

Advocacy & Financing Group: MHPSS Financing as Total of Humanitarian Funding 2017 and 2018

UNFPA undertook research to determine amounts using methodology:

- Review all Appeals and HRPs in UNOCHA FTS for 2017 and 2018
- Identify MHPSS activities using criteria based on MHPSS Guidelines and 4Ws
- Search line by line to distinguish whether descriptions/field clusters were MHPSS interventions
- Tally MHPSS intervention amounts for each country
- Ambiguities prevented calculation of total amounts – MHPSS is not always stated in clusters, psychosocial activities are broad and more refined definitions are needed
- **More research needed**

MHPSS WG Advocacy and Financing Way Forward

Lessons:

- Funding data is powerful advocacy tool
- Oslo Conference: Less than 1 percent of humanitarian funding goes to GBV protection repeated by most speakers.
- Amsterdam Conference: Less than 1 percent of humanitarian health funding goes to mental health – powerful message to ignite action and investment.

Suggestions:

- Need to establish ways to track financing of MHPSS in emergencies
- Disband Advocacy and Financing WG – advocacy is underway all around
- Fund consultant to take MHPSS tracking/financing work forward – 3 months minimum