

## Minutes of the West bank MHPSS Working group

October 13<sup>th</sup> 2009, Ministry of Health Basement meeting room, Ramallah

1. UNICEF, co chair, welcomed the participants

2. Cap Update

The MHPSS CAP sheets have been vetted, thanks to the members of the vetting panel for their hard work on this. The budget for MHPSS in CAP 2010 is \$32,763,003 for Psychosocial and \$3,244,166 for mental health. A total of six projects came under health, and twenty three projects for Psychosocial. Two projects were rejected.

3. Interagency evaluation project

The final report of the interagency psychosocial assessment has been tendered to Columbia University to complete. They will analyse the data and complete the report by the start of December. There will be a wide distribution of the report to interested MHPSS actors, more on this in due course, perhaps through IDA, which was suggested by the group members.

**Action:** General tools used for monitoring and evaluation to be sent to members of the working group. Please send relevant documents to Ruth for dissemination, or any other interesting studies or research.

**IASC** adapted guidelines based on the workshops held in the WEST bank will be sent out to members of the working group following a workshop which will be held in Gaza in early December to adapt the guidelines.

4. Terms of Reference MHPSS working group

Please send your final comments on the TOR by Monday October 19<sup>th</sup>- due to the very small response to the last call for changes and suggestions to this document, we have decided to send it out again. Agencies and organizations who sign will be noted in order to maintain institutional memory and avoid the need to do it again.

5. Mapping of Activities West Bank (WWW)

OCHA are initiating a mapping activity similar to GRAD (Gaza Response Activity database) for the West Bank. The contact person in OCHA has agreed to be available for training of interested clusters/ sectors or working groups from the week of October 19<sup>th</sup> onwards. Training will start from this date, and MHPSS working group has expressed strong interest in participating.

**Action:** OCHA will contact MHPSS working group lead to organize a date as soon as possible, to be confirmed and communicated to the working group urgently. (Week of October 19<sup>th</sup>)

6. Psychosocial network

[www.psychosocialnetwork.net](http://www.psychosocialnetwork.net)

The group was asked to look at this web site, as it has a lot of useful resources. Possible uses here in oPt include sharing and accessing tools, uploading minutes, discussion groups, archiving documents etc. Everyone is strongly advised to register and explore the site in order to discuss its' use for the MHPSS working group.

7. AOB

6.1 Concerns were raised regarding the low representation of National NGOs' and Ministries in the working group meetings. A discussion was held on how to attract more active participation including:

- Translation of materials (minutes, documents, verbal translation at meetings etc.)

UNICEF will explore the possibility of budgeting for translation in the future, and will report back to the group

- Moving the meetings to areas outside Ramallah and taking turns to hold meetings in different agencies/ locations

- Holding the meetings in a different Ministry each week (MOH, MOE, MOSA) and ask them to present on their activities. MOH has been participating actively in MHPSS meetings, which is very positive.

- Inviting organizations to present on their activities

- Making the agenda more attractive and relevant. (Group members were reminded that they are welcome, and indeed encouraged, to suggest agenda items at any time.)

6.2 MDM Spain are ceasing activities in Salfit. They were asked to share any relevant information they have done on needs assessments, as they have done some substantial studies of the area.

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