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MHPSS IN PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCIES

Delivering MHPSS in Public Health Emergencies (PHE) Specific Needs & Requirements

CORE ACHIEVEMENTS 2019-2021

- Dutch Surge Support (DSS) on MHPSS for inter-agency rapid deployment
- World Health Assembly Decision
- WHO Mental Health Action Plan 2013-2030
- MHPSS monitoring indicator for national emergency preparedness plans
- The Inter-Agency Standing Committee Reference Group on MHPSS (IASC MHPSS RG), consisting of 60 humanitarian organizations
 - Developed a broad range of widely disseminated resources early in the COVID-19 response
 - IASC MHPSS RG Country level Technical Working Groups from 23 countries to 53 countries

ELEMENTS FOR ATTENTION 2021-2022

- The way forward for Dutch Surge Support:
 - Increase capacity and diversity (more languages and countries)
 - Maintain neutrality, inclusivity and sustainability of MHPSS Technical Working Groups
 - Expand host agencies and expand functions of deployed experts beyond coordination
- WHO data: Mental health budgets remain around 2 % of health care budget
- Investment in mental health must follow

INVESTING IN MHPSS

Investment in Mental Health and Psychosocial support: How to Increase Funding for Immediate and Longer-Term Needs?

CORE ACHIEVEMENTS 2019-2021

Resources

- Field testing version of the Minimum Services Package (MSP) for MHPSS in Humanitarian Settings
- WHO /UNDP guidance for national mental health investment
- Urging Ministries to Invest in Mental health Guide

Funding commitments

- UN Multi-Partner Trust Fund to Catalyse Country Action for Non-Communicable Diseases and Mental Health

Advocacy

- Inclusion of mental health into the Global Financing Facility and the Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria

ELEMENTS FOR ATTENTION 2021-2022

- Need MHPSS financial tracking code(s) at Financial Tracking System
- Leverage new awareness and commitments (COVID-19)



RESEARCH AND INNOVATION

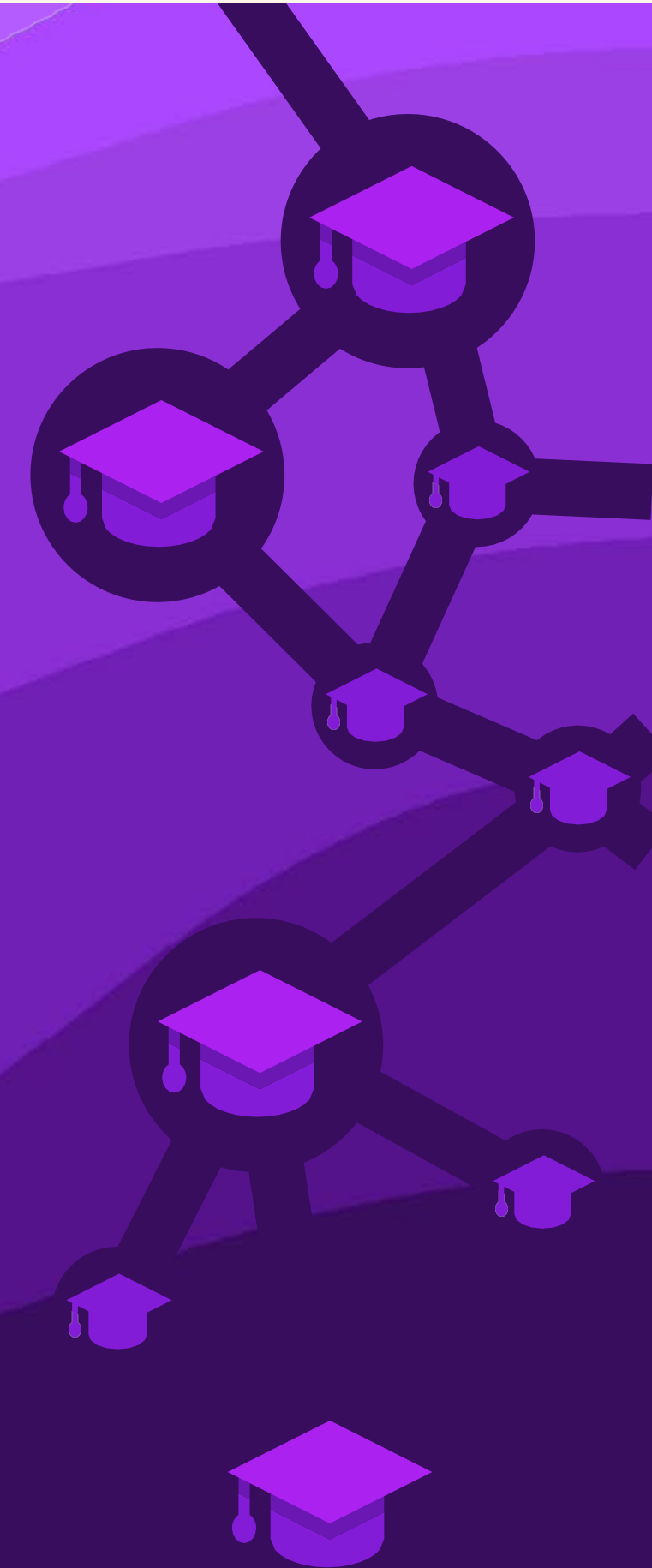
Research and Innovation: Adapting to the Future of Mental Health

