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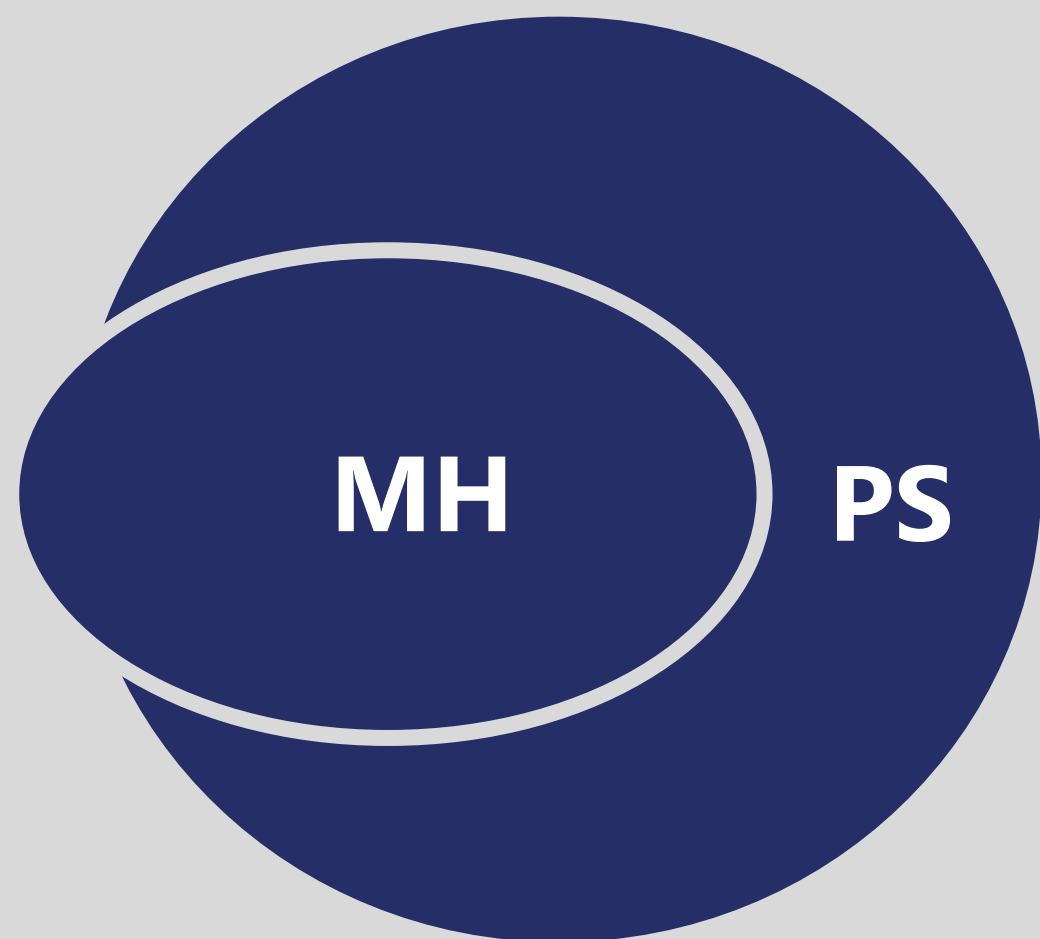
Inter-Agency Standing Committee
IASC Reference Group for Mental Health and
Psychosocial Support in Emergency Settings

5th November

Setting inter-agency standards in MHPSS operations

Composite term and definition

- protecting or promoting psychosocial well-being
- and/or
- preventing or treating mental health conditions.



Intervention pyramid (Adapted from IASC 2007)

Examples:

Clinical mental health care
 (whether by PHC staff or by
 mental health professionals)

