



MHPSS MINIMUM SERVICE PACKAGE

1 in 5 people affected by conflict experience mental health problems.

Despite this, funding MHPSS for affected populations is lacking **with mental health care treatment gaps often greater than 85%.**

MHPSS programming in emergencies is often fragmented and inconsistent.

More guidance is needed to help program planners and donors make fast, evidence-informed decisions on what MHPSS activities to implement across an affected area.



WHY DO WE NEED AN MHPSS MSP?

While several guidelines, standards, and tools have been developed by different agencies and sectors, an integrated MHPSS response requires a **clear, unifying inter-sectoral package** which brings these resources together to guide and prioritize MHPSS programming.

We need better-informed and equitable responses that make more efficient use of limited resources.

WHAT IS THE MHPSS MSP?

The **MSP** presents the minimum MHPSS activities to be implemented in all emergency settings and provides:

- ✓ **A clear checklist of actions needed to implement activities**
- ✓ **A selection of relevant guidelines, standards and tools**
- ✓ **A costing tool to estimate the financial resources needed to implement the activities**
- ✓ **A gap analysis tool to identify MSP activities to initiate or strengthen as part of the humanitarian response**



An easy-to-use digital platform helps navigate and learn about the MSP and can be used to support decision making, program planning and implementation.

HOW CAN THE MHPSS MSP BE USED?

The MHPSS MSP is designed for use in all types of new, cyclical, or protracted humanitarian emergencies.

Agencies and organizations can use the MSP to coordinate, plan, budget, and implement priority activities and services.

The MHPSS MSP can be used to determine key gaps making it easier to prioritize what needs to be done across emergency settings. The MSP costing and gap analysis tools can help donors and program planners make more informed decisions about how to use their resources.



WHAT WILL THE IMPACT OF THE MHPSS MSP BE?

The MHPSS MSP will help deliver evidence-informed responses that are more complete, predictable, better coordinated, and use limited resources effectively.

It will allow agencies working across the health, protection, and education sectors to communicate and coordinate more effectively.

WHAT ARE THE NEXT STEPS?

The MSP will be evaluated over a twelve-month period (June 2021-June 2022). Five humanitarian settings will be selected to receive funding for MSP activities and provide valuable feedback on the use and impact of the MSP and the associated digital platform. **Ways to measure impact include:**

- ✓ Improved inter-agency coordination
- ✓ Identification of MHPSS gaps
- ✓ Increased funding allocation for MHPSS
- ✓ Improved coverage of MHPSS core activities



This will pave the way for the MSP platform to be optimized for global release by the end of 2022, moving towards its ultimate goal of **reduced suffering and improved mental health and psychosocial well-being across populations affected by humanitarian crises.**

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