

IASC MHPSS RG Working Group

Disability & MHPSS



HEALTH WORKS

4 pillars of actions

- Conduction of MHPSS actors mapping including Disabled Persons Organisations (DPO)
- Conduction of the desk review on existing research linking MHPSS and disability
- Participation on development of IASC guidelines on inclusion of persons with disability, representing IASC MHPSS RG expertise
- Discussion in order to reach consensus on terminology regarding MHPSS and disability



Organisations committed & involved



Achievements and Success in 2018

- Anita Marini – our IASC MHPSS WG representative deeply involved into the **development of the IASC guidelines** on inclusion of persons with disability
- **Webinar on MHPSS and disability** : Salam Gomez DPO's representative of persons with psychosocial disabilities & Julien Eaton (CBM)
- On going **discussion on terminology among stakeholders**, including inputs from the global movement on disabilities represented by Catalina Devandas as special rapporteur of person with disabilities or the work from the OHCHR.
- **Provision and revision of case studies** to ensure MHPSS approach to be included into the future guidelines



What is still on track :

- Mapping did not happen nor the desk review yet.
- Advocacy for DPO's representative of person with psychosocial disabilities into the core group of Task team / process has been launched on International Disability Alliance 's side
- Advocacy notes, supported by UNICEF to ensure that MHPSS will be mainstreamed on the guidelines on inclusion of person with disability.
- Project on provision of an additional action sheet on inclusion of person with disability into psychosocial activities in the MHPSS guidelines.



Backbone of communication : terminology

Mental
illness

Mental
disorders

Mental conditions
and
psychosocial disabilities.

Mental
and /or
intellectual
disability

Intellectual impairment

Mental Health conditions



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Psychosocial disabilities: toward a definition (WHO, Quality of right)

- Refer to people who have received a mental health diagnosis, and who have experienced negative social factors including stigma, discrimination and exclusion.
- People living with psychosocial disabilities include ex-users, current users of the mental health care services, **as well as persons that identify themselves as survivors of these services or with the psychosocial disability itself.**



Human rights based approach

- ...describing situations not in terms of human needs, or areas of development, but in terms of the obligation to respond to the rights of individuals. This empowers people to demand justice as a right, not as a charity.
- OHCHR definition : Persons with disabilities include those who have **long-term physical, mental, intellectual or sensory impairments** which is/are in interaction with various barriers may hinder their full and effective participation in society on an equal basis with others.



How to ensure the guidelines will be in line with the MHPSS approach?

- Human right based definition does not including temporary impairment. It is agreed that person in distress is not in a situation of a psychosocial disability...but will face barriers!

- Many question are still under discussion : *What happened to someone exposed to severe stress? What happened in area with no possible of diagnose? That person might consider her/himself with a psychosocial disability, but what if it is temporary?*



Coordination & collaboration

- Members of this WG did not act as representative of organisations, spoke as IASC MHPSS RG members.
- Recognised as the WG which has been the more involved with another body of the IASC, playing our role to facilitate communication and ensuring MHPSS approach

This Working Group remains Open to members,
please join & bring new perspectives,
share good practices