Clinical
 services

Basic emotional and practical
 support to selected
 individuals or families

Focused
 psychosocial
 supports

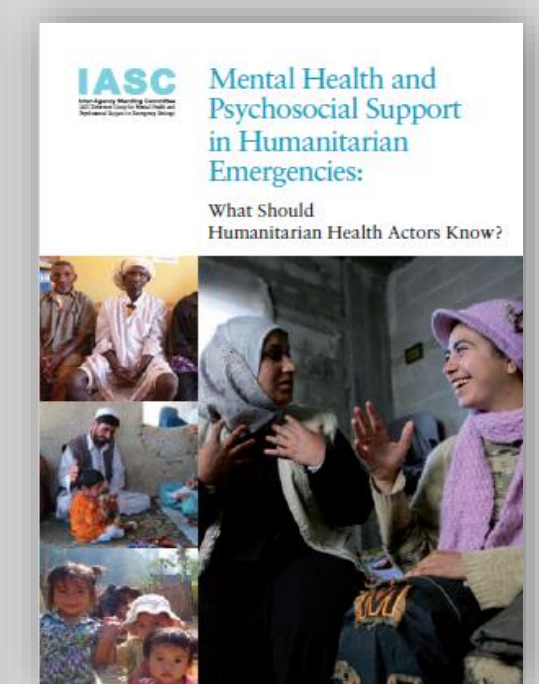
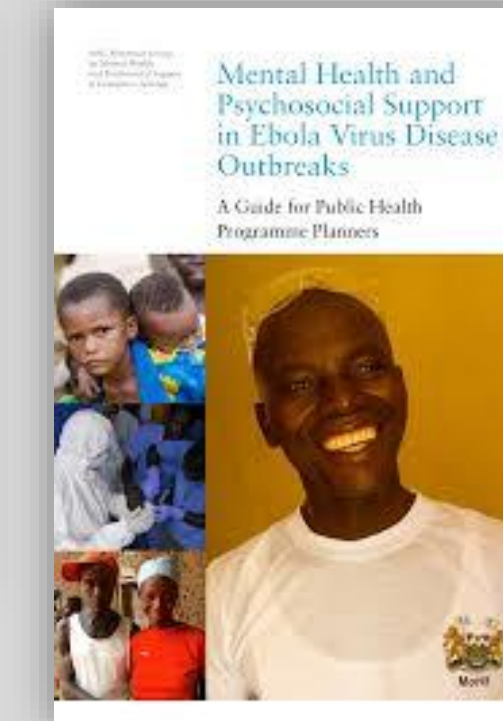
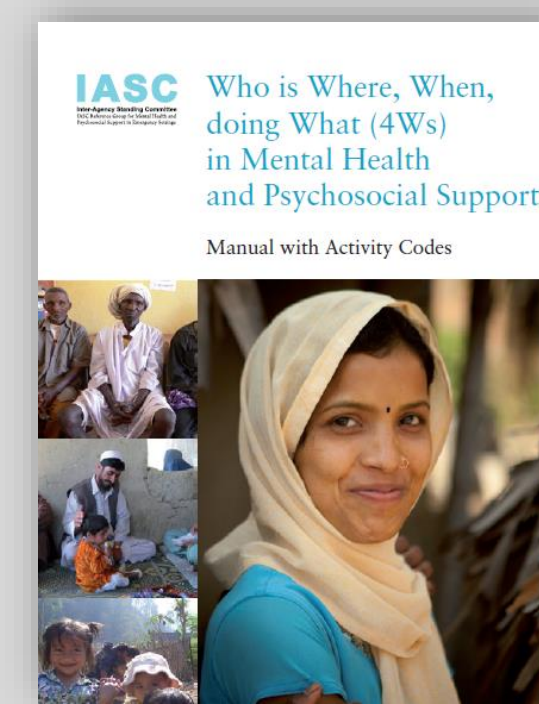
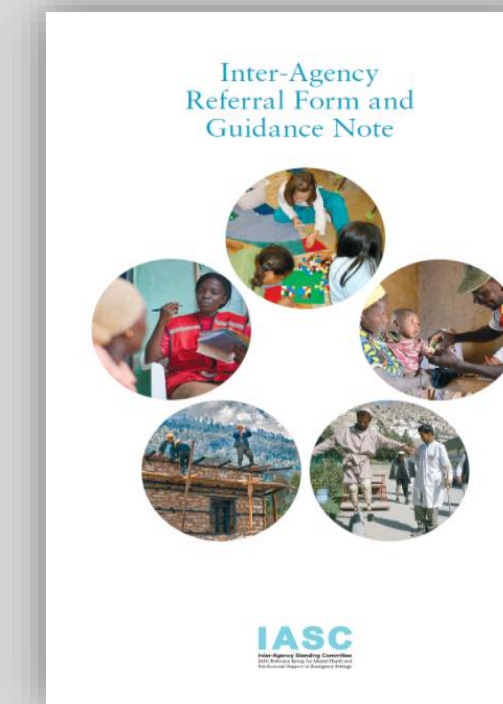
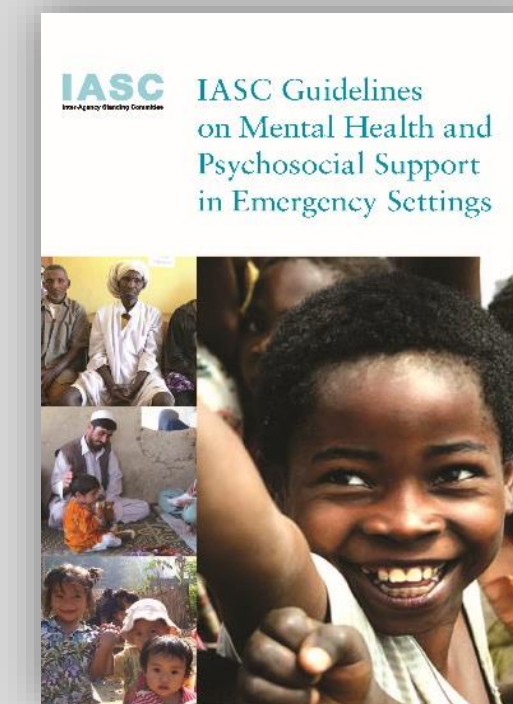
Activating social networks
 Supportive child-friendly
 spaces

