MHPSS Achievements 2019-2020

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

2. 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).
   Read report

3. 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).

4. 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.
   Read report

5. 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.
   See all resources

6. 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.
   Read report

7. 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.
   Read report

8. 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.

9. MHPSS monitoring indicators
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MHPSS formally recognized as a cross-cutting issue that has relevance within health, protection, nutrition, education and Camp Management and Coordination sectors/clusters, in all emergencies. The recognition came from the Inter-agency Standing Committee (IASC) Principals.

RCRC Resolution 33IC/19/R2 on MHPSS

Global Refugee Forum MHPSS event

Humanitarian Networks and Partnerships Week

Inter-agency rapid deployment launched with the first deployment on February 3rd 2020, to support inter-agency MHPSS coordination in South Sudan.

MHPSS resources for COVID-19 was developed, by the IASC MHPSS Reference Group, rapidly and in high-quality with an unprecedented global uptake by countries in all geographical regions. On April 9th, the IASC Agencies, released "My Hero is You", Children Story Book on COVID-19, to date it is available in 130 different languages and more than 45 accessible formats, making it one of most translated humanitarian documents and books in history.

MHPSS urgent needs acknowledged in a call for action, by the United Nations Secretary-General, (UN SG) in a dedicated UN Policy Brief and video message.

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 and the UN Framework for the Immediate Socio-economic Support to COVID-19, all have MHPSS indicators.

MHPSS included for the first time in Global Humanitarian Response Plan (GHRP), as a cross-cutting issue linked to the GHRP strategic priorities, and needs of vulnerable people across age and gender groups.

MHPSS country-level coordination groups in humanitarian settings were doubled in 2020. On September 30th, the Global Humanitarian Progress Report reflected 42 countries with functional multisectoral MHPSS coordination groups.

MHPSS included in 89% of countries COVID-19 response plans. On October 5th, WHO published an assessment report showing that out of 130 countries, responding to its survey, the vast majority (89%) of countries reported that (MHPSS) is part of their national COVID-19 response plans.

High Level event with ICRC and IFRC

World Mental Health Day WHO Big Event

Humanitarian week: MHPSS Joint Interagency Call to Action