CORE ACHIEVEMENTS 2019-2021

- Growing body of research in non-specialist provision of MHPSS
- Range of evidence-based interventions evaluated
- Implementation research ongoing

ELEMENTS FOR ATTENTION 2021-2022

- Ensure collaborative research
- Set research agenda 2021-2030 from IASC MHPSS RG research priority setting initiative



ADDRESSING GENDER-BASED VIOLENCE

A Just and Inclusive Society: Addressing Gender-Based Violence

CORE ACHIEVEMENTS 2019-2021

- Several organisations and agencies integrating GBV and MHPSS, including ICRC, IOM, UNFPA, IRC.
- GBV AoR and IASC MHPSS RG coordination at global and country level

Advocacy

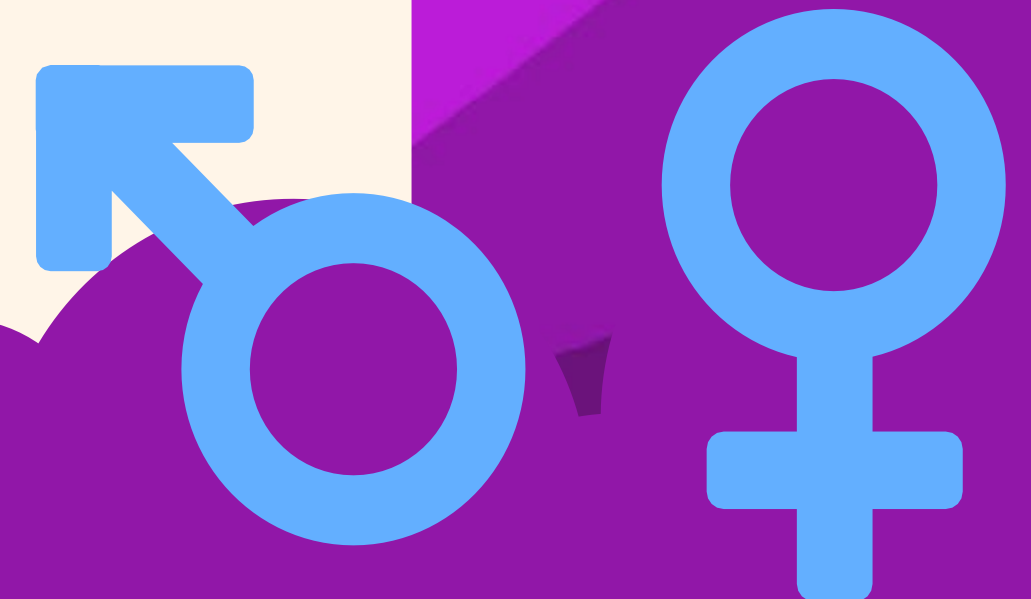
- GBV incorporation into UN Secretary General Policy Brief on COVID-19 and Need for Action on Mental Health, May 2020
- Integration of GBV into the Joint Inter-Agency Call to Action, December 2020
- GBV highlighted into MHPSS and protection outcomes