Strengthening
 community and family
 supports

Advocacy for good
 humanitarian practice: basic
 services that are safe, socially
 appropriate
 and that protect dignity

Social considerations
 in basic services and
 security

IASC MHPSS Guidelines and operational tools for the field



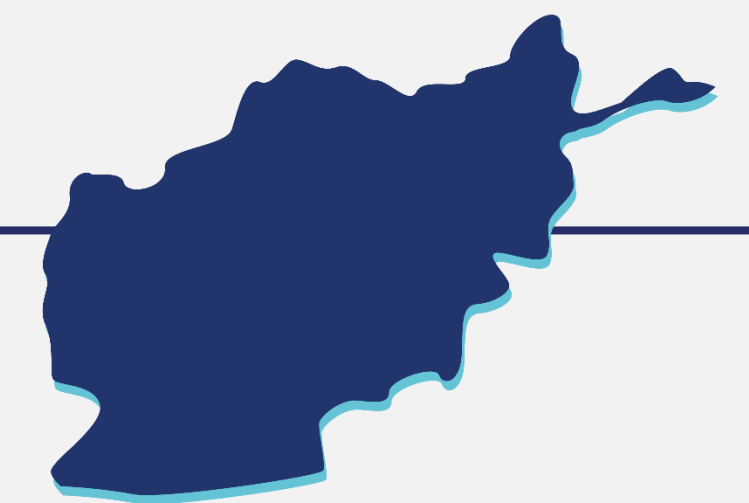
Structure of IASC MHPSS Reference Group

Global



- GCCG
- Results Group 2
- IASC Disability & Inclusion Task Team
- Donor MHPSS Group
- SPHERE 2018 Update
- CP Alliance
- INEE
- Standby Partners
- OCHA

Country level



MHPSS Technical Working Groups in 50 countries in humanitarian contexts.

OPAG and IASC Secretariat

Co-Chairs WHO & IFRC

MHPSS RG members

Membership

58

full members

9

Observers

8

Donor organisations

Country-level coordination of Mental Health and Psychosocial Support (MHPSS)

Humanitarian Coordinator / Government leader

Inter-sector Coordination Group

IASC MHPSS RG support:

- Teleconferences at beginning of emergencies to coordinate response
- Country support missions
- Annual retreats for MHPSS TWG co-leads
- Inter-agency surge support (Dutch Standby partner)



