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Related to projects around mental health and psychosocial support and substance use response in Lebanon

The Ministry of Public Health (MOPH) values the efforts exerted from all persons and stakeholders that are contributing to improving mental health in Lebanon,

And as the MOPH is working on building a sustainable system for mental health in Lebanon to achieve its vision that all persons living in Lebanon will have the opportunity to enjoy the best possible mental health and wellbeing, and as it has launched a national strategy for mental health 2015-2020 to achieve this aim,

And as the MOPH has also launched, in collaboration with the ministries of Social Affairs, Interior and Municipalities, Justice and Education the “Inter-ministerial Substance Use Response Strategy for Lebanon 2016-2021”,

And as work on the national level requires the efforts of all stakeholders in this field and the close coordination between them in order to build the national system for mental health and substance use response, and in order to avoid duplication and wasting of resources,

Therefore,

We emphasize the necessity of discussing any projects under planning in the field of mental health and psychosocial support and substance use response, from the conception phase, with the National Mental Health Programme at the Ministry of Public Health, to avoid any duplication and to ensure the alignment with the national strategies.

After discussions and relevant amendments, the MOPH will provide official support to the projects that are in line with the national strategies, including with funding organisations, and it

may develop an official collaboration with the second party with the aim of ensuring the effective implementation of the project.

All stakeholders including United Nations agencies, international and local non-governmental organizations, international and local universities, orders, syndicates, associations and any other stakeholder are asked to abide by this circular.



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A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Walid Ammar", is written over the printed name and title.

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