Resources

- Interagency GBV Case Management Guidelines with inclusion of MHPSS
- Inclusion of GBV in the Minimum Service Package;

ELEMENTS FOR ATTENTION 2021-2022

- MHPSS and GBV integration for
 - Gender-sensitive and;
 - Gender-transformative action
- Specific tools to provide MHPSS to GBV survivors
- Additional capacity and training packages of MHPSS specialists with focus on GBV
- Integrate GBV on initiatives building front line workers psychosocial skills



SUPPORTING SOCIETAL SHIFTS

Just and Inclusive Society: Supporting Societal Shifts, Addressing Stigma and Discrimination

CORE ACHIEVEMENTS 2019-2021

- IASC MHPSS Reference Group
 - Inclusive MHPSS Technical Note, Action Sheet and Checklist
 - All recent IASC MHPSS RG publications available in accessible formats
 - Advocacy Brief with barriers to participation and changes for participation of Organisations of Persons with Psychosocial Disabilities (OPDs) in MHPSS response
 - Consultation process on engagement of persons with disabilities in IASC processes
- Compilation of resources for Persons with Disabilities
- Strengthening of OPDs
 - Reference Group on Inclusion of Persons with Disabilities in Humanitarian Action
 - Focused work strengthening OPD capacity
- Increased focus on social determinants of mental health and wellbeing

ELEMENTS FOR ATTENTION 2021-2022

- Focus on social determinants must be translated in programmes
- Need for investment on evidence-based anti-stigma interventions; prevention and promotion across sectors
- Stop coercion in services and maximise free choice in service provision



