

# MoM-Bekaa MHPSS TF

<b>Date</b>	Tuesday February 28	<b>Venue</b>	UNHCR, Zahleh
<b>Time</b>	12:00pm to 01:00pm	<b>Minutes prepared by</b>	Rawan Hamedeh
<b>Organizations attending</b>	Fundacion Promocion Social de la Cultura, Intersos, International Committee of the Red Cross, Medecins Du Monde, Ministry of Public Health, Ministry of Social Affairs, Rayon d'Espoir, SAMS, UNHCR, UNICEF, World Vision.		

## Agenda

1. Presentation for task force feedback of service user questionnaire by MDM for upcoming research study
2. World Health Day 2017
3. Thematics for potential technical presentation to be presented in task force meetings
4. General Updates

Discussion	Action / Decision / Suggestion
<b>1. Presentation of service user questionnaire for MDM upcoming research study for task force feedback</b>	
<p>➤ MDM presented a mental health-related service user questionnaire to be used in a research study for feedback.</p>	<p>➤ Suggestions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- To generalize and combine the first set of questions in order to prevent biased answers and duplication of questions.</li> <li>- To add question about what is mental health</li> <li>- To probe on attitudes and behavior towards mental health and mental ill-health</li> </ul>

## 2. World Health Day 2017

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ The theme of the World health day 2017 on April 7<sup>th</sup> will be : Depression</li> <li>➤ The MOPH is preparing a national campaign on Depression which will take place from April 7 till May 7.</li> <li>➤ The campaign will include a launching event, TV spots, Radio spots, posters and brochures to raise awareness about depression and promote seeking help when needed.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Brochures and posters will be provided by the NMHP to MHPSS task force organisations.</li> </ul>
<b>3. Thematics for potential technical presentation to be presented in task force meetings</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ In MHPSS TF performance evaluation 2016, it was suggested in Bekaa task force to have technical presentations during task force meetings on MHPSS work related topics.</li> <li>➤ Participants were asked in task force meeting about potential thematics for such technical presentations (topics relate to MHPSS work). Suggestions were: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Legislation related to the mental health professions to improve knowledge about the rights and duties of mental health professionals.</li> <li>- The impact of the new law concerning the regulation of the psychologist profession.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	
<b>4. General Updates</b>	
<p><b>1. Crisis Management Protocol developed last year</b> will be piloted in one or two organisations. After piloting and revision according to the results, trainings will be conducted on the final version.</p>	
<p><b>2. Psychotropic and neurologic medication for prescription in humanitarian settings</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Medication list is published on NMHP page on MOPH website.</li> <li>➤ Stock of medication for 1 year is now available.</li> <li>➤ 4 PHCs in different governorates will be identified to channel the medication for distribution.</li> <li>➤ Protocols for the request and distribution of medication are under development.</li> </ul>	
<b>3. Updates from MHPSS organisations</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ <b>World Vision</b> have stopped their PSS activities but expressed their interest in attending the task force meetings even if they do not have any related activities currently, since they are willing to plan for MHPSS related activities in line with the national mental health strategy.</li> </ul>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ <b>Intersos</b> listed their ongoing activities in Bekaa including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- PSS individual and group sessions in 5 centres (Kablias, Marj, Ghaze, Rachaya, Majdelanjar)</li> <li>- Psychologist supporting women</li> <li>- Case management</li> <li>- Work with children, with persons victim of sexual and gender based violence</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	

<p>➤ <b>SAMS</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Psychiatric consultations in Majdelanjar on Mondays, in Aarsal in “Moujamaa el Amal Al Tobi” on Wednesdays and in Akkar on Thursdays</li> <li>- Target group: all ages and nationalities</li> </ul>	
<p>➤ <b>ICRC</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- MHPSS services in Barelias PHC for weapon wounded and vulnerable populations</li> </ul>	
<p>➤ <b>Rayon d’Espoir</b> provides mental health related services for persons living with disabilities in their center including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Psychologist consultation twice a week</li> <li>- Psychomotricity and orthophony consultation</li> <li>- Individual and group therapy</li> <li>- Social integration activities of disabled children (activities with other members of the family or with other children)</li> <li>- Can accommodate case referral for persons aged 4 to 25 years.</li> </ul>	
<p>➤ <b>Medecins du Monde</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Have a psychologist in each of these centres: Zahleh, Kened Loz, Bar Elias and MOSA Zahleh centre.</li> <li>- In Zahleh centre, a multidisciplinary community mental health team is available (established in collaboration with MOPH and FPSC), with a psychiatrist available twice a week and psychotropic medication provided.</li> <li>- Planning for training refugee outreach volunteers on mental health</li> </ul>	<p>➤ The importance of liaising with the MOPH-NMHP when new material is developed was highlighted in order to avoid duplication and ensure that what is developed is in line with national mental health strategy</p>
<p><b>4. Child Protection working group update</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ SGBV and CP geographical hub was introduced which constitutes of one main partner in each geographical area that receives SGBV &amp; CP cases identified by other sectors and refers them to the appropriate partner offering the needed activity in the area.</li> <li>➤ Noting that a map of all SGBV &amp; CP activities is prepared to be used as a reference</li> <li>➤ This hub is considered as a tool for better coordination between partners and to increase the efficiency of referrals between different partners and sectors.</li> </ul>	<p>➤ The geographical hub will be presented during next task force meeting</p>

**Next meeting: March 28th, 2017 at 12:00pm at UNHCR, Zahleh.**