Health sector



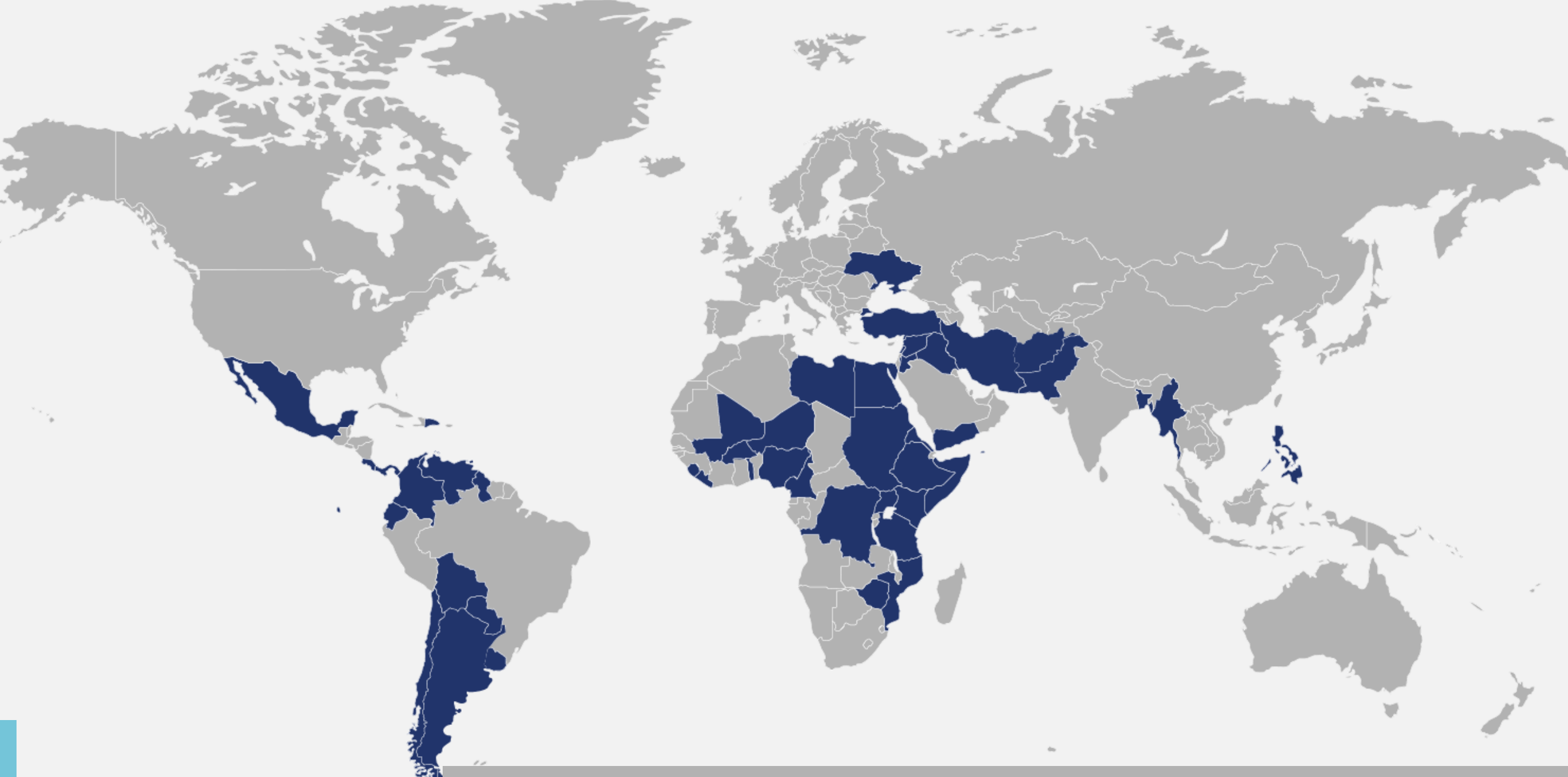
Protection sector
(with Child Protection,
Gender Based
Violence and Mine
Action AoRs)



Education,
Nutrition, CCCM
and other
sectors

MHPSS Cross-sectoral Working Group

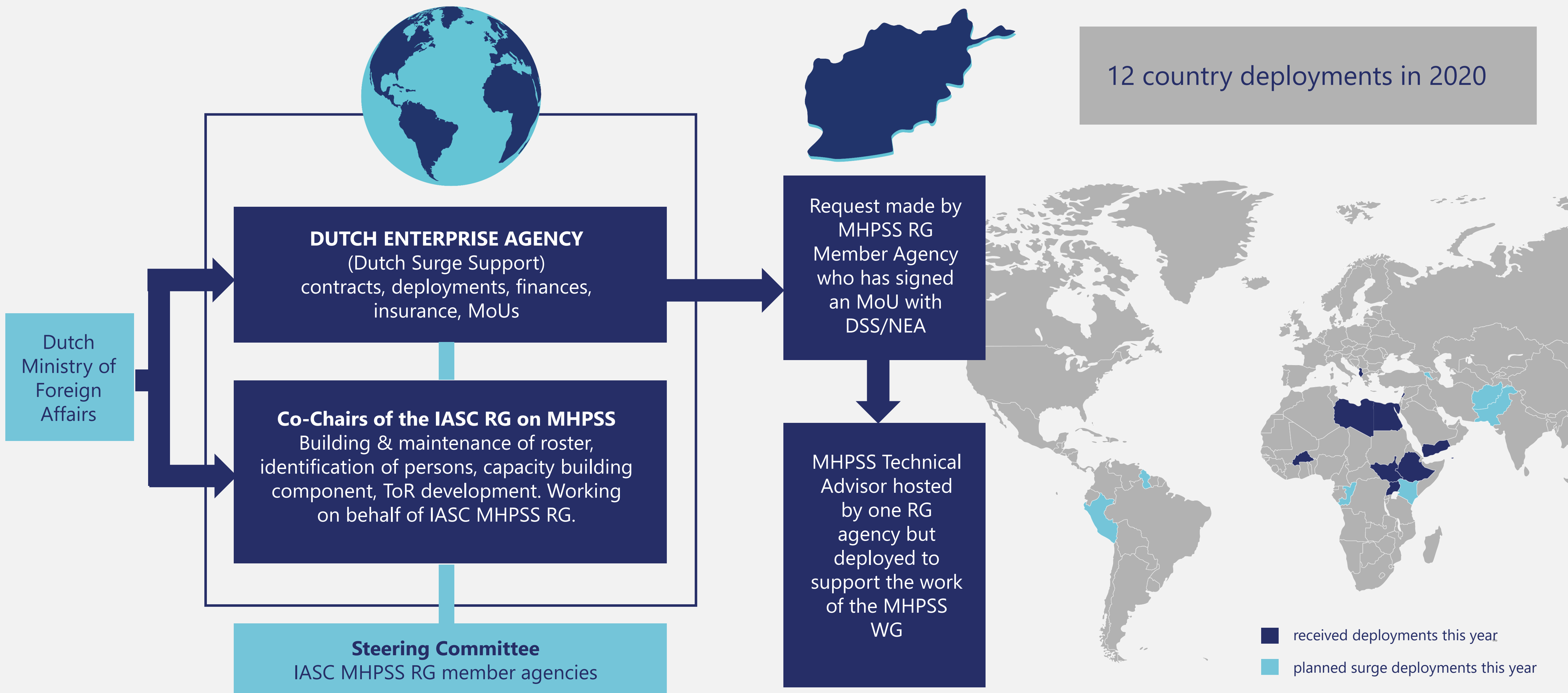
(with focal points in each of the sectors and with accountability in sectors. MHPSS activities to appear as relevant within Appeal chapters, rather than in a separate stand-alone Appeal chapter)



