

MHPSS Achievements 2019-2020



MHPSS in Global Humanitarian Overview

For the first time, an overview of global MHPSS needs was included in the Global Humanitarian Overview. (December 2019)

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MHPSS as cross-cutting issue (IASC)

The Principals of IASC, formally recognized MHPSS as a cross-cutting issue that has relevance within health, protection, nutrition, education and Camp Management and Coordination sectors/clusters, in all emergencies (5 December 2019).

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MHPSS in High-level meetings

Dedicated sessions on MHPSS in Global Refugee Forum (December 2019), Humanitarian Networks and Partnerships Week (February 2020), ECOSOC Humanitarian Affairs Segment (June 2020), UN General Assembly (September 2020).

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Rapid deployment mechanism for MHPSS coordination

Inter-agency rapid deployment mechanism for MHPSS coordination (Dutch Surge Support MHPSS funded by the Government of the Netherlands) started. Throughout 2020, IOM, UNHCR, UNICEF and WHO hosted deployed in 15 countries.

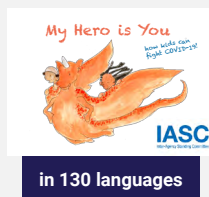
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MHPSS Practical Tools

Dozens of humanitarian agencies united in the IASC MHPSS Reference Group, developed practical tools to assist the integration of MHPSS in the response to the COVID-19 pandemic.

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["My Hero is You", Children Story Book on COVID-19](#)



[in 23 languages](#)

[Basic Psychosocial Skills- A Guide for COVID-19 Responders](#)



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[Interim Briefing Note Addressing Mental Health and Psychosocial Aspects of COVID-19 Outbreak](#)



[in 6 languages](#)

[Operational considerations for Multisectoral, Mental Health and Psychosocial Support Programmes during the COVID-19 Pandemic](#)



MHPSS in GHRP for COVID-19

The Global Humanitarian Response Plan for COVID-19 (May 2020) included MHPSS as a cross-cutting issue linked with activities to be implemented by UNHCR, UNICEF, UNFPA, IOM, UNRWA and WHO.

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UN Policy Brief – COVID-19 / Mental Health

The UNSG, issued a UN Policy Brief on COVID-19 and the need for Action on Mental Health in which he urges Member States, UN Agencies and NGOs to integrate MHPSS within the COVID-19 response and to ensure availability of emergency mental health and psychosocial support.

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MHPSS in 89% countries COVID-19 country response

A WHO assessment report showed that out of 130 countries, the vast majority (89%) of countries reported that MHPSS is part of their national COVID-19 response plans. AND number of country-level multi sectoral coordination groups for MHPSS in humanitarian settings doubled from 22 countries in March 2020 to 50 countries in November.

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MHPSS monitoring indicators

MHPSS monitoring indicators included for the first time in humanitarian multilateral response plans. The COVID-19 Strategic Preparedness and Response Plan, Global Humanitarian Response Plan for COVID-19 and the UN Framework for the Immediate Socio-economic Support to COVID-19, all have MHPSS indicators.

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Year timeline of MHPSS

