

MHPSS TWG Meeting Minutes

Reactivation of the MHPSS TWG, Yemen South

Date and time: 08 December 2020; 10:00am-11:30pm

Venue: Zoom virtual

Participants:

Ibrahim Abou Khalil (WHO, Chair), A Logman, Ahmed Hood, Andrea Paiato (UNFPA), Arz Stephan (Save The Children), Manal (WHO), Esubalew Haile (WHO/RVO, Coordinator), Ghanum Robaq, Makiba Yamano (UNICEF, Co-chair), Madipindauer, RimAlsakkaf, Samiha Awadh (IRC), Fredrick (UK-Med)

Meeting Agenda	
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Welcoming and MHPSS coordination in Yemen: new developments. 2. Terms of Reference: refresher and possibly minor reviews. 3. MHPSS and CoVID-19 response. 4. Services mapping: update of the 4Ws. 5. AOB 	
Discussion	Action Point
<p>1. MHPSS coordination in Yemen: -Participants were welcomed. Ibrahim explained the history of the MHPSS TWG coordination in Yemen in general and the south in particular. He discussed the procedures followed in the development of the ToR and subsequently the work plan with the support from IASC MHPSS RG. The group has been inactive for long time partly due to the pandemic, lack of dedicated personnel for this activities and other priorities. He explained the MHPSS TWG in the South as sub-national and will be co-chaired by WHO and UNICEF.</p> <p>-The new coordinator for the MHPSS TWG in Aden (Esubalew Haile) is now in mission as of end of November 2020.</p>	
<p>2. Terms of reference: -PPT presentation of the ToR drafted early in February 2020 was made by Esubalew, explaining the slight changes mainly in the membership criteria and the need to have a core smaller group to be nominated/delegated by the relevant clusters and AoRs. The small core group will be considered 'permanent' members of the TWG and will be responsible to represent the mhpps twg in their respective clusters and AoRs and provide information and updates to and from.</p> <p>-The group agreed on the proposed biweekly meeting with adhoc meetings only when necessary. Meeting frequency can be changed depending on the emergency situation.</p> <p>- Members suggested a possible change in the date and time of this meeting as Tuesday morning is also the RCCE regular meeting on biweekly basis. As an option, the other week on Tuesday following the health cluster meeting was suggested.</p>	<p>-The Chairs to check the meeting schedule of other clusters/AoRs and possibly find a better alternative day/time to avoid overlap with other meetings and maximize participation. Unless communicated, the current schedule (Tuesday, 10 am) will remain intact.</p>
<p>3. MHPSS and CoVID-19 response: -Task force for CoVID-19 response reactivated in Aden recently, meetings are being held on biweekly basis (3 meetings held so far). A presentation was made to the CoVID-19 task force groups the previous week by Dr Esubalew Haile highlighting the need to make MHPSS integral part of the response with focus on RCCE and Case management pillars.</p> <p>-So far only RCCE and lab working groups are established and are active. Hotlines for CoVID-19 has been established and running. It appears that MHPSS needs are not covered in the hotline services. The need for the MHPSS TWG to work on the most feasible way of using remote/hotline based MHPSS services/intervention was raised.</p> <p>-The need for a partner to represent the group in the CoVID-19 response RCCE working group was discussed and Samiha (IRC) volunteered to take the role.</p>	<p>-Establish a smaller group among the MHPSS TWG members to work on the remote/hotline and MHPSS messages for CoVID-19 response. (to be discussed in the next meeting)</p> <p>-IRC (Samiha Awadh) to regularly participate in the RCCE meetings representing the MHPSS TWG and share information and work towards mainstreaming MHPSS in the RCCE activities.</p>

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4.	<p>Service mapping-4Ws: -The group discussed and agreed on the need to prioritize the 4Ws MHPSS service mapping. The idea of compiling available information from the clusters and AoRs was raised by Makiba instead of asking partners to complete the same information again and again. It was mentioned by the coordinator that the information available may not comprehensive enough to inform us about the specific services available and the gaps. At the end, the group agree to look into what is being captured in terms of MHPSS services by the clusters first and decide on the need to conduct a separate 4Ws mapping exercise for MHPSS.</p>	Esubalew-to approach EC & HC to collate most recent data Makiba-to collate information from PC & AoRs and discussion to continue.
5.	<p>AOB: IRC expressed interest to do a presentation: experience MH integration in PHC</p>	Samiha to present to the group
<p>Next meeting: Tuesday, 22 December 2020.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">-----END-----</p>		