

Global Centre on “Child-Focused MHPSS”



Overview: Development of the Centre

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1. Inspiration

- Growing body of international research shows:
 - Toxic stress has long-term impacts on children's brains, learning outcomes and physical health
 - Children globally exposed to unprecedented rates of violence, abuse, exploitation, neglect (especially in crisis, migration, displacement situations)
- Critical need to prioritise child-focused MHPSS as a life-saving measure – yet insufficient global focus and funds
- Local civil society often excluded from dialogue on emerging MHPSS research, methods and programmes
- Build on contributions across partnerships to advance the global agenda for child development, wellbeing and resilience

2. Rationale

- Opportunity to capitalise on emerging research and momentum in MHPSS field, to strengthen the delivery of quality, contextualised, rights-based MHPSS for children and families in fragile and humanitarian settings.
- Operate as a virtual, global hub to bring together and support key stakeholders from *local to global* levels to facilitate exchange, learning and innovation for quality MHPSS programmes at scale.
- Promote advances in child-focused MHPSS to serve and add value both for SCI programmes and their local civil society partners, and the wider community of MHPSS practitioners

3. Consultative Process

- Wide consultative process within and outside of SC
- Time frame: August to October 2017
- Aims:
 - Harness insights, experience and value-added from stakeholders
 - Engage SCI members and the wider sector
 - Develop strategic framework, including organisational structure
 - Present a phased plan to achieve overall objectives of the Centre

4. Principles and Focus Areas Envisioned

Principles: Local to Global Innovation, Child rights

Focus Areas: To strengthen the foundation for delivery of evidence-based, effective, contextualized child-focused MHPSS programmes



5. Resourcing

Funding

- Danida funding secured for next four years starting 2018

Capacities

- Consultative process underway with anticipated recommendations for required profiles, organisational setup and governance structure
- Capacities will draw upon diverse stakeholders and expertise in child protection, health and mental health, education, wellbeing and resilience

6. Invitation for Input

1. How do you feel the Centre could best fill current gaps in addressing the challenges of children in fragile settings?
2. In what ways could the MHPSS RG and its members contribute to, interface with and benefit from such a Centre?

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