Challenges:

- MHPSS is a neglected area
- Absence of a budget code for MHPSS in the Financial Tracking System
- Human resources

Inter-agency MHPSS surge support



IASC MHPSS Reference Group response to COVID-19

MHPSS Coordination calls

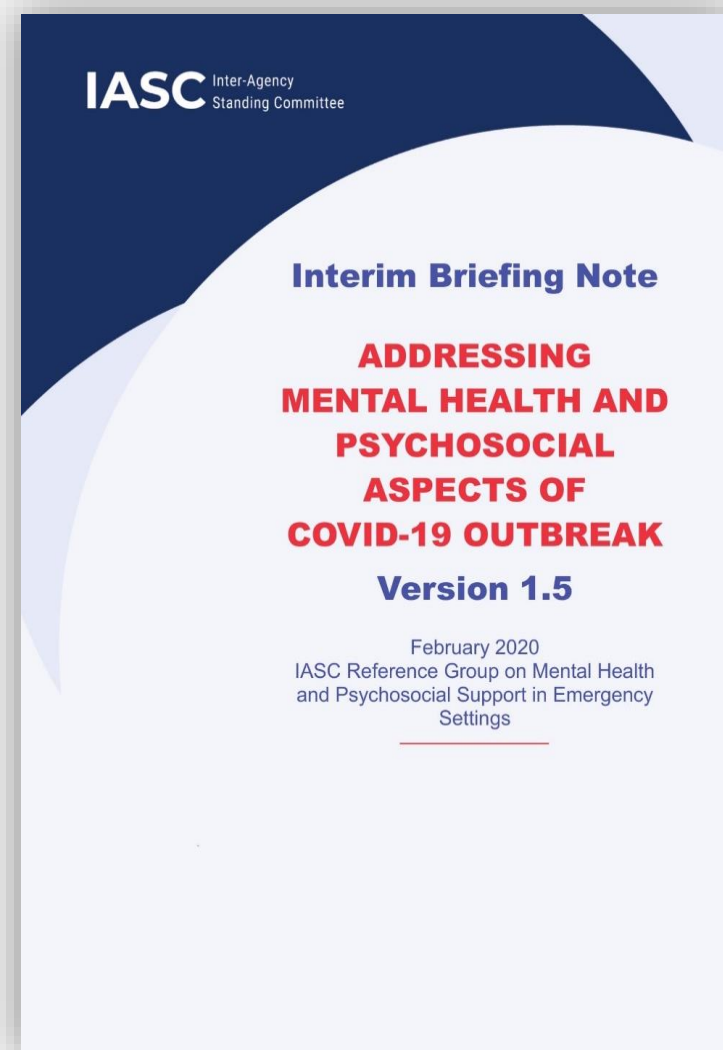


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TCs for global MHPSS focal points for MHPSS RG Agencies.

