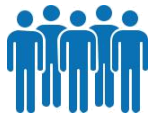




MHPSS TWG - Bulgaria

Meeting Minutes



Members

WHO, UNHCR, IOM, Médecins du Monde, Animus, USRF

1. Up-dates from members

UNHCR published a call for qualified organizations to submit a quotation for the provision of MHPSS services to refugees and asylum seekers in Bulgaria. The services are to be based on three pillars: psychosocial support to adults, children, and clinical and psychiatric support.

WHO announces that Global MHPSS meeting will be held in Bulgaria, Sofia in the period of 19-21 November.

2. Thematic Focus of the Meeting: follow up on MHPSS activities

USRF organized two courses in Bulgarian language: 20 people took part in the first one and it was hosted at Compass Center. The second one is destined for 25 people and will take place at Second Home until the end of September. USRF are looking for additional funding for ensuring the continuation of the foreign language courses.

This year, USRF shared that 15 children will start education in 1st grade at Bulgarian schools. To address bullying, they have organized practical masterclass training, held by psychologists, with a duration of 3 hours on the model of role-playing. Also, in cooperation with Compass Center and BRC, they have created a Teenagers Club to enforce social integration.

Animus are continuing to support around 70 women and girls in safe spaces and organizing workshops to empower women. They are also looking forward to further funds to ensure the continuation of the activities.

Médecins du Monde announced that their research on precarious environment is ready and that findings will be publicly presented on 4th November at 13:30 at the French Institute in Sofia. NCPHA will be also participating with their analysis on mental health. WHO will assist with circulating the information.

MDM continue to provide MHPSS activities with children in Sliven with plans to extend those services to adults, especially to women who are victims and survivors of violence.

Due to discrimination and segregation, dropouts from schools are still high. Thus, they also provide aid and support for the admission of children at schools.

IOM continue to provide cash cards and food vouchers and to also assist people in need through their mobile teams travelling around the country. They receive around 5-6 calls per week due to higher need of psychological help.

3. Topics for next month's meetings

1. Thematic focus of next meeting: social integration of children in schools, observation on tendencies of bullying, drug abuse and tobacco use.
2. Good practices to address challenges.

4. AoB

Members to consider 2025 thematic goal of the TWG towards ensuring advocacy on legalizing and regulating the professions in mental health.



Updates & Achievements



Action Points