SUPPORTING DISPLACED AND HOST POPULATION WITHIN COMMUNITIES

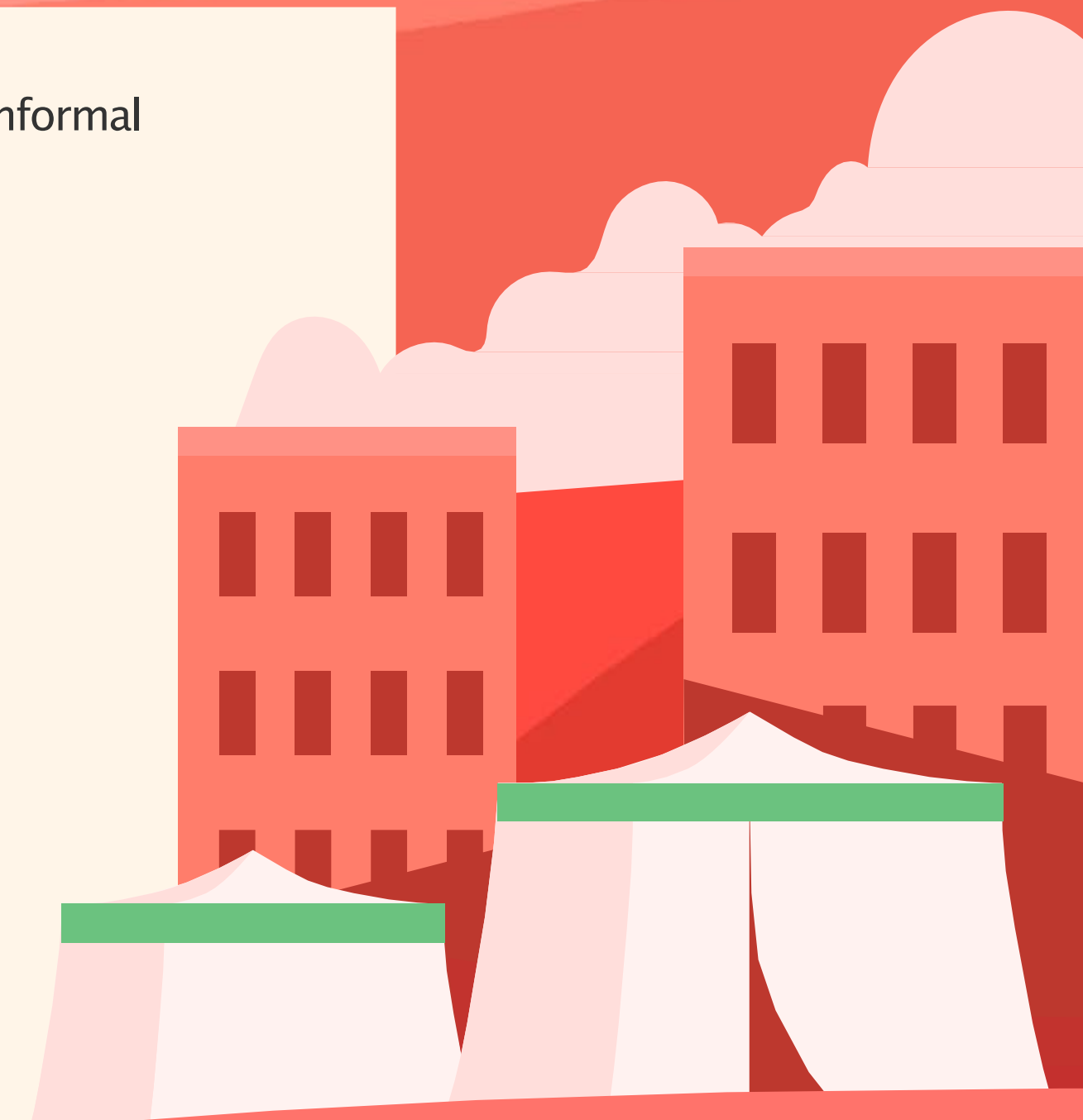
Mobilizing and Supporting Displaced and Host Populations Within Communities

CORE ACHIEVEMENTS 2019-2021

- IASC MHPSS Reference Group
 - Thematic subgroup on community-based MHPSS
 - Thematic group on People on the Move
- Community-based approaches building on the strengths of displaced and host populations

ELEMENTS FOR ATTENTION 2021-2022

- Ensure diversity of voices: communities, informal supporters and MHPSS agencies.



STAFF AND VOLUNTEERS CARE AND WELLBEING

Protection and Promotion of Mental health and Wellbeing of Staff and Volunteers in the Face of Trauma, Hostile Environments and Chronic Stress

CORE ACHIEVEMENTS 2019-2021

- IASC MHPSS Reference Group
 - Guidance development by Thematic Group on Staff care
- COVID-19 responders wellbeing addressed
- Advocacy and policy on MHPSS included staff care
- Focus of emergency responses
- Training and research

ELEMENTS FOR ATTENTION 2021-2022

- Continue advocacy, including on funding considerations
- Make resources on staff and volunteer care widely available



RECOMMENDED KEY ACTIONS FOR MHPSS IN EMERGENCIES

Allocate and monitor funds for Mental Health and Psychosocial Support as an integral component of different sector plans for preparedness for, response to and recovery from public health and humanitarian emergencies.

Protect and promote the mental well-being of staff and volunteers and continue to advocate at all levels for staff and volunteer care in the face of trauma, hostile environments and chronic stress.

Prioritize capacity-building to deliver quality mental health services and the provision of rights-based Mental Health and Psychosocial Support by multidisciplinary providers.

Ensure cross-sectoral use of existing resources and capacities, materials and expertise developed by humanitarian actors to provide Mental Health and Psychosocial Support for global and local emergencies.