

# Mental Health and Psychosocial Support (MHPSS) Sub-Working Group Meeting Minutes



**12 April 2022**  
**14:00-15:45**

<b>Agenda item</b>	<b>Summary of discussions</b>	<b>Action point/ time frame</b>
<b>Participants</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Introduction &amp; Welcome</li> <li>2. Gaziantep University/CARE – Social Cohesion Research</li> <li>3. WHH – Improving Social Cohesion and Access to Services (Mardin)</li> <li>4. UNHCR – MHPSS IM Tools</li> <li>5. WHO – Ensuring Quality in Psychosocial Programming (EQUIP)</li> <li>6. Work Plan Update – Service Mapping</li> <li>7. AoB</li> </ol>	
<b>Welcome and introductory remarks</b>	<p>Approximately 50 participants from a variety of agencies (meeting held virtually through Zoom with the simultaneous translation from TR to ENG)</p> <p>Thematic focus of the meeting was stated as social cohesion. Introduction has been made and updates on MHPSS sWG Task Force were shared with participants. Presenters from Gaziantep University, WHH, and UNHCR shared their presentations with group, respectively. Presentation on EQUIP by WHO was postponed to next meeting which will take place on 14 June 2022.</p>	14:00-14:10



<p><b>Workplan 2021-2022</b></p>	<p><b>Updates on MHPSS sWG Task Force</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Self-nomination form was created and sent to members following the last meeting. Applications were evaluated and five persons were selected for MHPSS sWG Task Force. Self-nomination process for TF has been extended and information about the TF was shared in different WGs to reach wider audience. Interested parties are invited to apply. Task force link:</li> <li>• MHPSS sWG Distribution List is being updated and partners are requested to share updated link within networks to ensure maximum reach. MHPSS Distribution list link:</li> </ul>	<p>14:10-14:20</p>
<p><b>Presentations</b></p>	<p><b>Gaziantep University/CARE – Social Cohesion Research</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Gaziantep Monitor is the output of a research project which was designed in collaboration with IOM and CARE, in 2020, with support of Gaziantep Metropolitan Municipality, Gaziantep Governorate and Gaziantep University. Three research books were published in scope of Gaziantep Monitor: Locals, Syrians and Cohesion. To access all research publications: <a href="http://sosyoloji.gantep.edu.tr/?dil=en">http://sosyoloji.gantep.edu.tr/?dil=en</a></li> <li>• Sample group consists of 2,280 Syrians and 2,250 locals from lower-middle class and/or lower-class from 175 neighbourhoods of Şehitkamil and Şahinbey districts where they live together. Participants answered more than 400 questions on topics such as gender, employment, and COVID-19, in face-to-face interviews. Project data was collected between 23 June – 13 July 2020.</li> <li>• Researchers shared statistical findings with members. Cultural proximity of both groups was highlighted and according to findings familial patterns and traditional gender roles of the groups were very similar. Socioeconomic class was common for the sample. However, employment opportunities/conditions differ between the locals and Syrians. Another finding was that Syrians are more open to develop close relationships with locals.</li> <li>• For detailed information about the research, you can contact: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ M. Nuri Gültekin: <a href="mailto:mngultekin@gantep.edu.tr">mngultekin@gantep.edu.tr</a></li> <li>○ Murat Kaya: <a href="mailto:mkayagoc@gmail.com">mkayagoc@gmail.com</a></li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<p>14:20-15:00</p>
	<p><b>Welthungerhilfe (WHH) – Improving Social Cohesion and Access to Services (Mardin)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• TUR-1002 Project: Counselling, Access to Protection and Social Services, and Increasing Social Cohesion for SuTP and Host Community in Mardin</li> <li>• Project goals are to improve protection services for vulnerable Syrians and host community, to build capacities of local partners regarding logistics, finance, IT, M&amp;E, management, protection, and social cohesion, to increase access to services such as education and protection, and to promote social cohesion.</li> </ul>	<p>15:00 – 15:20</p>



- Her Yerde Sanat Association (HYSD) and Development Foundation of Turkey (TKV) are implementing partners (IPs) for TUR-1002 Project in Mardin. Targeted groups are vulnerable asylum-seekers and the host community. WHH reached 12.809 beneficiaries since December 2019 and project is expected to finish by December 2022.
- WHH is planning to design social cohesion themed ecological school gardens in six public schools, in collaboration with Artuklu Provincial Directorate of National Education, in April 2022. Aims are to promote social cohesion among children and to develop a sense of belonging. This activity will serve as a pilot implementation for WHH's incoming project that will start in 2023.
- Further needs: WHH observed that there is a gap in promoting social cohesion at schools. Presenter stated the need for long-term programs, and activities to include all relevant parties to raise awareness about preventing bullying and discrimination, and to bring children together. WHH's project on ecological school gardens aims to meet the needs stated above. Additionally, social cohesion should be mainstreamed by promoting inclusion of host community on different projects to prevent wrong beliefs about that the services are only for Syrians. Lastly, number of projects on livelihood should be increased to decrease the tension and perception of social threats among communities.
- For further information you can contact: [ozlem.dilmac@welthungerhilfe.de](mailto:ozlem.dilmac@welthungerhilfe.de)

#### UNHCR – MHPSS IM Tools

- The Interagency Coordination Team introduced data collection tools, Activity Info and Services Advisory, which helps to understand patterns, trends, and whether the requirements and targets are met, in line with 3RP.
- Activity Info collects the number of beneficiaries reached per indicator defined by the 3RP, allows monitoring the 3RP on monthly basis and provide users evidence-based data on refugee response. There is a dashboard dedicated for MHPSS with all the obtained data.
- The Services Advisor is dedicated for available services by service providers and sectors in Turkey, by location. It is an online 4Ws mapping tool. The main objectives are to present available services to refugees and asylum seekers, increase coordination among service providers, and facilitate case referrals.
- These two platforms enable to map all the activities and their locations as where they conducted, and the total number of beneficiaries reached. In order to have a better coordination mechanism, Services Advisor and Activity Info feed each other meaning that reported information in one of the platforms is visible in other one, when it is needed.

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<b>AoB</b>	N/A	
	The next MHPSS SWG meeting will take place on 14 June 2022 at 14:00, following the Health Sector Meeting to be held in May.	