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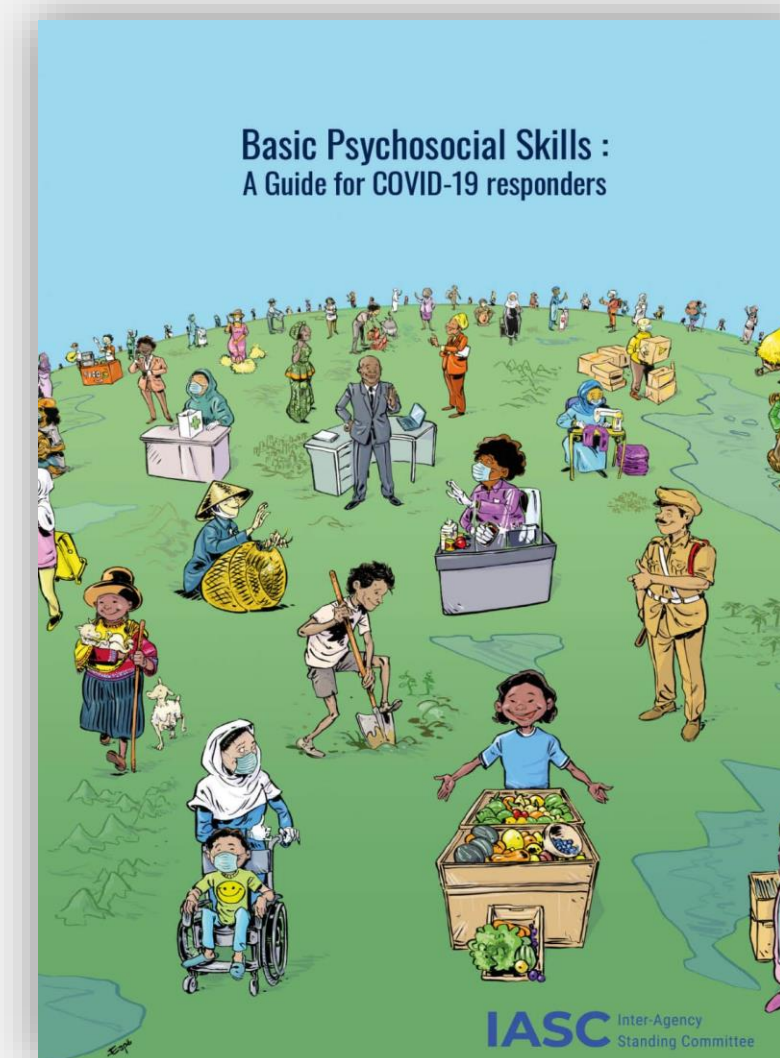
TCs for Chairs of country level MHPSS TWGs in humanitarian emergencies.



