

MoM-MHPSS-TF-South-1

Date	Tuesday August 4, 2015	Venue	Amel PHC- TYR
Time	10-11:15am	Minutes prepared by	Fadi Daccache
Organizations attending	Blue Mission, International Medical Corps, LWAH, MoPH, MSF Swiss, Naba'a, NISCUT, UNRWA.		

Agenda

1. **Presentation by participating organizations of their work in MHPSS**
2. **Challenges faced by present organizations in their MHPSS work**
3. **Review of the ToR of the TF**
4. **Planning for next South MHPSS TF meetings**

Discussion	Action / Decision / Suggestion
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1. Presentation by participating organizations of their work in MHPSS

- Beit Atfal Assumoud:
 - Cover 3 camps in Sour
 - health (including mental health), education, culture
 - family guidance centers (13 staff members including 2 psychotherapists, 1 speech therapist, 1 occupational therapist, psychometrician and field workers”
 - providing awareness for Syrian refugees
- Naba'a:
 - PSS activities for different age groups
- MSF Swiss:
 - currently have 1 clinic in the hospital of “Al Inaya al Ensaniya”
 - provide basic counseling and not treatment in Al Nida'a AL Insani PHC in Ein El Helwe camp.
- LWAH (Sarafand)
 - Have a psychotherapy department and specialized schools
 - 2 psychiatrists, 3 Psychotherapists (full-time)
 - 4 social workers
- UNRWA:
 - provide PSS for children (funds currently extend till mid 2016).
 - ➔ Including PSS for students that did not enter schools in collaboration with NGOs

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 2 psychologists, no psychiatrists because no funds - currently mainstreaming PSS for all staff and building a whole politic/system for MHPSS <p>➤ IMC:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 2 Case Management teams in 2 PHCs in TYR “Amel and Red Cross” - Offer Psychological First Aid and mhGAP trainings 	
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2. Challenges faced by present organizations in their MHPSS work

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Budget cuts and funding problems ➤ Availability of the medications ➤ Inability of some beneficiaries to afford transportation to centers (some organizations are trying to provide transportation fees) ➤ Security issues especially near and inside the camps ➤ Referral for Psychiatrists ➤ Long waiting lists in some centers ➤ Shortage in space in some other areas ➤ Lack of awareness of parents is an obstacle to treatment of children 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ The MHPSS TF is a platform that will allow actors to discuss and identify together possible solutions to these challenges and exchange best practices.
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3. Review of the ToR of the TF

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ The Terms of Reference of the TF was presented by the ministry team ➤ The MHPSS TF includes organizations working on the Syrian crisis response in Lebanon with the aim of harmonizing and mainstreaming MHPSS in all sectors and improving access to care; both key objectives in the Mental Health and Substance Use Strategy for Lebanon 2015-2020. ➤ The South MHPSS TF will be the body working on achieving these objectives in the South. ➤ Commitment of all NGOs is called upon because the TF joins everyone with an aim that is common to all. We all need to have a long-term vision and build together a strong MH system in Lebanon. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ The ToR will be shared with all by email.
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4. Planning for next South MHPSS TF meetings

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none">➤ During every meeting, one organization can have 10-15min to present in details their programs/particular project or activity (to share experience, take feedback of the taskforce...). | <ul style="list-style-type: none">➤ Organizations interested in presenting should contact Fadi Daccache to add the presentation to the agenda.➤ The next South MHPSS TF meeting will take place in Sarafand LWAH center on September 1st, 2015 at 10am.➤ During that meeting Naba'a association will be doing a presentation.➤ The meeting after will be held on Tuesday October 6, 2015 in Saida.➤ All are asked to share the contacts of NGOs they know of that have MHPSS activities in the South with Fadi Daccache. |
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