

**MHPSS Working Group Minutes of Meeting**  
**May 21<sup>st</sup>, 2014 – Ministry of Health, Amman**  
**Chaired by Ahmad Bawaneh (IMC) and Zein Ayoub (WHO)**

1. **Introduction & Member Updates:**

- War Child UK briefed on their CP project including 3 CFSs in Irbid, and the provision of psychosocial activities for children and parenting support program.
- MSF France briefed on their ongoing surgical programme (reconstructive rehabilitation). They have an assigned psychosocial manager and MHPSS team to attend to the MHPSS needs of their beneficiaries.

2. **Presentation on Assessment by Handicap International (Hidden Victims of the Syrian Crisis: disability, injury & older refugees)**

HI presented highlights of an assessment conducted in Jordan and Lebanon between Oct and Nov 2013, aiming to highlight the needs of Syrian refugees living with impairment, injury and chronic diseases. Recommendations of the assessment included:

- Collect, analyze and use sex, age and disability disaggregated data (SADDD)
- Sensitize and build the capacities of staff to identify and include people with specific needs (people with impairment, injury, chronic diseases and older people) in response activities
- Develop strategies that strengthen existing support mechanisms for people with specific needs

*\*\* Please see the report for further details:*

[http://www.handicap-international.org.uk/Resources/Handicap International/PDF Documents/Hi UK/Hidden victims of the Syrian Crisis April 2014 - online.pdf](http://www.handicap-international.org.uk/Resources/Handicap%20International/PDF%20Documents/Hi%20UK/Hidden%20victims%20of%20the%20Syrian%20Crisis%20April%202014%20-%20online.pdf).

3. **RRP6 Mid-Year Review Calendar:**

WHO & IMC provided an update on the RRP6 mid-year review process and calendar. The main focus of the review will be at the Output/Activity level, requiring changes online on Syrianrefugeeresponse.org.

4. **Any Other Business:**

- Provision of transportation fees: WG members participated in an open discussion on the issue of providing transportation to MHPSS beneficiaries. Various viewpoints were raised, mentioning both concerns with the provision of fees, concerns with the lack of fee provision, as well as the importance of adhering to inter-agency vulnerability criteria. It was suggested to re-visit this issue in more detail at the next meeting, including the possibility of developing brief guidelines for the group (including caps) in order to ensure consistency among MHPSS service providers.
- mhGAP: WHO announced their upcoming mhGAP training targeting 26 MOH primary health care workers from Amman, Mafrqa, Irbid and Ramtha; while IMC reported on the conclusion of their first round of mhGAP e-learning training.
- WG members discussed the meeting schedule of the general protection WG which some MHPSS members also attend, and provided recommendation on the most suitable schedule.

- WHO & IMC announced plans to implement the 4Ws mapping for MHPSS services in the coming months. Exact dates and details will soon be communicated.
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, June 18<sup>th</sup> at 1:00pm** at the Ministry of Health.