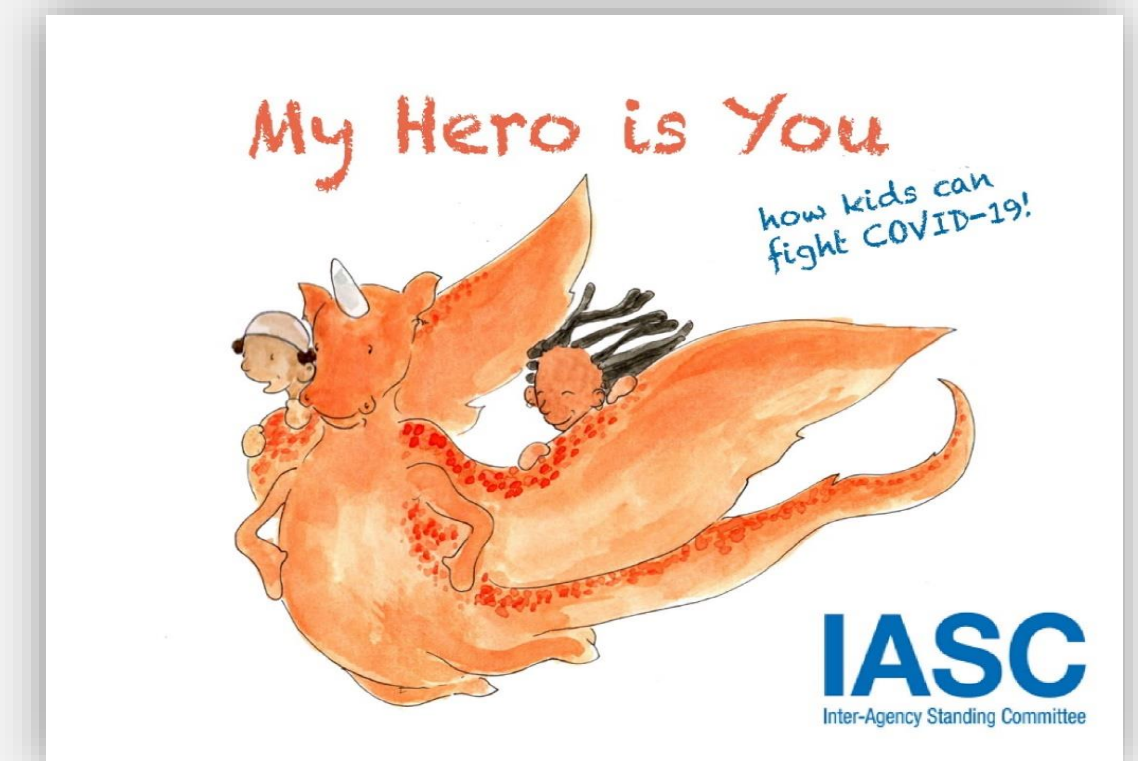
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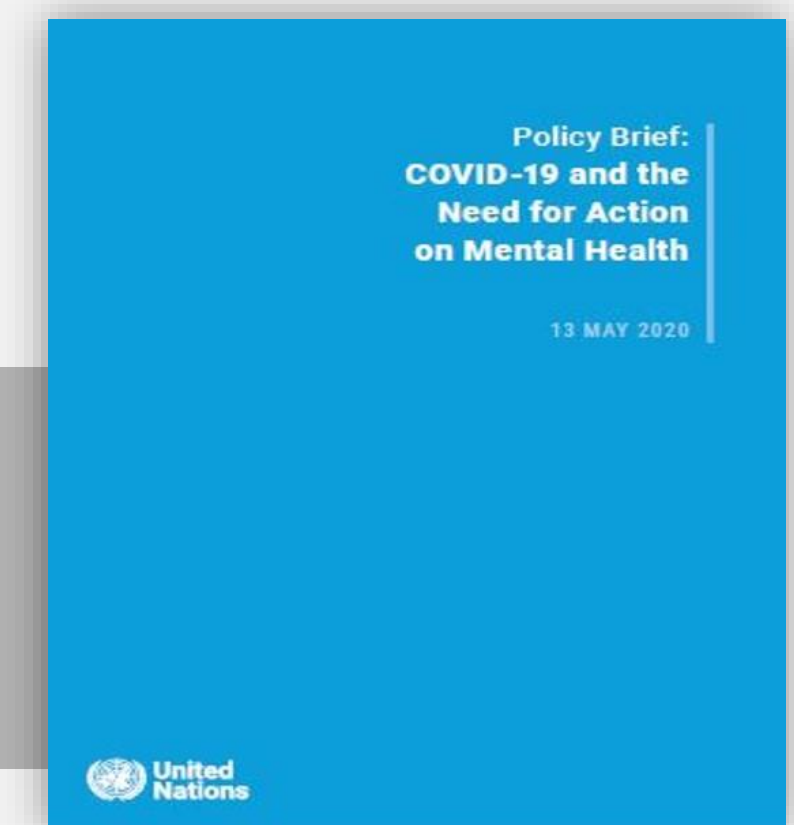


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Languages and 40+ accessible formats

MHPSS indicator in GHRP is country level multisectoral MHPSS Technical Working Groups in humanitarian settings(doubled during COVID-19)



