TOP ACHIEVEMENTS in 2015

IASC Review of the Implementation of the IASC MHPSS Guidelines

Key findings of the review
- The activities of the IASC Reference Group on MHPSS are seen as effective and important components of implementation of the Guidelines
- Reference Group members have taken significant efforts within their agencies to develop and disseminate policies, adapting the Guidelines to the specific mandates and activities of their agency
- The Guidelines have been particularly effective in empowering technical experts to improve quality of programmes, and key informants noted that the Guidelines have therefore reduced the number of inappropriate or harmful interventions

Key Advocacy achievements
- A call for proposal by USAID on improving Psychosocial Support and Mental Health for people affected by the conflict in Ukraine, explicitly asks for capacity support on the implementation of the IASC Guidelines on Mental Health and Psychosocial Support in Emergency Settings.
- Dutch Parliament adopted a resolution stating the importance of MHPSS in emergencies. They have also advocated for the inclusion of MHPSS at the World Humanitarian Summit in 2016.

Translations of the Guidelines
The Guidelines are available in many languages including Arabic, Chinese, English, French, Japanese, Nepali, and Spanish. Russian, Ukrainian, Turkish and Portuguese are forthcoming in 2016.

Development of tools linked to the Guidelines
- Three Literature reviews of Mental Health and Psychosocial Support in Guinea-Bissau, Liberia and Sierra Leone (Ebola Virus Disease).
- Multi-agency Guidance Note: Mental Health and Psychosocial Support for Refugees, Asylum Seekers and Migrants on the Move in Europe.

ACTIVE MEMBERS
- 24 NGOs
- 3 UN agencies*
- IFRC & IOM
- 2 Observers**

*UN: WHO, UNHCR, UNICEF
** Observers: good collaboration with ICRC and MSF

ACTIVITIES PLANNED JAN-DEC 2016-see attached workplan
- Finalisation and initial dissemination of ‘A Common Monitoring and Evaluation (M&E) framework for MHPSS in Emergency Settings: A field test version’. Document specifies an inter-agency agreed Goal, 5 key outcomes and example indicators (July 2016)
- Development of a draft strategy on field level support for L3 emergencies or to respond to field level MHPSS WG requests (e.g., ‘MHPSSCap’). Strategy will be reviewed at the annual meeting in the autumn of 2016.
- Creation of an inter-agency referral form for use in emergencies to accompany the 4Ws MHPSS Guide.
- Mapping of active field level MHPSS WGs and provision of technical support to these MHPSS WGs.
- Continuation of advocacy efforts on different levels (donors, World Bank-World Health Organisation conference, Humanitarian System, in emergency-affected countries).