MHPSS WG Chairs
Retreat

Kiev, June 24-27th 2019

Hosted locally by MHPSS TWG Ukraine (IMC and WHO)

Facilitators

• Fahmy Hanna & Sarah Harrison (IASC RG Chairs)
• Peter Ventevogel (UNHCR)
• Marcio Gagliato (WHO Consultant & MHPSS.net)
• Emmanuel Streel (WHO Consultant)
Meeting Objectives

Knowledge exchange and experience sharing in chairing/convening country level MHPSS WGs.

Engaging country-level MHPSS colleagues in thematic discussions with global level IASC MHPSS RG.

Orientation and capacity building in MHPSS tools and resources
Participants

From following humanitarian responses: Syria, South Sudan, Greece, Jordan, Ukraine, Nigeria, Iraq, Turkey and Bangladesh

Key results and recommendations:

Participant’s Exchange and discussion were very meaningful and praised.

Trust was perceived as a key component for effective coordination.

Importance of avoiding overlapping with other clusters, or act like a cluster. The nature of a TWG is to perform as cross-cutting, and no single approach.

Agencies leading TWG need to be mindful on NOT advocating for self-funding for the role.

Day 1:

a) Global MHPSS Review
b) Country level TWGs achievements & challenges
c) Chairing MHPSS TWG role – Skills
d) Introducing Surge Support Mechanism and RG thematic WGs

Day 2:

a) Updates from Clusters and thematic areas (Protection, education, etc)
b) Case Studies discussion on working across sectors.

Day 3:

a) MHPSS M&E Framework
b) IASC RG 4Ws
c) IASC RG Referral guidance note

18 Participants

162 participants on Day 4 open MHPSS Forum
IASC Reference Group on Mental Health and Psychosocial Support

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