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**IASC Task Force on Mental Health and
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Work Plan 2006**

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I Work Plan 2006

1.1 Justification

In 2006, the Task Force seeks to complete its core task, which is to deliver inter-agency guidance for field-testing along the lines of the *IASC Guidelines for HIV/AIDS Interventions in Emergency Settings*.

1.2 Anticipated timeframe for 2006

- 7 January 2006: (a) first draft of action sheets reviewed by Task Force participants and (b) pre-final matrix in 4 languages reviewed by all stakeholders (including non-IASC entities, IASC staff in the field, and technical advisory group)
- 30 January 2006: second draft of action sheets due (revisions based on reviews)
- 15-17 February 2006: 3-day workshop in Geneva to discuss action sheets
- 15 March 2006: third draft of action sheets due (revisions based on workshop discussions)
- 15 April 2006: translations of third draft of action sheets completed
- 15 June 2006: third draft of action sheets in 4 languages reviewed by both TF members and other stakeholders (including non-IASC entities, IASC staff in the field, and technical advisory group)
- 15 July 2006: fourth draft of action sheets due (revisions based on review of third draft)
- 15 August 2006: finalization of document for field testing

The proposed timeframe allows for translations of the third draft of action sheets in a variety of languages before disseminating these drafts for broad review over a 2-month review period. The Task Force would complete its work by 15 August 2006, allowing a more thorough process than initially endorsed by the IASC WG in June 2005.

1.3 Resource requirements

In addition to specific agency costs (e.g. staff time, travel, consultants' fees), the Task Force resource requirements for 2006 include:

Activity / Item	Cost
Workshop	5,000
Translation of draft & finalized guidelines in French, Spanish and Arabic	50,000
Design and lay-out of finalized guidelines for field testing (in 4 languages)	10,000
Printing of guidelines for field testing (in 4 languages, also CD-ROM)	40,000
Brochure	5,000
Editorial assistance	20,000
Total	\$130,000

II Proposed Actions by the IASC Working Group

1. Endorse the 2006 Work Plan of the IASC Task Force on Mental Health and Psychosocial Support in Emergency Settings
2. Contribute to the Task Force by allocating staff time and financial resources.

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