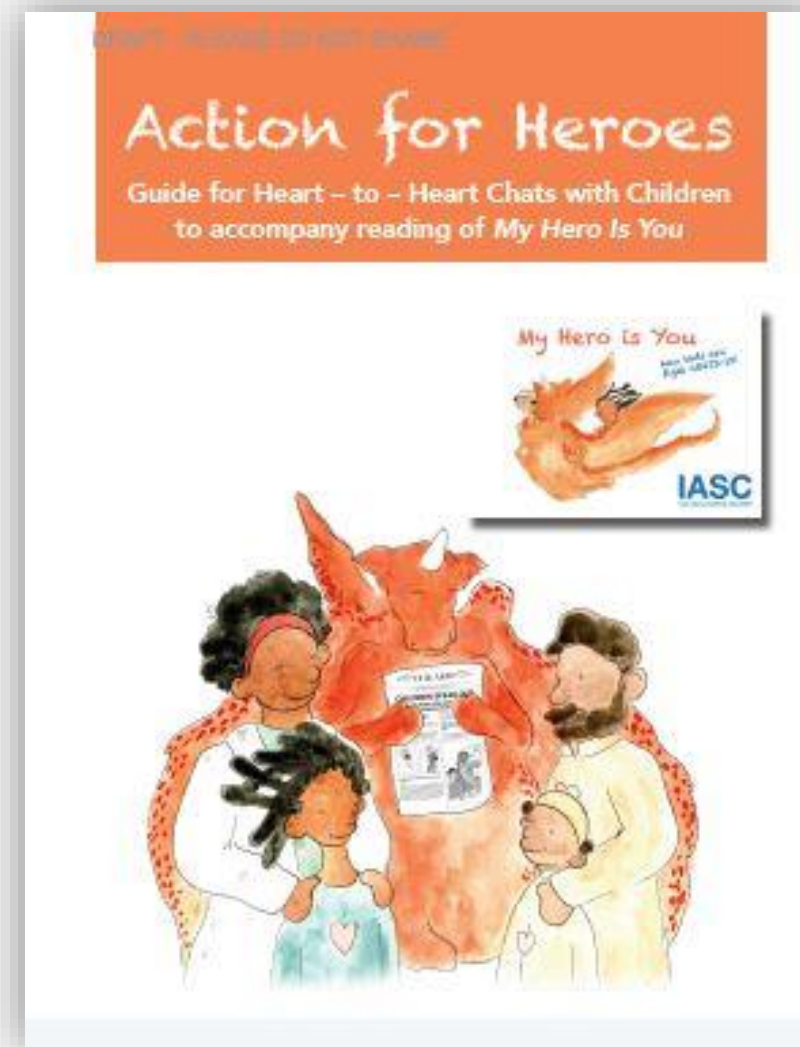
Key upcoming priorities



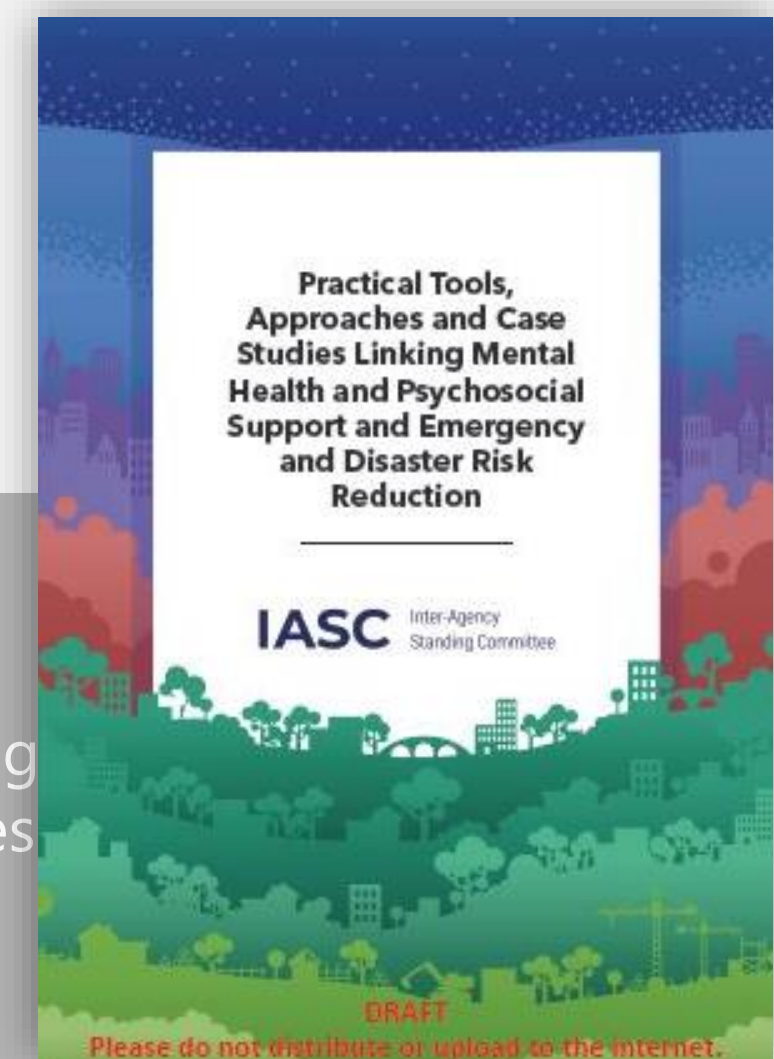
Continued technical support for country level MHPSS Technical Working Groups



Scaling up the roll-out of surge support to country-level MHPSS WGs.



Disaster Risk Reduction and Peacebuilding publications documenting best practices in countries and linking both areas



Addressing suicide in humanitarian settings through multisectoral approach.



Staff support guidance for local NGOs in humanitarian settings



Updated Monitoring and Evaluation Framework with over 40+ Means of Verification included (data collection tools) with relevance for MHPSS, protection, nutrition, education, health and CCCM colleagues and roll-out in countries and with clusters.

Work with OCHA on an MHPSS budget code in the FTS