

## ESA MHPSS Community of Practice (CoP) Meeting Notes

Date of Meeting: Thursday, 20 June 2019

Time of Meeting: 2pm to 3pm (SAST)

Meeting Attendees: Ananda Galappati (MHPSS.net)

Carmel Gaillard (REPSSI) – Meeting Co-chair

Catherine Reilly Boland (Playing to Live)

Divina James Kabalo (REPSSI – Kenya)

Jonas Kambale (South Sub-coordinator for the ESA MHPSS CoP)

Katy Wall (Save the Children & IRC)

Louise Sherwood (UNICEF Child Protection – South Sudan)

Lynette Mudekunye (REPSSI)

Marcio Gagliato (MHPSS.net) - Meeting Co-chair

Smanga Mokone – Meeting Logistics Coordinator

1. The meeting date and time were selected via a doodle poll which existing ESA MHPSS CoP members were invited to participate in. There were *10 meeting attendees*.
2. The meeting agenda included updates from attendees, suggestions for the way forward and identifying a basic plan for developing the ESA MHPSS CoP terms of reference.
3. Meeting attendees were invited to provide *updates since the February 2019 meeting* held in Nairobi and *plans for awareness-raising moving forward*:
  - a. REPSSI and MHPSS.net:
    - i. Continued basic coordination of the ESA MHPSS CoP
    - ii. MHPSS.net hosted two ESA-focused webinars on Social Therapy and Self-Help Plus. The webinar recordings are available on the MHPSS.net YouTube channel.
    - iii. Created the ESA CoP group on the MHPSS.net platform
  - b. Katy Wall:
    - i. Plans to raise awareness in Zambia and Somaliland in the upcoming months
  - c. Jonas Kambale:
    - i. Raised awareness of the ESA MHPSS CoP with MHPSS actors in the DRC, especially in the North Kivu and South Kivu.
  - d. Catherine Reilly Boland:

- i. The planned webinar on the Save the Children Research did not taken place, due to conflicting schedules and other competing priorities which delayed the conclusion of the report.
  - e. Louise Sherwood:
    - i. Plans to raise awareness amongst PSS, Protection and MHPSS working Groups in South Sudan.
- 4. Meeting attendees made the following *suggestions*:
  - a. For future webinars:
    - i. Reflections on MHPSS responses to Cyclone Idai
  - b. For ESA CoP coordination and communication quality improvement:
    - i. Coordinators to provide more regular communication, articulating more clearly what type of response/action is required from member
    - ii. Move ESA MHPSS CoP Group from the groups category to the community of practice category on the MHPSS.net platform
    - iii. Create a live calendar and task list in the ESA MHPSS CoP Group that members can engage with individually without having to rely on emails from coordinators
    - iv. Re-invigorate the steering committee to strengthen the momentum
  - c. For developing Terms of Reference for the ESA MHPSS CoP:
    - i. A small team draft the terms of reference for comment by larger ESA CoP group.
- 5. Catherine Boland, Katy Wall, Louise Sherwood, Jonas Kambale and Ananda Galappatti volunteered to *draft a terms of reference for the ESA CoP for circulation within the next 2 weeks.*
  - a. Catherine will begin the email thread to set up a schedule and plan to get the draft developed.
  - b. The draft will be based on the content reflected in the February 2019 meeting report. The draft document will be shared both via email and via the online ESA MHPSS CoP Group.
- 6. The date for a *follow up meeting* will be identified once the near final draft of the terms of reference is available. The document will be finalized in that meeting.
- 7. The *next webinar* will be scheduled in August 2019.
- 8. *Information on the Regional PSS Forum which will be held in Namibia (27-29 August 2019)* was shared in the meeting. MHPSS.net and REPSSI will discuss opportunities for livestreaming and virtual participation.
- 9. The meeting concluded with a commitment to circulate brief meeting notes by 27 June 2019.