO, Trauma Center, UNHCR, MoI, UNICEF, IOM, IFRC, Hungarian Interchurch Aid, IRC

- **St John Hospital:** Prog Kurimay and Agnes are finalizing the introductory letter of MHPSS TF for ministries to strengthen the coordination on MHPSS. MHPSS TF members provided feedback on challenges and gaps in MHPSS coordination to be mentioned in the letter.
- **IA Coordination:** MHPSS data was shared between March to October (included) by the UNHCR IA team. A total of 12 MHPSS actors provided data on six different MHPSS activities (counseling, awareness raising, psychosocial support activities, training, and assessments). 25 981 people have received MHPSS services since March 2022.
- **UNHCR:** UNHCR Regional MHPSS Officer conducted a mission visit to Budapest to meet with the IA team and UNHCR's MHPSS partners. Also, supporting refugee-led organizations focusing on schooling activities for Ukrainian children.
- **WHO:** IASC/ WHO essential MHPSS guidelines in the Hungarian language will be finalized, including Minimum Service Mapping and Psychological First Aid.
- **Trauma Center:** A new project manager just started working on the new MHPSS project. Focusing on referral pathway and national MHPSS coordination, For further details, please see the presentation [here](#). In addition, MHPSS service provision is continuing in 4 different temporary accommodation centers. Services included for also GBV survivors.
- **IOM:** MHPSS service provision is continuing in eight different shelter areas and closely following up on the needs and gaps in MHPSS with families, service providers, and international organizations.
- **Hungarian Interchurch Aid:** Sport center in the city center of Budapest. A new MHPSS project will be implemented starting in December. Support groups and specialized MHPSS counseling will be provided under the project.
- **UNICEF:** UNICEF established an entire team in Budapest, and MHPSS is a part of their intervention plans. Several accommodation centers are being supported through tdH and planning partnerships with national municipalities (Zahony, Debresen).
- **IFRC:** IFRC regional office supporting 13 counties from the Budapest office. Recently conducted PFA ToT, Hungarian RC also participated in that training. Also, caring for staff and volunteers is a big part of the IFRC's focus.
- **MoI:** Supporting MoH on MH Atlas regarding mental health data in Hungary. An advocacy document on MHPSS will be submitted to MoI; in this document, there may be a part for MHPSS service provision for refugees in Hungary. Mental health will be discussed in an interministerial meeting.
- **IRC:** A new MHPSS Advisor will start working and will be based in Athens.



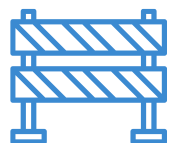
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Challenges

- MHPSS support for children is limited/ difficult to access
- Although there are language courses for Ukrainian children, the capacity is not enough for all. Therefore, it is observed that children in the classroom have intense challenges understanding the lecture.
- Bullying in schools is increasing.
- Frontline workers who are working with children need to be supported in terms of MHPSS capacities.



Useful Links

- [Meeting a Hero](#)
- [IA Coordination Hungary Data Portal](#)
- [Hungary Multi-Sectoral Needs Assessment \(MSNA\)](#)
- [Inter Agency Standing Committee Website](#)
- [Hungary #3 MHPSS Rapid Service Mapping](#)



Action Points

- Following up on the introduction letter for government/ Prof Kurimay and Agnes
- WHO PFA Hungarian Translation will be shared / Murat
- Mental Health Atlas Hungary Data / DR Wernigg
- IRC MHPSS Advisor / Katarina
- MHPSS Messaging for frontline workers who are working with children / Nina
- MHPSS RRP Indicator Guidance Note will be shared / Murat
- MHPSS RG Annual Meeting and Open Forum Documents will be shared / Murat-Orsi