



The nexus between Mental Health & Psycho-Social Support and Peacebuilding

An overview of the project to date

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Aim of the project

Establish a practice in which both fields are encouraged to work closer together, assuming that enhanced wellbeing and sustainable peace will be achieved through an integrated approach of PB and MHPSS

Milestones achieved to date



The way forward

- ❑ Advocacy to fellow practitioners, organisations and policy makers in both fields to motivate for more collaboration
- ❑ Networking to expand our community of professionals and organisations doing similar work
- ❑ A consultative and participatory research process to generate a training process and resource package and to further develop the draft guidelines that have been generated to date
- ❑ Field testing the training and resources as part of the research

Publications

- ❑ 2015: Conference Report: Healing Communities, Transforming Society Exploring the interconnectedness between psychosocial needs, practice and peacebuilding. <http://www.ijr.org.za/home/wp-content/uploads/2016/11/IJR-Healing-communities-conference-WEB.pdf>
- ❑ 2017: Mapping study: Mapping global practice: Healing communities, transforming society Mental health, psychosocial support and peacebuilding http://www.ijr.org.za/home/wp-content/uploads/2017/07/Mapping-MHPSS-and-PB_IJR-and-WTF_June-2017.pdf
- ❑ 2017: Literature review: Achieving Sustainable Peace through an Integrated Approach to Peacebuilding and Mental Health and Psychosocial Support: A review of current theory and practice <http://www.ijr.org.za/home/wp-content/uploads/2018/01/IJR-Peacebuilding-Lit-Review.pdf>
- ❑ 2014: Intervention Special section: Peacebuilding and Psychosocial Work: <https://www.interventionjournal.com/content/march-2014-volume-12-issue-1>
- ❑ 2017: Intervention Special Issue: Linking mental health and psychosocial support to peacebuilding in an integrated way. With contributing articles and reflections from authors around the world. <https://www.interventionjournal.com/content/november-2017-volume-15-issue-3>

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